



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

Durham Catholic District School Board

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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, December 8th

8:30am + Margaret McCrohan

Wednesday, December 10th

12:10pm + Deolinda Araujo & Deceased family

Thursday, December 11th

8:30am + Margaret Craigwell
+ Manuel & Eugenia Romos
Ints. Of Linda Diseon
Ints. Of Angela Leslei

Friday, December 12th

12:10pm + Natalia & Vittorino Mariano

Saturday, December 13th

5:00pm + Slavko Coz - Slovenija

Sunday, December 14th

9:00am + Lourdes Fernandez, Ralph, Elizabeth
& David Mason

11:00am + John Serge, Rita Lewis
+ Elisira Testa, Alfredo Veltri

6:15pm For Our Parish Community

Note: Mass intentions are fully booked for 2025

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT



St. Gertrude's Christmas Hamper Drive 2025

We are Packing hampers this week for delivery on Dec. 12th & Dec.13th.

Food Drive Items can be dropped off at the office until Monday.

Angel Tree – If you have not returned your Angel, please bring to the office this Monday to ensure it is matched with the Hamper this week.

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

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, December 7th

following the 9am & 11am liturgies downstairs in the parish hall. Donations at the door.

New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

St. Gertrude's & St. Mary's

Knights of Columbus

570 Marion St., St Mary of the People Parish Hall.

Doors Open: 6 PM - Dinner 7 PM

(Savor the Colombian Squires' delicious roast beef!)

Midnight Champagne Toast

DJ Music & Dancing

Tickets are \$70 per person.

- Contact Ian Francke: 905-409-8367

- Colum Wood: 289-240-0223

- Email ianfrancke@hotmail.com

Friars Student Writing Contest 2026 (November 3, 2025, to January 12, 2026)

Theme: *"The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."* (cf. Eph 4:13)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450–500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026>. Entries can be submitted at: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>. For further information, please contact ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 x. 527.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th Christmas Eve
4:00pm, 8:00pm and 12midnight

December 25th Christmas Day
11am

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
December 31st @5:00pm (New Year's Eve)
&
January 1st, @ 11am (New Year's Day)

Altar servers, Ushers and Eucharist Ministers will be required to sign up to assist at the above Masses. Registration will be available in the coming weeks.

Note: Sunday Night 6:15pm Mass - Christmas Season is cancelled for December 28th and January 4th.

OFFICE HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Open 9am-12noon Monday, Dec. 22nd & 29th
Closed Dec. 24-26th and Dec. 31-Jan. 2nd

PARISH ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION

Wednesday, December 17th

Msgr. James Hannah 9:30-11:30am

Fr. David Bollo 1pm-3pm

Fr. Luis Calleja 6pm-7pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 10th 7-8:30pm

Wednesday, December 17th 7-8:30pm

All students in our First Reconciliation program must register for one of the above sessions.

2025 Donations

Donations for 2025 Tax Year must be received no later than **December 28th** so they can be banked on Monday Dec. 29th. Thank you for your attention to this timeline. You can always submit donations early on any weekend.

ONLINE DONATIONS are available through our website by either Debit or Credit Card.

HEART TO HEART GALA

February 28, 2026, at Deer Creek in Ajax.

Join us for an elegant evening including 3-course dinner with wine, DJ-Dance, live auction, and the ever-popular balloon prizes and Heads or Tails game! Tickets are \$125 each. Visit <https://trellis.org/heart-to-heart-gala-2026> to purchase your tickets today!

If you are unable to attend in person, this website gives you access to our online 50/50 draw, our online raffles, and our online silent auction which goes live February 21.

To donate items, or if you are unable to purchase your tickets online, please contact Tania McClean, 905-725-3513 x 121 or info@cfsdurham.com

2026 Lift Jesus Higher Rally!

Metro Toronto Convention Center on March 14th!

Our theme this year is **No Greater Love**, drawing from John 15:13: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Join our powerful lineup of speakers for a day of encouragement, encounter, and empowerment.

Tickets are on sale now at www.ljhr.ca! Invite a friend!

2026 PARISH DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES

Boxes will be available for pickup from the back of the church on the weekends of Dec. 13th & 20th and then again beginning January 4th weekend. Please **DO NOT USE UNTIL THE NEW YEAR**. Be sure to record your information on the first few envelopes.



PARISH CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please complete the following and place in an envelope marked FLOWERS to donate to our Christmas Altar flowers. Thank you.

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