



# 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://catholicmarriageprep.com)

**Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am + Walter Cook

**Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

12:15pm + Special intentions

**Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

12:15pm + Dec. members of the Politano  
And Zicarelli Families

**Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

12:15pm + Max Kielek

**Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm + Demi & Juanito Cueto

**Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am For Our Parish Community

11:00am + Ron & Rose Serge

6:15pm **NO MASS**

*Please note there is no:*

*Sunday evening Mass on Thanksgiving Weekend*

*Monday morning Mass on Thanksgiving Day*



**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. 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 11<sup>th</sup>**.

*Children's Choir* practices start on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and then every Tuesday evening after that from 6:30-8:00 pm. First Mass is Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. A firm commitment to attend both rehearsals and mass is necessary. For more information, please speak to Arianna Veltri after the 11am mass.

**BLESSING OF PETS – Feast of St. Francis**

On October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, Fr. Luis will bless your beloved pets. Please ensure they are in a carrier or on a leash and under control. Please gather beforehand in the area of the office door in the parking lot.

The tradition of blessing animals has deep historical roots. Early Christian farmers sought blessings for livestock, which evolved into broader practices honoring all animals. Saint Francis of Assisi (1181–1226), known for his love of all creatures, is a central figure in this tradition. His feast day on October 4<sup>th</sup> is commonly associated with animal blessing ceremonies, reflecting a theology that sees the divine in all living beings.

**Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast  
BOTTLE DRIVE – OCTOBER 24/25<sup>th</sup>**

A trailer will be available in the parking lot to collect bottles, beer cans and pop cans, following the 5pm, 9am and 11am masses.

**Adult Faith Formation**

**The Pivotal Players – Volume 1**

Discover the places where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned, and wrote. Visit the countryside where St. Francis gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where St. Catherine of Siena ministered and prayed. Trek through England to where St. John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton left their mark and sparked an English Catholic revival. Through unprecedented HD footage, marvel at the extraordinary art of Michelangelo, from his David statue in Florence, to the Pietà at St. Peter's, to the Sistine Chapel.

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 or after one of the weekend Masses. For more information, please contact Beth Cook at bethcook905@outlook.com.

### CWL PLANNING MEETING

Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

We hope all members will be able to attend.

**LIFECHANIN SUNDAY October 4th** Come stand (sit) with us for a peaceful, prayerful demonstration against abortion at the corner of Harmony Rd. and King St. E. from 2-3pm.

### 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 (905-924-1480).



Everyone is invited to join for a Parish Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch on **Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm** in the parish hall. Bring you family, your favorite dish to share and enjoy meeting other parishioners. We hope to see you and your family there!

### NEW FLOORING

We are very pleased and thankful to have been able to replace the flooring in many area's of the parish this past summer. Thanks to the efforts of the past Golf tournaments, funds raised also helped to refinish the floor in the parish hall. Thank you to everyone who worked hard and participated in the success of the tournaments. Please take great care when in the hall to protect the floors by lifting chairs, tables etc. Do not scrape along the floor. Also, if anything spills, it is important to wipe it up immediately. Thanks for helping to keep the floors in great shape.

### A Million Young Voices United in Prayer

On October 7, 2026, children worldwide will unite for the 21st edition of One Million Children Praying the Rosary. The event invites kids, with the help of parents, teachers, and parish priests, to create gatherings at school, in church, or at home by praying the Rosary together. Inspired by Saint Padre Pio's words, **"When a million children pray the Rosary, the world will change,"** this initiative shows that every little prayer counts and can bring peace and unity. Why: to pray for peace. Register and download free material: [acn-canada.org/one-million-children](http://acn-canada.org/one-million-children). For more information, email Evellyne Lemos at [el@acn-canada.org](mailto:el@acn-canada.org). POSTER: <https://bit.ly/OneMillionChildren2026>

### Day of Reflection and Prayer for the Bereaved Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre

2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering, ON

**Saturday, October 31, 9:15am - 5:00pm**

"Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?" Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey.

Facilitated by: Sr. Claire Marchal and Mary Hyland  
Suggested Offering: \$75 per person (includes lunch)  
Please contact: Mary Hyland - 905-441-0957

### Securities as a Charitable Gift Option

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*The correct legal name of the parish is: Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation for the Diocese of Toronto, in Canada for the benefit of St. Gertrude's Parish, 690 King St. E., Oshawa, ON L1H 1G5*

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

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