

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. Michael Hughes 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**

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Sat. 8:30 am Friday 12:10 pm Except during Lent & Advent Friday 7:30 pm During Lent & Advent Holidays 9:00 am

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, Friday 8:30 am – 3:00 pm Closed from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm for lunch Thursday 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Sir Albert Love School905-728-3971St. Kateri Tekakwitha School905-571-1969Durham Catholic District SchoolBoardwww.dcdsb.ca905-576-6150

PASTORAL REFERENCE

Teacher applicants requiring a Pastoral Reference must be registered for at least 12 months, attend Mass each Sunday and support the Church and its mission. Volunteering is recommended.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

12 months advanced notice required. Preparation course is a prerequisite. Visit: catholicmarriageprep.com Monday, June 30th

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8:30am + John & Mary Serge Wednesday, July 2nd 8:30am Special intentions Thursday, July 3rd 8:30am + Walter Cook, Severino Pulla, + Margaret Southern Friday, July 4th 12:10pm Special intentions Saturday, July 5th 8:30am For Our Parish 5:00pm + Anna Corrigan Sunday, July 6th 9:00am Ints of Brady Loenhart 11:00am Ints. Of Marlene Pulla + Jose DaRocha 6:15pm For Our Parish Community

Palliative Care and A Catholic Response to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The Office of Formation for Discipleship has developed a new brochure titled, Palliative Care and a Catholic Response to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. Cardinal Leo encourages the brochures reach as many members of the Catholic community as possible. The brochure is available in English as well as many other languages. Electronic versions are also available for download at www.archtoronto.org/PalliativeCare.

Jubilee 2025

We invite families and individuals to join His Eminence Cardinal Leo and the Auxiliary Bishops in our Archdiocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland on Sunday August 24, 2025. Further information (and registration) will follow in the weeks to come. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend as we also celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the first mass in Huronia and the 100th Anniversary of the Martyrs' Shrine!

FINAL BULLETIN UNTIL SEPTEMBER

WINDOW DEDICATIONS and TREE OF LIFE

There are still windows available for sponsorship and leaves on the tree located at the middle church entranceway. Call the office for details on purchasing. This is a wonderful way to remember family members and sacramental or family celebrations.

Campus Kickstart <u>Wednesday, July 9th, 2025</u> <u>from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Newman Centre</u> (89 St. George Street, Toronto). This FREE event is designed to give Catholic students a head start on their university journey by offering both practical advice for incoming first-year students, as well as an invitation to continue their faith journey by joining the Catholic chaplaincy and community present at the Newman Centre

Contact <u>lucas.desousa@newmantoronto.com</u>, or by calling the Newman Centre at (416) 979-2468.

Rosary Apostolate in Our Schools

Rosary visitors are a great inspiration to our students, faithfully visiting classrooms once a month to pray the Rosary. If you have a great love for the rosary and wish to join this group, training, screening and materials are provided. Contact Rosa de Mello at 289-996-5515 or email: <u>demello_rm@yahoo.ca</u>

LEGION OF MARY: The legion of Mary association is a catholic organization dedicated to promoting the churches mission through prayer and active service. In union with Mary, we invite you to join our group as we meet every Monday at 7.00 pm in parish Tea room . For more information please email @ sglegionofmary@gmail.com

Compassionate Community Care

Community of Hope Outreach: connecting with Seniors. Regular check-ins by phone or Zoom with seniors who may not be able to receive an in-person visitor. This calling service is for persons aged 55+ who may be socially or physically isolated and are looking for support, or a friendly person to talk to. It is part of our mission to create significant caring communities. If you or someone you know are interested in receiving calls, email or call Suzanne: <u>outreach@beingwith.org</u>; 647-448-8873.

"That Blessed Upper Room" – Pastoral Letter from Frank Cardinal Leo

Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, has released "*That Blessed Upper Room*," a pastoral letter inviting the faithful of the archdiocese to reflect together on the significance of The Upper Room in our lives, our families and in our communities of faith as this story is so directly connected to pivotal events in the life of Jesus and of the early Church. The letter is divided into nine chapters, drawing on dimensions of our Catholic Christian life. In the words of Cardinal Leo:

"This resource can be the object of a parish sharing group or an informal gathering of friends. The reflections can be used as inspiration for summer reading or for Advent or Lenten activities or for a personal retreat. You can, for instance, take one question per day and let it accompany you or set some quiet time per week, a short 15 minutes, to read a paragraph and ask yourself a question that is proposed. Studied and reflected upon individually or in community, whether in families, parishes, schools and religious houses, I pray that this small contribution will help readers and faithful come to a more profound sense of faith, a more mature relationship with the Lord and to a transforming experience of grace."

A short video introduction and the full pastoral letter can be accessed by

visiting: www.archtoronto.org/thatblessedupperroom

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 7:00pm In the event of rain Mass will be held in the Mausoleum.

Mass Intention Bookings & Payments

When arranging Mass intentions over the phone or through email, please place the stipend in an envelope clearly marked with the Name, Date and time of Mass. Putting payment into the Sunday collection is no longer accepted as we have been informed by the Archdiocese.. The office can only accept cash or cheques.

Farewell & Thank You, One and All! Dear Parishioners & Staff:

Firstly, thank you for the lovely farewell party last Sunday, and thank you to our Knights and CWL for hosting this event. I really enjoyed it and the opportunity to say goodbye to so many of you in person and our children and youth. Thank you for three very busy years as we climbed out of Covid and returned to normal. I leave with many wonderful memories of our time together building the Community as we gathered to praise, thank and worship God each Sunday and reach out to serve Him through one another and the wider community. It is both an exciting time and a sad time for our parish. Sad, as we have had to say farewell to a good number of real stalwarts who have served this community for decades and exciting as Oshawa grows and welcomes Catholics from all around the world. Our parish has been the beneficiaries of this blessing as well. Please continue to reach out and welcome our newcomers in Christ along with the newest one, our new Pastor, Fr. Luis Calleja. I know you will give him a great welcome and do everything to help him settle in. I made an extended farewell talk last Sunday at mass and this will be included in the new Photo Directory for posterity along with remembrances of our former Pastors over the last 20 years. I wish to include two external parties who have given me and our parish tremendous assistance and allowed us here in the office to both undertake and complete many projects this past year and beyond especially in dealing with problems relating to our internet and telephones which we hope to see finalized within the coming months. One of these is Ted Villeneuve who trades under "A True Handyman 365". He is knowledgeable, competent and an honest tradesman. The other is Joe Raby, who has been a great font of knowledge guiding us through a maze of problems connected with technology. Joe has the patience of Job and is a storehouse of knowledge, who trades under the business name of Computmat.co God bless these honest, God-fearing men. In conclusion, please keep me in your prayers as I will keep you, the faith community of St. Gertrude's in my prayers and Masses Sincerely, Fr. Michael



