

# 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

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**Durham Catholic District School Board** 

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#### 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 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30am + Neil Brown

Wednesday, September 24th

12:10pm + Teresina Bivi

Thursday, September 25th

8:30am Ints of Cyril O'Neill

Friday, September 26th

12:10pm Deceased members of the

Araujo & Dias Families

Saturday, September 27th

5:00pm + Ljubomir Vinkovic

Sunday, September 28th

9:00am Ints of Deacon Andrew & Family

11:00am + Angelina, Jose & Luis Araujo

6:15pm For Our Parish Community

#### **CWL GENERAL MEETING**

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

#### St. Gertrude's Fall 2025 Adult Faith Formation Bible Study Program *Lectio: The Case for Jesus*

"The Case for Jesus" draws evidence from both early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the Gospels, and gives an in-depth look at the Gospel accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the proclamation of Christ's divinity.

Dr. Brant Pitre's powerful presentation will strengthen your faith so that you can stand firm and profess that Jesus truly is "the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Join us in the Parish Hall OR via ZOOM for 8 weeks on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 pm starting October 16 and ending Thursday, December 4th. There's an optional, bonus Q & A session on Thursday, December 11th. Each evening we enjoy an engaging video presentation, lively discussion, fellowship and *treats*. The highly recommended but optional Study Guide is \$40. Please register via the Parish website, after one of the weekend Masses or at the Office during the week. For more information, please contact Beth Cook at bethcook905@outlook.com.



Thank you to all who helped prepare for my installation mass with Bishop V. Nguyen. The CWL and Knights of Columbus for your hard work, food preparation, décor and serving the large crowd in attendance. Also, to the men's group, Ben Witteveen, Guy Desjardin and Family for your assistance with cleaning up the hall afterwards, and the many helpers.

Thank you Myah Rodriguez for your music for the special Mass. A special thank you to you the parishioners who came to celebrate with us. May God bless us on our journey of faith here at St. Gertrude's Parish.

Fr. Luis Calleja

#### LADIES POTLUCK LUNCH

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

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm OR Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am

#### **CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETINGS**

Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm OR Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: Supporting Bishops in Their Pastoral Mission Across the Country September 27 and 28.

### PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAM 2025

We are 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 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 **OCTOBER 5**<sup>TH</sup> 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.

#### Blessed are the Peacemakers

The Durham Catholic District School Board is guided by the spiritual theme, "Blessed are the Peacemakers." Inspired by Pope Leo XIV's call for peace, we are invited to actively build bridges through dialogue, understanding, and reconciliation in our families, schools, and communities. To be a peacemaker in the Christian tradition means more than avoiding conflict; it is a daily commitment to healing relationships, nurturing inner peace, and standing up for justice. Peacemaking reflects God's love and takes courage, humility, and compassion. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). For more information about this year's spiritual theme, please visit www.dcdsb.ca

#### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – Sept. 21st

A steward is someone who receives God's gifts gratefully, develops those gifts responsibly, shares those gifts lovingly in justice with others, and makes a return with interest to the Lord. As such, the goal of stewardship is to help increase the engagement of everyone in the life of the parish, inviting us all to become more involved in the myriad of different ways to serve one another for the glory of God.

#### **BUNDLE SUNDAY**

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the Parking lot of St. Gregory's Parish next Sunday to collect your gently used donations. Please note you have to deliver them to their Parish on Sunday before 12:30pm.

#### **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. 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>.

#### **Knights Of Columbus**

- Recruitment drive Sept. 27/28 following the 5pm, 9 & 11am masses
- Bottle Drive, October 4/5<sup>th</sup> there will be a trailer in the parking lot to collect bottles, beer cans, pop, cans
- General meeting Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

# LIFECHAIN SUNDAY October 5<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm

Come stand (sit) with us for a peaceful, prayerful demonstration against abortion at the corner of Harmony Rd. and King St. E.

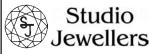
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