

# 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

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

No Sunday Night Mass on Easter Sunday,

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

#### **WEEKDAY MASS**

Monday & Thursday 8:30 am Wednesday & Friday 12:10pm

#### 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

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Closed from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm for lunch.

#### PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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#### PASTORAL REFERENCE

Applicants must be registered attending

Members of the Parish.

Volunteering is recommended.

Please email the office.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

12 months advanced notice required.

Preparation course is a prerequisite.

Visit: catholicmarriageprep.com

#### Monday, September 29th

8:30am For Healing & Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples

#### Wednesday, October 1st

12:10pm + Severino Pulla

#### Thursday, October 2nd

8:30am + Ronald & Rosemarie Serge

+ Teresina Bivi

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#### Friday, October 3rd

12:10pm + Thomas Loder

#### Saturday, October 4th

5:00pm For Our Parish Community

#### Sunday, October 5th

9:00am + Suleina Romano

11:00am + Clorinda Garritano & Mario Veltri

6:15pm Special intentions

#### **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 4<sup>th</sup>. There's an optional, bonus Q & A session on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 or after one of the weekend Masses. For more information, please contact Beth Cook at bethcook905@outlook.com.

#### 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.

## 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 12**<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.

#### **Knights Of Columbus**

- 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.

#### FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Please email Lay Pastoral Associate, Geoffrey Lyn at: glyn@archtoronto.org.

#### **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 renewtoronto.org.

#### Serra Club of Durham Region

On this Priesthood Sunday we honour our priests for their faithful service, wisdom, and devotion. Through their ministry, they bring comfort in times of sorrow, strength in moments of trial, and joy in times of celebration.

Their steadfast commitment to God and to our community is a true blessing and an enduring example of faith and love.

#### **Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund** Collection – October 4/5, 2025 Catholics

throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. To date, the Archdiocese of Toronto has allocated \$3.1 million to support projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth.

Let us join together and follow the invitation extended by the late Pope Francis during his penitential visit of 2022 for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation. Thank you for your generosity.

## Message on the Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel 29 September 2025

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo **Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto** 

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, I am writing to you on the occasion of the Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel which the Church celebrates on September 29th, and who is the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto, St. Michael reminds us that our Christian life is not adrift, happenstance, or a series of accidents, but a vocation. Living the life of a disciple is characterized by a call to stand with God in truth, charity, and justice. During this Jubilee Year — set aside by the Church as a time of renewal, reconciliation, and hope — our celebration takes on an added dimension, resetting our gaze on the ultimate horizon: God's faithful love and the bright promise of immortality. As "Defender of the Church", St. Michael reminds us that our hope is not naïve optimism but the theological virtue (CCC, 1817-1821) that steadies us amid conflict and distress (cf. Dan 12:1).

#### The 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees Sunday, October 5th, 2025

For the 111th World Day of Migrants & Refugees, the theme announced by His Holiness is "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope." In his message, Pope Leo highlights the resilience of migrants and refugees who give witness to hope amidst very difficult circumstances. He reminds us that those who welcome migrants and refugees can also reflect this same hope. His messages ends with a call to entrust all those who journey, and all those accompany them to the protection of the Virgin Mary, comfort of migrants.

#### Come & See – Discernment Weekend Retreat – October 31 – November 2, 2025 at St. Augustine's Seminary

This retreat offers a way for men aged 18 and over to discern a possible call to priesthood. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee For more information, please email vocations@archtoronto.org.

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