



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

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, December 15th

8:30am + Francesco Barone

Wednesday, December 17th

12:10pm + Margaret McCrohan

Thursday, December 18th

8:30am + John & Mary Serge

Friday, December 19th

12:10pm + Severino Pulla

Saturday, December 20th

5:00pm + Ivan Zupanic

Sunday, December 21st

9:00am + Maria Zak

11:00am + Chris Givelas, Carmelle Lauzon

+ Joe Rembala, Innocenza Arlia

6:15pm For Our Parish Community

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.

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



Thank you for your generous support of the Christmas Hamper/Angel Tree Program this year. We were able to assist over 90 families in our community who reached out for assistance. Thank you also to those who came to help pack and deliver the Gifts to the families.

New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

**St. Gertrude's & St. Mary's
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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: 289-404-8952.

- 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.

PARISH ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION

Wednesday, December 17th

Msg. 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 17th 7-8:30pm

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.

Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year

We extend a warm invitation to the faithful of the archdiocese to join with Cardinal Leo for the *Closing Mass for the Year of Jubilee on Sunday, December 28, 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 5 p.m.* The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available with numerous priests present from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Each Jubilee Pilgrimage Church will also celebrate a Closing Mass for the Year of the Jubilee on Sunday, December 28, 2025, at a regularly scheduled mass of their own choice. Please visit the pilgrimage church websites for further details:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimage-churches/>

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.

CWL ANNUAL DUES

Ladies, please submit your annual CWL dues in the amount of \$40.00 before the end of December.

Please drop off to the office mailslot or put in the collection plate at weekend mass. Be sure to label your envelope with your name, address and phone number. Thanks for your attention to this.

CATHOLICISM Series Coming in January

The 10 part series "Catholicism" is a visually compelling and engaging format explaining what we believe and why. Both long time Catholics and new Catholics seeking to learn more will find the program deepens their understanding of the Church's essential teachings. The series runs Thursdays, January 22nd to March 26th from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. COME in person or via ZOOM. There is no cost to attend the series. The optional but highly recommended Study Guide is available for \$40. Please register after any weekend Mass or via the St. Gertrude's website. For more information, contact Beth Cook at bethcook905@outlook.com or 905-925-9871.



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

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