

St. Aidan Roman Catholic Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

December 5, 2021

Saturday December 4:

5:00 pm: Irean Mehelick

+ Gregoria Bautista

+ Kevin Thompson

+ Zbig & Anita Bukala

+ Khoderie Estrada

+ Juanita Emmanuel

+ Florencio Santos

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday December 5:

9:00 am: + Pusparani Rasiah

10:30 am: Birthday Blessings for Jane Moore

12:00 pm: Pro-Populo

Monday December 6:

9:00 am: + Carmille Harrison

Tuesday December 7:

9:00 pm: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday December 8:

9:00 am: In Honour of the Immaculate

Conception of the Virgin Mary

7:30 pm: + Fr. Joseph Fenech

Thursday December 9:

9:00 am: + Neville Pereira

Friday December 10:

9:30 am: Celebrant Intentions

7:30 pm: + Frocy Dionicio

Saturday December 11:

9:00 am: Celebrant's Intention

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Souls in Purgatory



Resuming Weekday Devotions

We are now back to doing our weekday congregational devotions such as the **Rosary, Mother of Perpetual Help** on Wednesdays and **Sacred Heart devotions** on Friday evenings. ***There will be no singing during these devotions.***

YOUNG ROSARY PRAYER WARRIORS
OF CANADA

*ROSARY PROCESSION with
MASS CELEBRATION and
SOCIAL EVENT*

3PM to 9:30PM

SPECIAL GUEST PRIEST:
FR. STEVEN SZAKACZKI

3PM DIVINE MERCY
3:30PM ROSARY PROCESSION
5PM MASS CELEBRATION
6PM SOCIAL

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Young Rosary Prayer Warriors Marian Procession and Social

On **Saturday December 4** this Youth Prayer Group will be gathering here at St. Aidan's Church and are inviting you ***(and especially those between the ages of 19-35)*** to join them and to invite your friends. They will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm, followed by a Marian Procession around our church and school next door while praying the Rosary. Mass will be at 5:00 pm as usual and it will be followed by a reception and social in our Hall, which will be only for the youth. Others can participate in the preceding events.



Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses - December 16-24

The Filipino community of St. Aidan's Parish would like to invite everyone to embrace their "**beautiful gift**" of **Simbang Gabi**. This is a Filipino Christmas tradition; a series of nine dawn Masses on the days leading up to Christmas, **from December 16th to December 24th**. The tradition goes back to colonial times, during Spanish rule, when Catholic priests started offering Mass very early in the morning so that farmers could attend morning Mass and still be at work before sunrise. Join us in preparing for the birth of Our Lord through this novena of prayer and sacrifice by participating in the **nine Simbang Gabi Masses from December 16-24 at 6:00 am, at St. Aidan's church**. After each 6:00 am Mass, a reception of coffee/tea and traditional Filipino foods will be available to eat or bring home. Everyone is welcome.




Simbang Gabi Christmas Lantern (Parol) Making Contest

The Star of Bethlehem is one of the symbols of Christmas. The brilliant star of unusual brightness led the three wise men from far-away lands to undertake the arduous journey and follow the star which eventually led them to the Infant Saviour. To remember this special star, the organizers of the **Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses** are inviting families to join the **Christmas Star Lantern (Parol) Making Contest**. **Your star will need to be submitted between December 1st to December 16th.** We will try to provide the wooden sticks used to make the stars should you need them. Families are encouraged to be creative in decorating their own lanterns. The lanterns will be hung in the Parish Hall and can be brought home after Christmas day. Three prizes will be awarded for the best lanterns.



Novena to St. Joseph and Our Lady, leading up to December 8th

In appreciation for the many graces received during the year of St. Joseph, ending on December 8; **The Catholic Women's League of St. Aidan 's will host a virtual/online Novena in honour of St. Joseph and The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary from November 29 to December 7 at 7:00 pm, except on Wednesday December 1 and Friday December 3, the Novena will begin at 6:30 pm.** The Zoom link will be on our Parish Website. We hope you can join us.



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SOLEMNITY: DECEMBER 8

What it is


- It is the **conception of Mary.** Through a special grace from God, she was kept free from Original Sin and lived her whole life free from sin in order to carry out her mission as the Mother of Jesus.
- It is an **ancient Church teaching.** While it was defined as dogma by Pope Pius IX in 1854, the Church has held it as point of faith for centuries before.

What it is not

- It is **not a virgin birth.** Mary was conceived like any other person.
- It is **not the conception of Jesus.** We remember the conception of Jesus on the Feast of the Annunciation, which is celebrated on March 25.

Why we celebrate


Because it is a **gift** that Mary said “yes” to God and bore his Son, Jesus!



The Miraculous Medal

The Miraculous Medal also known as the Medal of the Immaculate Conception has this prayer inscribed:

“O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee.”



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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: 9:00 am and 7:30 pm Mass

This feast celebrated on December 8th falls on a Wednesday this year. **In addition to our 7:30 pm evening Mass, we will also have Mass at 9:00 am.**



Living Rosary on Wednesday December 8th



The Legion of Mary will be conducting an in person Living Rosary, at St. Aidan's starting at 6:30 pm on Wednesday December 8th.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
ST. AIDAN COUNCIL

*With gratitude for the many graces received during the year of St. Joseph,
CWL is holding a Raffle*

In Support of the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul-
St. Aidan Conference

 12" - 1st Prize
 Sleeping St. Joseph 8" - 2nd Prize

3 TICKETS: \$5.00
1 TICKET: \$2.00

The statues will be on display at the weekend masses of
Nov.20/21, Nov.27/28, Dec.4/5 and Dec.11/12th

The tickets will be sold after the above weekend masses.

DRAW: After 12 noon mass on December 12, 2021
You may reserve your ticket/s, via email to cwlcouncilstaidan@gmail.com with
your name and phone #
Or call
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Raffling off two St. Joseph Statues

A Raffle of two St. Joseph Statues will be conducted by the Catholic Women's Group of our parish. **Tickets are one for \$2, or three tickets for \$5. *Ticket sales will be after all Sunday Masses.* The draw will take place on Sunday December 12th.** All proceeds will be in support of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society-St. Aidan's Conference.

**St. Aidan's Social Committee
Invites You to Participate in Our Christmas Season of Giving**



Angel Tree Program

Become a Sponsor!

**Drop your gift at St. Aidan by
December 19th, 2021**



The Angel Tree Program provides new toys and clothing for children and families of the Rosalie Hall through the support of Individuals like you. The Angels on the Tree are from the Wish List we received to purchase gifts for our Angels for Christmas.

Please adopt an angel by selecting an "Angel" from our 'Christmas Tree', purchase a gift for them and drop the gift with the "Angel" in the box located in the church foyer. We will deliver the gifts to "Rosalie Hall" just in time for Christmas.

The individuals on our list specified things they need/want for Christmas. If you prefer to simply make a cash donation, kindly drop it in the box along with the "Angel". We will do the shopping for you!



Social Committee Charity Initiative

The Social Committee of our parish has put up an Angel Tree in the foyer. On the tree there are Angel tags with age and items that are required by that particular child. **Feel free to take an Angel or two or three and bring the items requested along with the Angel tag before December 19 and place it in the box located in the foyer.** The items collected will be donated to Rosalie Hall who are in desperate need. They are also in need of items for the young mothers. For more information, please see the flyer. If you prefer to simply make a cash donation, kindly drop it in the box along with the "Angel".

Confessions, Christmas and New Year's Schedules (2021/2022)

Catholics are required to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Christmas and New Year's are Holy Days of Obligation. Attending one of the Christmas Eve Masses, on the 24th, fulfills your obligation for Christmas. Attending the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass of New Year's, on December 31st, fulfills your obligation for New Year's. Note that for those who have valid reasons for not coming to Mass, the dispensation from Cardinal Collins is still in effect. You will need to pre-register online for these obligation Masses and for the Sunday Masses. Registration will begin on Tuesday for Christmas, New Year's and the Sundays immediately after these days.



Tuesday December 14 - Confessions 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Friday December 24 - Christmas Eve

6:00 am Simbang Gabi Mass (last of 9-day Novena)
9:30 am Regular Mass
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
12:00 Midnight Mass

Saturday December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

Note that there is no evening 5:00 pm Mass!

Sunday December 26 - Regular Sunday Masses

9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon



Friday December 31 - New Year's Eve

9:30 am Regular Mass
5:00 pm Evening Mass

Note that there is no evening 7:30 pm Mass!

Saturday January 1, 2022 - New Year's Day

9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

Note that there is no evening 5:00 pm Mass!

Sunday January 2 - Regular Sunday Masses

9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

Confessions, Christmas and New Year's Schedules (2021/2022)

Parish Confessions Tuesday December 14

We will have three priests available for confession on **Tuesday December 14th, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm inside St. Aidan's Church.**

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Live Streaming of Sunday 10:30 am Mass

Please note that the Sunday 10:30 am Mass will be regularly live-streamed.



Live Streaming of Weddings or Funerals

If you are interested in live streaming a church event, we are asking for \$300 to help us cover the costs of purchasing, maintaining and running the equipment.



All Night Vigil of Adoration Friday December 3rd

After the 7:30 pm Mass on Friday December 3rd we will have an all-night vigil of adoration, with Our Eucharist Lord exposed for our adoration on the altar. The purpose of such an event is to imitate Our Lord who spent entire nights in prayer. This can be done to make reparation for the sins of mankind, to gain graces for oneself and others, and to grow in one's relationship with God. If you are interested, you will need to place your name on the sign-up sheet, available inside the church. ***For security reasons, we will lock the church doors during the night. Adoration will end just before the morning Saturday 9:00 am Mass.***



Advent Retreat: A Journey with Mary

At the **Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre**, 1617 Blythe Road on **Saturday December 4th**, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Cost is \$40. **Call 905-278-5229 or email office@goa.ca.**



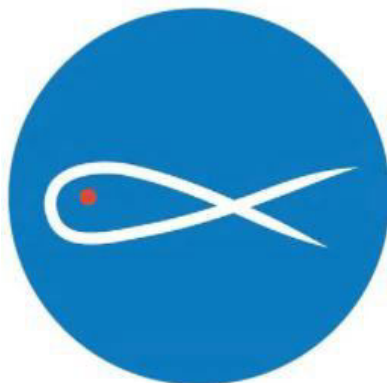
Bereavement Retreat: Journey with others who share your experience

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Bundle-Up Weekend on December 4th and 5th

The SVP container will be in the parking lot on these dates. Please bring gently used clothing, woollen wear, winter shoes and linens. Please tie your donation bags for easier handling. We **DO NOT** accept appliances, furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction material. Please refrain from putting these items into the bin. Would appreciate your cooperation.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

“The reward for Christian charity is the joy that one feels after having performed a good deed”
- Don Bosco.

We have now entered the season of Advent. Advent is a time to witness the active presence of the Lord Jesus in our lives. It is a season of hope, joy and thanksgiving. We can encounter this same Lord Jesus when we care for the afflicted, the neglected, the brokenhearted - our neighbor- in-need.

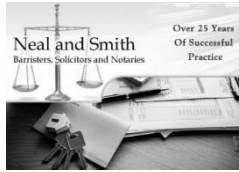
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Executive: 1st Mondays

General: 3rd Mondays

Visit our website at: kofc11332.org



The Catholic Women's League of Canada - St. Aidan Parish Council **For God & Canada**

Monthly Meetings: **7:00 p.m.**

Executive: **2nd Thursdays**

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