# St. Aidan Church

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## St. Aidan Roman Catholic Church

### Pentecost MASS INTENTIONS June 5, 2022

#### Saturday June 4:

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving of Maria Cherie Marla Zupan Jasmine Phillips Andrew Rodricks + Lucia Sanchez + Alvin Salvador + Louisa Cheng + Antonina Sidoti + Nick Wolkowski

Sunday June 5: 9:00 am + Antonino & Giovanna Sinscalco 10:30 am + Aloysius Kar On Leung 12:00 pm Pro-Populo

> Monday June 6: 9:00 am + Carmelle Harrison

Tuesday June 7: 9:00 am + Rosalinda Mendes

Wednesday June 8: 7:30 pm Henry Lokwa-Ekina & Family

Thursday June 9: 9:00 am Rev. Fr. Steven Szakaczki

Friday June 10: 9:30 am Celebrant's Intention 7:30 pm + Ben Dante Mino & Marie Colombe Mino

> Saturday June 11: 9:00 am Celebrant's Intention



## Meet and Greet June 18/19, 2022

St. Aidan's Social Committee is pleased to invite you to a **"Meet & Greet**" <u>in the Parish Hall</u> on the weekend of <u>Saturday June 18th and Sunday</u> <u>June 19th after all Masses</u>.

We will be celebrating four auspicious occasions:

- 1. The most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
- 2. Fr. Steven's Birthday (June 19)
- 3. All fathers in our lives (Father's Day)
- 4. To welcome our new deacon, Peter Lee

There will be a <u>Corpus Christi Procession in the church parking lot</u> after the 12:00 noon <u>Mass</u>.

Later, the "Meet & Greet" will take place in the hall.



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#### Let's show we care on Sharelife Sunday

This weekend is the final ShareLife Sunday of the year. But ShareLife is more than a collection. It's how we a community say "we care." In solidarity with Catholics throughout the Archdiocese, we provide a witness of God's love by actively supporting those in need locally and in the greater world.

*Our goal this year is \$48,000. To date we have achieved \$15,452.40.* If you have not done so, please give generously during this special collection or at <u>sharelife.org</u>. Thank you for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign.



#### **Obligation to attend Sunday Masses Regularly**

On March 13 2020, Cardinal Collins issued a dispensation from Sunday Mass due to the Covid restrictions. *Given that most of the health and safety restrictions in our parishes are no longer in place and the faithful are able to attend the celebration of the Eucharist once again, the basis for the dispensation from the Sunday obligation has dissipated and is no longer in effect.* As Catholics, we are obligated to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation Masses, but the Church does not obligate people to do the impossible. If individuals, based on their conscience, cannot attend Mass for a grave reason, including a great vulnerability to COVID-19 or because they are self-isolating to limit the spread of illness, then they are excused from their Sunday obligation, as the law of the Church allows. After two years of COVID-19 restrictions, many may have been deprived of the opportunity to attend Mass and to receive the most Holy Eucharist and all of us have missed the opportunity to experience community, including members of our parishes. <u>As we come to the celebration of Pentecost this weekend, we invite and encourage all the faithful to return to the practice of attending Mass in-person.</u>



Online Movie Night: Saturday, June 11, 7:00 pm

We will be watching the sixth part of a mini series on the Life of St. Teresa of Avila, a great mystic and a Doctor of the Church. You will be inspired by her life of struggle, determination, and complete trust in God. The series is in Spanish with English subtitles. <u>The link</u> for the Movie Night will be on our parish website. Join us from the comfort of your home. We usually have very good discussions after each showing.



New Deacon for St. Aidan's Parish

As you may be aware Deacon Mark Neugebauer has been very weak and ill due to Covid. He will not be able to return to active ministry. Please continue to pray for him. A new Deacon, **Peter Lee**, will be assigned to our parish. **He will be ordained as a deacon on June 18th**. *Please pray for him and his ministry at St. Aidan's*.



Knights of Columbus Annual Election

**This will be held June 6th. It will be held online starting at 7:15 pm.** All Knights of Columbus are invited, and we'd like as many Knights as possible to be present. The link to the meeting has been sent to you via email. If you haven't received it, please contact the <u>Grand Knight</u>.



*Confirmation* The Confirmation Mass will be on Sunday June 5th at 3:00 pm.



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

#### St. Aidan's Digital Ministry Live-Streaming



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.



Bundle-up Weekend: June 4th and 5th

The <u>St. Vincent de Paul</u> container will be in the parking lot on these dates. Looking forward for your support. Please do not put furniture, electrical appliances, books or mattresses in the truck. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



#### Email Scams

There are fake emails being circulated pretending to be Chancery staff or parish clergy and soliciting donations in the form of gift cards and other items. These are fraudulent emails sent by criminals. Clergy and staff at the Archdiocese of Toronto and its parishes and missions do not solicit gifts by asking someone in an email to purchase gift cards. Do not reply to these emails, as an increased reply rate encourages more fake emails. If in doubt, contact sender by some alternate means such as <u>emailing or calling</u> the parish or chancery office associated with the sender.



#### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Happy the merciful who give to those in need - (Psalm 112).

As Jesus' ministry on earth is now complete and He goes to join His Father, He gives us a gift - "Peace". Peace is Jesus' gift to us. This gift is wrapped in the challenge of loving service, compassion and concern for those around us. We are called to share 'peace' with our less fortunate brethren of our community by serving them with humility, gentleness, compassion and love. Thank you for your generous contribution to the **POOR BOX**.

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#### Marygrove Girls Camp

**On the weekend of June 11 & 12**, there will be a second collection for <u>Marygrove Girls Camp</u> run by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Each year, over 1,000 young girls with financial or domestic hardship enjoy a subsidized joyful camping experience at Marygrove. Please give generously to support this important initiative.



Why Christianity? What About Other Religions?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith, or have difficulty defending your faith? Join <u>us for our next talk</u>. Each session will be on Monday evening, and is structured around a talk, small-group discussions, Q&A and a bit of socializing. These talks are open to everyone.

Invite your non believing friends. 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 Parish Hall, <u>and will also be live-</u> <u>streamed for those not able to attend in person.</u> The next talk will be on Monday, June 6 at 7:00 pm in the St. Aidan's Parish Hall. The topic is: What About Other Religions?



Who, or what are you dressing for?

Our Catholic tradition is that we <u>dress up nice for Sunday Mass</u>. This may be somewhat uncomfortable for some people, but we do it to honour Our Eucharistic Lord. If you had a meeting or gathering with the Queen of England, would you dress for comfort, or to appeal to the opposite sex? Would you appear as if you were going to the beach or to the park? The Queen of England is as nothing compared to the King of Kings, Jesus Christ, truly present in every Catholic Church. If we make our Sunday Mass attendance an occasion to celebrate our meeting with Jesus, and we do it with great dignity, including how we dress, then God will bless our efforts to honour Him and we will be a good example to those around us.



Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary

The **Rosary Confraternity** is a spiritual association that forms a union of hundreds of thousands of faithful throughout the world who, along with their intentions, include the intentions and needs of all its members while they in turn pray for you. St. John Vianney once said, "If anyone has the happiness of being in the **Confraternity of the Rosary**, he has in all corners of the world brothers and sisters who pray for him." To join, go to the website <u>www.RosaryBridge.com</u>.



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. You are welcome to write your intentions on a slip of paper and leave it in the basket by St. Anthony's statue in our church. The intentions will be blessed and offered up every Tuesday during the Novena, <u>which will continue until the Feast of St. Anthony, June 13</u>.

# **Feast of St. Anthony**

# Will be celebrated on Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Mass at 12:00 noon



Followed by Blessing of children, Bread and Procession

Lunch Boxes and Bread will be distributed after the Procession

To avoid the spread of COVID we **Request you Not to Please bring any Food or Bread** 

**Donations for bread and food will be appreciated** Kindly drop your donation in the donation box located in front of St. Anthony's statue.

> Need more information? Contact George Fernandes 416-493-0016

St. Anthony's Feast will be celebrated on Sunday, June 12 with a Mass at 12 noon followed by blessing of bread and children. After Mass, there will be a procession, followed by distribution of lunch boxes and bread. Please do not bring any bread or food. Donations to cover the cost of bread and food will be appreciated. Kindly drop your offering in the donation box located in front of St. Anthony's statue. Parishioners, family and friends are welcome. <u>On</u> the Feast Day, Monday, June 13 there will be a Mass at 7:30 pm in Honour of St. Anthony.



#### 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.



#### Plant and Bake Sale

The <u>Catholic Women's League</u> of our Parish will have a <u>Plant Sale and Bake Sale</u> on Saturday June 11, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and a Bake Sale Sunday June 12th after the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses. Donations are welcome: new or gently used pots, gardening tools, soil, plants and baked goods.

#### **Please contact:**

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June 5, 2022 - From Babel to Pentecost - By J. Luis Dizon Click here for the Saturday evening vigil reading Click here for the Sunday reading

Those who attend both the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses during Pentecost may notice that the first reading is different in both. On Saturday evening, the story of Tower of Babel in Genesis 11 is read, while the Pentecost narrative from Acts 2 is read on Sunday. The use of two different readings is significant once one uncovers the connection between both.

In the Babel story, the people construct a tower (known in ancient times as a Ziggurat), which they believe will enable them to reach God directly. They also hope by this to create a name for themselves. God, seeing the worldly ambition and wicked intentions behind this plan, frustrates the building of the tower by making the builders unable to understand one another. Whereas before they all spoke one common language, afterwards they no longer had this common language. Thus, they were unable to continue working towards this tower, and dispersed into different nations.

Fast forward the Pentecost, and we see the Holy Spirit granting Jesus' disciples the ability to speak different languages, in accordance with Joel 2:28-32, where God declares that He will send His Spirit upon all flesh. This gift enables them to speak to all the different nations assembled in Jerusalem for the feast. They are all able to understand the disciples' preaching, and this causes the Gospel to spread throughout the world, uniting believers into one body from *"every tribe and language and people and nation"* (*Rev. 5:9*).

Pentecost, therefore, is a reversal of Babel. At Babel, God divides the people into different nations by confusing their language. At Pentecost. God uses the miraculous imparting of languages to unite the different nations into one people: His Church. Unlike at Babel, the Church is not united by any earthly idea or thing, but by the Holy Spirit. This task of uniting the nations will continue until, in the words of Revelation, *"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."* (*Rev. 11:5*)



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