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WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

<u>St. Aidan Roman Catholic Church</u> <u>Fourth Sunday of Easter</u> <u>MASS INTENTIONS</u> May 8, 2022

Saturday May 7:

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving of Doss Family All Youth Living under Temptations 60th Wedding Anniversary of Stella and Joe Joseph **Beatification of Edal Queen** + Marina D'Souza + Flavia, Faith, Stanley Maelzer + Francis & Anna Leung + Felina Litan + Neville Pereira & Clara Pereira Sunday May 8: 9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Eleanor 10:30 am + Rosa Rosalinda Mendes 12:00 pm Pro-Populo Monday May 9: 9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Miguel Vasquez **Tuesday May 10:** 9:00 am + Patrick Edward Henry Harrison, Lucette Cloutier & Isobel Harrison Brown Wednesday May 11: 7:30 pm + Wendell Phillip **Thursday May 12:** 9:00 am + Carmelle Harrison Friday May 13: 9:30 am Celebrant's Intention 7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Tom & Fidelis Saturday May 14: 9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

> Sanctuary Lamp Peace in the World



Mother's Day

May God bless all mothers as we honour and appreciates them especially on Mother's Day. Let us also honour Mary, our heavenly Mother, who loves us more than we can ever imagine. As we have received so much love and caring from our own mothers, let us turn more fully to Mary and entrust ourselves to her love for us. The month of May is dedicated to honouring Mary. *As we do something nice for our own mothers, let us also make a special gift to our heavenly Mother, such as an extra rosary, participate in Marian procession, or a visit/pilgrimage to a shrine or church dedicated to Mary.*



ShareLife

ShareLife and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations When you support <u>ShareLife</u>, you help educate our future priests. Through ShareLife, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 60 seminarians at <u>St. Augustine's Seminary</u> and <u>Redemptoris Mater Missionary</u> <u>Seminary</u> in this past academic year.

Thus far our parish has raised \$13,533.75 toward our goal of \$48,000. If you haven't yet contributed, please make your sacrificial gift through the parish office or at <u>sharelife.org</u>.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!



Prayer for the Unborn

Holy Mother of God, we praise God in you for His gift to you of your Immaculate Conception.

Mother of the innocents, we beg you to protect all mothers of the unborn and the children within their wombs. We pray to your Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart for all mothers and all unborn children that they may find comfort and peace through your Son, Jesus Christ, and have a life here on Earth and by the Most Precious Blood shed by your Son that they may have eternal life with him in heaven.

O help of Christians we plead with you for your help to end the holocaust of abortion. Look down with mercy upon us and melt the hearts of our people so that life may be revered! Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and the breakdown of family life.

O Merciful Mother we also pray for all abortionists and supporters of abortion that they may be converted and accept your Son, Jesus Christ, as their Lord and Saviour. Give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new culture of life. May Christ the King reign over us, our families, cities, provinces, nations, and the whole of humanity.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Protectress of the Unborn, Pray for us.

Prayer for the Unborn leading to the March for Life, May 12th

<u>Beginning Wednesday May 4, until Wednesday May 11</u>, Fr. Steven will lead us in prayer for the unborn and for expectant mothers after the homily at all Masses. Let us do our part to stop the killing of the unborn and join Fr. Steven in praying for an end to abortion. <u>Copies of</u> <u>the prayer</u> will be at the back of the church. You can take a copy when entering the church for Mass.



Novena to St. Anthony

The online Novena to St. Anthony is <u>on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm</u>. The <u>Zoom link</u> is posted on our parish website. The online Novena will continue every Tuesday, leading up to the Feast of St. Anthony. *We will not be having our usual Tuesday evening Masses, even though the churches are open, so that more people can participate in the online Novena.* You are welcome to write your intentions on a slip of paper and leave it in the basket by St. Anthony's statue. The intentions will be blessed and offered up every Tuesday during the Novena.



Live Streaming of Sunday 10:30 am Mass Please note that the <u>Sunday 10:30 am Mass</u> 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.



Why Christianity?

Do you have tough questions about the Christian faith, or have been asked difficult questions about your faith? <u>Consider attending this series of talks</u> where we will explore issues such as the existence of God, the historicity of Jesus, and other related topics. Each session will be on Monday evenings, every other week and is structured around a talk, small-group discussions, Q&A and a bit of socializing. This series is open to everyone. If you've been having questions about the Christian faith or just want to know more, then this series is the perfect venue to ask questions and discuss with like-minded people. Talks will be given by Luis Dizon, our Lay Pastoral Associate. The in-person talks will begin at 7:00 pm at St. Aidan's Church Hall, <u>and will also be live-streamed for those not able to attend in person</u>. The next talk will be on Monday, May 16 at 7:00 pm in the St. Aidan's Parish Hall. The topic is: Is the Bible Trustworthy?



Online Movie Night: Saturday, May 7, 7:00 pm

We will take a small break from the Life of St. Teresa and we will be watching the docu-drama **<u>Bridge of Roses</u>**. This movie looks at the history of Our Lady of the Cape and various miracles that took place and how devotion to the rosary helped revive the faith of many Catholics. Please join us for this online event. <u>The link</u> will be on our parish website.



Out of the Cold Program to feed the poor

There is a growing population of those who have no home to go to each night. This is not just a downtown problem. Scarborough is faced with a growing number of our neighbours who are homeless, socially isolated or living in precarious housing situations. <u>Agincourt Community</u> <u>Services Association</u> (ACSA) is an outreach program that provides some meals, counselling, showers and more. ACSA is in need of some help. We have an opportunity to help them by providing sandwiches and salads to feed the homeless. This sandwich making is done by a different group each weekend. <u>June 4th</u> is St. Aidan's weekend to step up. If you would like to volunteer to help make sandwiches, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby. All ingredients will be supplied. Just bring your enthusiasm and humbly submit doing what Jesus asked us to do, *"Feed the Hungry."* <u>This will take place on Saturday morning, June 4th</u> from 9:45 am to 10:45 am in the parish hall.



Our Lady of the Cape Pilgrim Statue

A replica of the statue is coming to our parish on <u>Friday, May 20</u>. <u>Our Lady of the Cape</u> is the principal Marian Shrine in Canada, due to the miracles that have taken place there. Take advantage of this opportunity to pray to, and honour, Our Lady of the Cape. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with a talk, and praying of the rosary. After the 7:30 Mass, we will have a procession and crowning of Our Lady's statue. Blessed rose petals will be distributed after Mass along with a small dinner box.

YOUNG ROSARY PRAYER WARRIORS OF CANADA & LEGION OF MARY OF ST. AIDAN'S PARISH PRESENTS Our Lady of Falima Resary Procession Social Potluck Celebration ATURDAY MAY 14TH, 2022 6PM ST. AIDAN'S PARISH 3501 FINCH AVE EAST SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO BRING A FRIEND OR TWO! EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Outdoor Marian Procession and Potluck Dinner

We will have an outdoor Marian Procession on Saturday May 14th, right after the 5:00 pm Mass. This event to honour Our Lady of Fatima is being organized by the <u>Legion of Mary</u> and the <u>Young Rosary Prayer Warriors</u>. We will pray and sing Immaculate Mary while we process around the church and school. There will be a Potluck Reception in the Hall after the procession. Some games will also be available in the hall after people have eaten. If you would like to bring some food to share with others, we welcome your contributions. We hope that you can join us for this faith-filled witness to our devotion to Our Lady.



Living Rosary

The month of May is dedicated to honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary. <u>The Legion of Mary</u> of our parish have organized a Living Rosary and Crowning of Our Lady to take place at St. <u>Aidan's Church on Saturday May 7th at 4:00 pm</u>. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend and participate.



The Catholic Women's League of Canada St. Aidan Council's FOOD BANK PROJECT

Runs from February 13, 2022 - June 30, 2022

"... Teach us to share with others at home and abroad, the good things You have given us." (From *The League Prayer*)

Parishioners are invited to participate in this project to boost the supplies at local food banks. Please consider picking up a few extra items from the list below during your regular grocery shopping to donate to this food project.

Please drop off your food items in the bins placed for this purpose in the church lobby.

Note that we are only collecting non-perishable items.



Food suggestions: (choose low sodium, low sugar, and high fibre options when possible).

- peanut butter
- canned soup
- canned fruit
- canned vegetables
- canned stew
- canned fish
- canned beans
- pasta sauce
- pasta (preferably whole grain)
- rice (preferably brown rice)
- cookies
- crackers
- oatmeal



Support our local food banks

Please consider bringing in non-perishable food items to help support our local food banks. **This initiative will continue until June 30th** and has been organized by the <u>Catholic Women's</u> <u>League of Canada of our parish</u>. There is a bin just outside the **Gift Shop** where you can drop off your items. It will be emptied every Sunday. Thank you for your contribution to help the poor.





May 8, 2022 - Appointed to Eternal Life – By Luis Dizon (<u>Click here for the reading</u>)

Acts 13-14 chronicles the first of Paul's missionary journeys, where he travels around Cyprus and Asia Minor to spread the Gospel. In each city he enters, he always goes to the Jewish community first, as we see in our reading. This is in accordance with his policy of preaching the Gospel *"to the Jew first"* (*Rom. 1:16*). His message to them focuses on how God's salvific history as found in the Hebrew Bible finds its culmination in the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus (*Acts 13:26-41*).

When he preaches this message in the synagogues, he often encounters intense hostility from the Jews, as his message of a crucified Messiah ran counter to their expectations of what the Messiah would be like. Paul would later write about how the majority of the Jews hardened their hearts against Christ, and why God would allow this to happen (*Rom. 9-11*).

After this, Paul quotes <u>Isaiah 49:6</u>, which speaks of God's servant bringing salvation to the ends of the earth. After this, Paul went out and preached to the Gentiles of the city, and as verse 48 states, *"as many as were appointed to eternal life believed."* This highlights how despite Jewish opposition, the word of God did not go forth empty but accomplished the task for which it went out, namely the conversion of souls **(cf. Isa. 55:10-11)**. It also shows how God's plan of salvation is now being extended to non-Jews as well.

This story is a great example of how evangelization works. When we proclaim the Gospel, we often encounter opposition from people. However, there will always be some who are receptive to the Gospel, and it is for their sake that we speak the word. Our job is not to convince others to believe, but to proclaim the message. As Paul wrote, *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth"* (1 Cor. 3:6).



St. Vincent de Paul

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The month of May is associated with devotion to Mary, our loving Mother. Like Mary, let us endeavour to understand the concern and feeling of those with whom we live and work, especially our less fortunate brethren and bring God's love and kindness to those around us.

Telephone: 647-772-1319 <u>www.svdptoronto.org/</u>



It's that time of the year...Yes...The Summer Camps!!! Marygrove Camp: for Girls: ages 5 - 13 Camp Ozanan: for Boys: ages 7 - 12 (These camps are for the Less Fortunate Children of our Parish.) For camp dates and more information, please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's phone: 647-772-1319. Let us pray in Gratitude to Mary, the model of Mothers for all mothers and mothers-to-be. Wishing all Mothers....a Happy Mothers Day!



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