



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, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday, 9:00 am-12:00 noon

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 12:15 pm

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, September 21st

8:30am + Francisco Dias

Wednesday, September 23rd

12:15pm + Neil Brown

Thursday, September 24th

12:15pm + Maria Oliveira

Friday, September 25th

12:15pm Special intentions

Saturday, September 26th

5:00pm + Mel Buddel

Sunday, September 27th

9:00am For Our Parish Community

11:00am + Ronald McCabe

6:15pm For Our Parish Community

**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION
ONLINE REGISTRATION**

Registration for St. Gertrude's upcoming First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation preparation programs is now available on the parish website until Sept. 30th.

Please visit the parish website

at stgertrudesos.archtoronto.org/en/sacraments

for an overview of the full program. If you have any questions or concerns please email our Lay Pastoral Associate, Geoffrey Lyn at: glyn@archtoronto.org.

**PARENT MEETINGS FOR FIRST
COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION**

Wednesday September 23 at 7:00 pm or

Saturday September 26 at 9:00 am

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETINGS

Friday, September 25th at 7pm or Saturday,
September 26th at 10:30am

ARCHDIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTION

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Adult Faith Formation

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Join us in the Parish Hall OR via ZOOM on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 pm starting October 15 and ending Thursday, December 3rd. 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, after one of the weekend Masses or at the Office during the week. For more information, please contact Beth Cook at bethcook905@outlook.com.



**PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAM
2026**

We are once again 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 together at Christmas, so we ask to keep individual items below \$5.00 each if possible. For some of the children, these are the only Christmas gifts they receive. All items are available at local dollar stores. 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, beads, 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 11th** in order to be packed and shipped in time.

OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

The Children's Liturgy begins on Sunday, October 4th at 11 am. Our team is excited to lead the children in the parish hall during this mass. All ages are welcome. If you have any concerns or needs for your child, please speak to the team members.

Children's Choir practices start on Tuesday, October 6th and then every Tuesday evening after that from 6:30-8:00 pm. First Mass is Sunday, October 25th at 11 am and their assigned Masses are usually 4th Sunday of month until June. A firm commitment to attend both rehearsals and mass is necessary. Please see the posters on bulletin boards with info about choir and the Liturgy. For more information, please speak to Arianna Veltri after the 11am mass.

Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast

October 4th, following the 9am & 11am masses.
Donations at the door are most welcome.

Knights of Columbus Council 1926 – Giving Back to Our Community

The St. Gertrude's Knights of Columbus Council 1926 is proud to continue supporting our parish and the wider community.

Over the past few months, through our partnership with Delta Bingo & Gaming Pickering, Council 1926 has donated:

- \$3,000 to the Lakeridge Health Auxiliary toward the purchase of an ultrasound machine.
- \$6,000 to Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School in support of graduation initiatives.
- \$2,000 to St. Gertrude's in support of the parish garage.

That represents \$11,000 given back to our community!

These contributions are made possible through our partnership with Delta Bingo & Gaming Pickering and the dedication of our Knights who volunteer their time.

Thank you to our Brother Knights and to everyone who supports the charitable work of Council 1926. Together, we continue to make a difference in our parish and our community.

Calling all Prayer Warriors!!!!

Do you crave special time alone with the Lord? Could you have the gift of intercessory prayer? Do you have a love and concern for the vital vocation of Priesthood? It isn't easy to be a Priest. It is a sacrificial role and is invested with matters of ultimate importance. To carry out their duties well, our Priests need to be uplifted and surrounded by our prayers. Here at St. Gertrude's, we are opening a chapter of the "**Seven Sisters Apostolate**". This is a practical, concrete way to pray with intention for our Pastor. Female parishioners are invited to pledge a Holy Hour for their Priest, as an ongoing offering. *A prayer warrior benefits from being in the Lord's presence, quieting their minds and finding solace.* For more information, please visit the Seven Sisters Website at <https://sevensistersapostolate.org> or contact Amber Gormley (289 924 1480).

Did you know that RENEW Toronto is supposed to be like a mini-World Youth Day here in the Archdiocese of Toronto? Imagine over 800 young adults coming together to encounter Jesus in a real and powerful way. This is RENEW Toronto. Our mission is to build "Courageous Missionaries" missionaries of action. We want our young people to be the catalyst of today, to be inspired to lead, to serve and to do. Our theme this year is "Take courage! I have overcome the world." from John 16:33, so "Take courage!" spread the word and invite your friends! This year, we will be focusing on how to defend the faith. Through impactful sessions and workshops, you will not only learn how to live your faith out in the world, but also defend it when it is challenged. Regular pricing ends on Thursday, October 1st at midnight, and your last day to secure tickets is Wednesday, November 4th. **To register visit renewtoronto.org Phone: 416-599-7676** Office of Catholic Youth.

SSVP Meeting

There will be a meeting about restarting the St. Vincent de Paul conference at St Gertrude. The Society of St Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization that serves those in need in our community. The meeting is open to existing members and those who may be interested in joining. It will be held Thursday, October 1, at 7 pm in the parish hall. Hope to see you there.

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

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