

ST. GERTRUDE'S PARISH

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Advent

Monday, December 22nd

8:30am + Francisco Dias

Friday, December 26th

12:10pm Special intentions

Saturday, December 27th

5:00pm + Lucia Desousa & Deceased Family

Sunday, December 28th

9:00am + Deceased members of the Macaro & Belmonte Families

11:00am + Joseph & Josephine Galdes
+ Luca Guglielmo
For Our Parish Community

6:15pm **NO MASS**

Monday, December 29th

8:30am + Severino Pulla

Friday, January 2nd

12:10pm Special intentions

Saturday, January 3rd

5:00pm For Our Parish Community

Sunday, January 4th

9:00am Ints. Of Deacon Andrew & Family

11:00am + Margaret Southern,
+ Severino Pulla, Rita Lewis

6:15pm **NO MASS**

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)

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.

Dear Parishioners of St Gertrude's,

As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, may this holy season be a time of joy, peace, and renewal. May the promise of Christ's coming bring hope and inspiration to all.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fr Luis Calleja

New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance
St. Gertrude's & St. Mary's
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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 available until Dec. 21st.

- Contact Ian Francke: 905-409-8367

- Colum Wood: 289-404-8952.

- Email ianfrancke@hotmail.com

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.

Next Bulletin: January 4th, 2026

CWL ANNUAL DUES

CWL dues in the amount of \$40.00 now due. Please drop off to the office mail slot or put in the collection plate at weekend mass.

VOCATIONS

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

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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