



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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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

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

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

PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Sir Albert Love School 905-728-3971

St. Kateri Tekakwitha School 905-571-1969

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www.dcdsb.ca

905-576-6150

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, November 17th

8:30am + Daniele Pedretti

Wednesday, November 19th

12:10pm + Adolf Willner

Thursday, November 20th

8:30am + Severino Pulla

+ John & Mary Serge

Friday, November 21st

12:10pm + Francisco Dias

Saturday, November 22nd

5:00pm For our Parish Community

Sunday, November 23rd

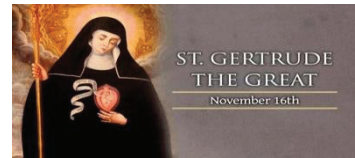
9:00am + Steven Warren

11:00am + Peter Bavaro, John Serge

+ Mel Buddel, Maria Posteraro

+ Antonio & Basila Pulla

6:15pm + Jack Dinis



On Nov. 16, the Catholic Church celebrates the memory of a distinguished medieval nun and writer in the Benedictine monastic tradition, Saint Gertrude of Helfta, better known as “St. Gertrude the Great.” One of the most esteemed woman saints of the Christian West, she was a notable early devotee of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Born in Germany on Jan. 6, 1256, Gertrude was sent at age 5 to a monastery in Helfta, to receive her education and religious formation. Under the leadership of the abbess Gertrude of Hackeborn, the monastery was highly regarded for its spiritual and intellectual vitality. The young Gertrude’s teacher, later canonized in her own right, was the abbess’ sister Saint Matilda of Hackeborn.

A gifted student with a great thirst for knowledge, Gertrude excelled in her studies while living according to her community’s strict practice of the Rule of Saint Benedict.

A change in her priorities began in the year 1280, in the season of Advent. Gertrude was 24 and had greatly distinguished herself in many fields of study. But her accomplishments began to seem meaningless, as she considered the true meaning and goal of her monastic vocation. Anxious and depressed, Gertrude felt she had built a “tower of vanity and curiosity” rather than seeking to love God above all things and live in union with him.

In January of the following year, she experienced a vision of Christ, hearing him declare: “I have come to comfort you and bring you salvation.” During 1281, her priorities shifted toward the study of Scripture and theology. Gertrude devoted herself strongly to personal prayer and meditation and began writing spiritual treatises for the benefit of her monastic sisters. Understanding the love of Christ as the supreme and fundamental reality, Gertrude strove to live in accordance with it. She also came to understand the depths of God’s mercy. She accepted the illness and pain of her final years in a spirit of personal sacrifice.

St. Gertrude the Great died on Nov. 16, though it is not known whether this was in the year 1301 or 1302.

ALL SOULS

Please place your envelopes with your prayer intentions and offerings into the regular collection or directly into our *Basket of Remembrance* on the Altar.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

FEAST OF ST. GERTRUDE

“Eternal Father, I offer thee the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen

ST. GERTRUDE PRAY FOR US

United in Prayer for Persecuted Christians on Red Wednesday – November 19, 2025

People around the world will mark Red Wednesday, an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). This global day highlights the persecution of Christians and reminds us that religious freedom is a human right. In Toronto, the Archdiocese of Toronto invites the Catholic community to participate in Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, where Bishop John Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto will preside. By attending the Mass, wearing red, you stand in solidarity with those who suffer for their faith. More info: www.acn-canada.org/rw. Contact: el@acn-canada.org or (416) 785-0498. An ACN Canada initiative with the support of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

THANK YOU!!

A great big Thank You to everyone who donated items, baked goodies, volunteered your time and came out in attendance to make this year's CWL Christmas Bazaar a success. With everyone's help and support we raised over \$3,000.00 which will greatly assist us in supporting initiatives around the parish and community.

LADIES POTLUCK LUNCH

Saturday, November 29th at 12noon.

All ladies of the parish are invited to join in this event and meet fellow parishioners. Hope to see you there!!

CWL MEMBERS & ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH are invited to gather for a CHRISTMAS LUNCH On December 1st at 12noon at the Portley Piper Restaurant (King & Wilson).

Please call Brenda Tuepah at 905-723-6027 to reserve your spot.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
RECRUITMENT DRIVE**

There will be a Lunch and learn recruitment drive following the 11am mass on Sunday, November 30. If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus please come out for this event.

Make your gift to ShareLife and DOUBLE your impact!

NEW: Your gift will double in value! Until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor of the Archdiocese of Toronto up to a total of \$500,000. For those who turn to ShareLife agencies, the challenges are great - uncertainty feels heavy, hope feels far away. You can ease the struggles of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Your support for ShareLife becomes a saving grace for at-risk children and youth, refugees in crisis, and survivors of domestic violence, ensuring they receive the care and resources they need.

You can donate online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate

St. Gertrude's Christmas Hamper Drive 2025

What: We are holding a Christmas Hamper Drive for our friends/families in need.

When: Donations will be collected until Dec. 7th. Packing hampers will be done the Week of Dec. 8th. Hampers may be picked up or delivered on Dec. 12th & Dec. 13th.

Food Needed: Non Perishable/canned/pasta etc.

Angel Tree – Pick an angel from the tree and return gift or gift card no later than Sunday, Dec. 7th.

Donate Money – Envelopes available in the pews or at the entrances. These donations will assist us in purchasing grocery gift cards for families in need. Cheques payable to St. Gertrude's Parish. Envelopes can go in the collection plate or in the basket at the front by the tree. Mark your Envelope # on your donation envelope for Income Tax Receipt purposes.

Volunteer to Pack & Deliver Hampers: Please sign up on the Green Sign-Up Sheet on the bulletin board at both entrances of the church.

2026 SUNDAY MISSALS

Missals now available for purchase at a cost of \$5.00. Please purchase from the Ushers at each mass with exact currency.

PARISH BUILDING MAINTENANCE 'blue' envelope. As the weather changes and icy conditions begin it is important we cover our extra winter costs. Salting costs have already begun.

Please remember your God, your Faith, and your Parish in your will.

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