

ST. GERTRUDE'S PARISH

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St. Gertrude's Parish is a believing community committed to manifesting Christ's love through celebrating the sacraments, sharing Gospel values, serving one another and all who hunger for Jesus.

PARISH OFFICE

PASTOR: Rev. Fr. Luis Calleja

DEACON: Rev. Mr. Andrew Rychlicki ADMINISTRATION: Teresa Walsh

LAY PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Geoffrey Lyn

MASS SCHEDULE SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:15 pm

No Sunday Night Mass on Easter Sunday,

Divine Mercy Sunday & the Sundays after Christmas Day and New Year's Day

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Sat. 8:30 am

Friday 12:10 pm Except during Lent

& Advent

Friday 7:30 pm During Lent & Advent

Holidays 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm Sunday 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please see the website and/or email us at GLyn@archtoronto.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Closed from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm for lunch

Thursday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Sir Albert Love School 905-728-3971

St. Kateri Tekakwitha School 905-571-1969

Durham Catholic District School Board

www.dcdsb.ca 905-576-6150

PASTORAL REFERENCE

Teacher applicants requiring a Pastoral Reference must be registered for at least 12 months, attend Mass each Sunday and support the Church and its mission. Volunteering is recommended.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

12 months advanced notice required. Preparation course is a prerequisite. Visit: catholicmarriageprep.com

Monday, September 15th

8:30am + Aldo Pulverenti

Wednesday, September 17th

12:10pm + Maria Zak

Thursday, September 18th

8:30am Ints of Cyril O'Neill

Friday, September 19th

12:10pm Special intentions

Saturday, September 20th

5:00pm For Our Parish Community

Sunday, September 21st

9:00am + Francisco Dias

11:00am + Severino Pulla

6:15pm For Our Parish Community

Dear Parishioners,

As your new Pastor at St. Gertrude's, I am excited to serve and journey with you. Let us work together to build a vibrant and loving community. May God bless our endeavors and guide us on our path. Through the intercession of Mary, Our Blessed Mother, and our Patroness St Gertrude, may we grow in faith, hope, and charity.

Yours in Christ, Fr Luis Calleja

Rosary Apostolate in Our Schools

Rosary visitors are a great inspiration to our students, faithfully visiting classrooms once a month to pray the Rosary. If you have a great love for the rosary and wish to join this group, training, screening and materials are provided. Contact Rosa de Mello at 289-996-5515 or email: demello rm@yahoo.ca

LEGION OF MARY: The legion of Mary association is a catholic organization dedicated to promoting the churches mission through prayer and active service. In union with Mary, we invite you to join our group as we meet every Monday at 7.00 pm in parish Tea room . For more information please email sglegionofmary@gmail.com

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration for St. Gertrude's upcoming First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation preparation programs is now available on the parish website until Sept. 25, 2025.

Please visit the parish website

at <u>stgertrudesos.archtoronto.org/en/sacraments</u> for an overview of the full program. If you have any questions or concerns please email our Lay Pastoral Associate, Geoffrey Lyn at: <u>glyn@archtoronto.org.</u>

PARENT MEETINGS FOR FIRST COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, September 24th at 7pm OR Saturday, September 27th at 9am

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETINGS

Friday, September 26th at 7pm OR Saturday, September 27th at 10:30am

Call for Applications – Board of Directors for the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation

The Foundation is seeking to add three community representatives to its talented group of volunteers on its Board of Directors. To learn more about the Foundation and the commitments and duties of Board members, please visit durhamcatholic foundation.ca

LADIES POTLUCK LUNCH

All ladies of the Parish are invited to bring something to share and join at 11:30am on Saturday, October 4th in the Parish Hall for a time of fellowship and fun.

PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAM 2025

We are once again collecting items to assist with Christmas bags for the children of Northern Ontario and the Northwest Territories. The classrooms receive these and the children open all together at Christmas so we ask to keep individual items below \$5.00 each if possible. All items are available at local dollar stores. Please keep in mind that flatter items are easier to fit in the envelopes they are sent in. A box is provided for you to drop off your donations at the back of the church or at the parish office. The suggested items are: Crayons, coloring books, silly pens and pencils, pencil crayons, markers, journals, early reading books, word game books, novels for teens, makeup, nail polish, stickers, small craft kits, hair accessories, funky looking socks of all sizes, flat Christmas ornaments, hot chocolate packets, tea bags, mitts, gloves, toques. (all items are gifts and must be brand new).

Thank you for your continued support. All donations must be received by $\underline{\mathbf{OCTOBER}\ \mathbf{5}^{TH}}$ in order to be packed and shipped in time.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy returns on Sunday, October 5, at the 11am mass. Our team is excited to lead the children in the parish hall during this mass time. All ages welcome, please speak to the team if you have any questions or concerns.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Registration is open for any children wishing to join the choir. Please speak to Arianna Veltri in the choir loft following the 11am mass.

The children's choir starts in October and runs until June and sings at the 11am mass on the last Sunday of each month (starting October 26th). A firm commitment to attend both the weekly Tuesday evening rehearsal and the Mass are very necessary.

MARRIAGE PREP COURSE

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Brooklin, On Evenings April 30, May 1 & May 2, 2026 For more information, please contact their office at 905 655 3286 ext. 1

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING

WEBINAR Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 9:00 How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection

- · How to create your own legacy
- · About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals
- 3 WAYS TO REGISTER:
- 1. scan the QR code on Poster
- 2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebSept27
- 3. send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar September 27" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

RENEW TORONTO

Young Adults aged 18-39 are invited to join on Christ the King weekend, November 21 to 23, for an unforgettable experience at the annual conference. This is your chance to grow in faith alongside likeminded individuals who are in the same exciting stage of life. Whether you're a student, young professional, young couple or part of a young catholic family, this conference has something special for you. This years theme is John 15:27: "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me." Come be inspired by our keynotes, workshops, Catholic vendors and organizations to live out this message in your everyday life.

Don't miss out! Save your spot today by registering on our website <u>renewtoronto.org</u>.

Compassionate Community Care

Community of Hope Outreach: connecting with Seniors. Regular check-ins by phone or Zoom with seniors who may not be able to receive an in-person visitor. This calling service is for persons aged 55+ who may be socially or physically isolated and are looking for support, or a friendly person to talk to. It is part of our mission to create significant caring communities. If you or someone you know are interested in receiving calls, email or call Suzanne: outreach@beingwith.org; 647-448-8873.

CWL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, Sept. 25th at 7:00pm All ladies of the parish welcome to attend.

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