

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

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

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.

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, November 23rd
8:30am + Elizabeth Bonfordi
Wednesday, November 25th
12:15pm + Deolinda Araujo & Antonio Amadeu
Thursday, November 26th
12:15 + Joseph & Evelyn Bonnici
+ Elma D'Silva, Rozario D'Souza
+ Carol Gerrity
Friday, November 27th
12:15pm + Jose Capucho & deceased family
Saturday, November 28th
5:00pm + Ivan Gljuscic and dec. family members
Sunday, November 29th
9:00am Special intentions
11:00am + Louise George
+ Marcelle Copus
+ Marvin Lewis
6:15pm For Our Parish Community

Note: Masses are fully booked for 2026

ALL SOULS

Please place your envelopes with your prayer intentions and offerings into the regular collection or directly into our *Basket of Remembrance* on the Altar to be remembered throughout the month of November.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

FEAST OF ST. GERTRUDE

"Eternal Father, I offer thee the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen

ST. GERTRUDE PRAY FOR US

OSHAWA GENERALS HOCKEY GAME

On Monday, December 28th, at 2:05 p.m., St. Gertrude's Children's Choir have the honour of singing the Canadian National Anthem at the Oshawa Generals hockey game at the Tribute Communities Centre.
This is a very special opportunity for our children. Tickets are $25.00 per person for both youth and adults and are available after masses.
This would make a wonderful Christmas gift for your family.

St. Gertrude's Christmas Hamper Drive 2026

What: We are holding a Christmas Hamper Drive for our friends/families in need.
When: Donations will be collected until Dec. 6th. Packing hampers will be done the Week of Dec.7th. Hampers will be delivered on Dec. 12th.
Food Needed: Non Perishable/canned/pasta etc.
Angel Tree – Pick an angel from the tree and return gift or gift card no later than Sunday, Dec. 6th.
Donate Money – Envelopes available in the pews or at the entrances**.** These donations will assist us in purchasing grocery gift cards for families in need. Cheques payable to St. Gertrude's Parish. Envelopes can go in the collection plate or in the basket at the front by the tree. Mark your Envelope # on your donation envelope for Income Tax Receipt purposes.
Volunteer to Pack & Deliver Hampers: Please sign up on the Green Sign-Up Sheet on the bulletin board at both entrances of the church.

St. Gertrude's Children's Ministries Present:
MIRACLE ON ST. GERTRUDE'S STREET
a Very Merry Children's Christmas Social
(Santa will also be present).
Sunday, December 13th following the 11am Mass
Take One: - Families are invited to contribute a tray of cookies! Homemade or purchased.
Take Two: Cookie Recipe Contest (ribbons for top 3 cookie flavors! Provide 3 cookies of your best flavor!
Take Three: Rudolph's Refreshments – appreciation for families who can provide juice boxes or water.
Take Four: Share your Christmas wishes with Santa.
Take Five: A Christmas Story – a storybook reading celebrating the birth of Baby Jesus.
Please see the poster on the bulletin board for further details to register for this Christmas Social.

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2027 SUNDAY MISSALS
Missals now available for purchase at a cost of $6.00. Please purchase from the Ushers at each mass with exact currency.

CHALICE COLLECTION – November 28/29th

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)

PARISH ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION
Wednesday, December 16th
Msgr. Grima 9-11am, 2-4pm, 7-8pm
Fr. Luis Calleja 7pm-8pm (Grade 2 First Confession)

FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM
Wednesday, December 9th 7-8:00pm
Wednesday, December 16th 7-8:00pm
All students in our First Reconciliation program must register for one of the above sessions.

Thank You to all parishioners who tended to the flower and vegetable gardens this past summer. Your terrific work was much appreciated. A big thank you as well to the Young Explorer's group of boys who came out one Saturday to assist with cleaning up the fallen leaves. Many thanks!

LADIES CHRISTMAS DINNER INVITATION
CWL members and all ladies of the parish are invited to come together on Monday, Dec. 7th at 6:00pm at Harmony Creek Golf Centre for a Christmas get-together. Please call Brenda at 905-723-6027 with any questions and to reserve your spot before November 30th.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL
The next meeting to plan the restart of the Society of St Vincent de Paul conference at St Gertrude's parish will be held November 25 at 7 pm in the parish hall. New members are welcome - if you are interested in serving Christ by helping the poor in our area, please come and join us.

PARISH MAINTENANCE
Our fire monitoring and equipment inspection resulted in many deficiencies that needed upgrading. The total cost is $12,000.00
This is a huge expense for the parish to incur and if you are able to donate to help us cover this please use your monthly blue donation envelope each month. If you do not use parish envelopes, you can put your name and address on a blank envelope and mark it "Church maintenance'.
This is the time of year we reach out also to help with the upcoming winter months for snow and ice maintenance. Thank you for your generosity to assist the parish in covering these large expenses.

Joyeux Noel! A Canadian Christmas at Massey Hall presented by St. Michael's Choir School
Saturday, December 12 at 7 PM
This Christmas, experience the wonder of the season through the music of Canada's finest composers and arrangers. **Joyeux Noel! A Canadian Christmas** is a stirring celebration of the Nativity, showcasing a rich tapestry of sacred choral masterworks, beloved carols, and newly imagined Christmas favourites, all crafted by Canadian musical voices from across the country and from within the distinguished tradition of St. Michael's Choir School.
Tickets are now available at www. masseyhall.com.
Please use Promo Code: MAPLE.
For ticket information, please call the Massey Hall Box Office at 416-872-4255.

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

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