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SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES	PARISH STAFF Fr. Steven Szakaczki - Pastor Deacon Peter Lee - Deacon Assistant Luis Dizon - Lay Pastoral Associate Rose Ylagan - Secretary Keith Brako - Custodian
Saturday - 5:00 pm (vigil)	OFFICE HOURS
Sunday - 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday until 12:30 pm
WEEKDAY MASSES	(Also after Sunday Masses in the Gift Shop.)
Monday and Tuesday - 9:00 am	DEVOTIONS
Wednesday - 7:30 pm	SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Thursday - 9:00 am	Friday Devotions - 7:00 pm, Mass - 7:30 pm
Friday - (Ad Orientem Mass) 9:30 am	OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
Adoration after 9:00 am Mass until 12:30 pm	Wednesday - 7:30 pm
(Ad Orientem Mass) 7:30 pm	ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT
Adoration from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm Mass	After the 9:30 am Friday Ad Orientem Mass, with Adoration
Saturday - 9:00 am	until 12:30 pm, and again from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM	(before the 7:30 pm Ad Orientem Mass).
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Ne invite you to become involved in our Parish Ministries.

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS January 22, 2023

Saturday January 21:

5:00 pm Rose Marie Zupan In Thanksgiving of Ignes Pereira & Family In Thanksgiving for Joseph + Aloysia Wiesonari Oentoro + Sam Cardozo + Jack O'Brien **Deceased Members of Ho Family** Holy Souls in Purgatory Sunday January 22: 9:00 am + Armando Sr. & Loreto Lanot 10:30 am + Teresa Koon Lai Wah Leung 12:00 pm Pro-Populo Monday January 23: 9:00 am + Vida Pais **Tuesday January 24:** 9:00 am + Soosipilli Mariasingham Wednesday January 25: 7:30 pm Kevin Omarra **Priests & Bishops** + Emmanuel Chung + Wong Wai Hing + Mary, Sebastian, Antony + Aguilino Millo Sr. + Ceasar Alphonso **Thursday January 26:** 9:00 am + Ignatius M. Mendes Friday January 27: 9:30 am Celebrant's Intention 7:30 pm + Chui-Ying Wong-Michael Chan Saturday January 28: 9:00 am Celebrant's Intentions



A new way to donate online to St. Aidan's for our parishioners and visitors who regularly attend our Masses to donate to our parish. Just scan the **QR Code** with your cell phone.



Vocation Seeds

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, **contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/



Thank you Knights of Columbus for Hall Curtains

Hopefully most people have noticed that the blinds in the hall were deteriorating. The new curtains in the parish hall have been paid by the Knights of Columbus. This was a long-term project of the knights and we are grateful for all the work they put into this and for their financial contribution. If you are an adult male we encourage you to get more involved in our parish. Consider joining the <u>Knights of Columbus</u> to undertake charitable works to benefit all our parishioners.



CELEBRATING THEIR ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES TO ...



St. Aidan Parish will celebrate Marriage Sunday at the 12:00 P.M. Mass on Sunday February 12, 2023.
Married couples celebrating their wedding anniversary milestone -25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60th+ wedding anniversary will be honoured at the Mass.



Marriage Sunday

St. Aidan Parish will celebrate <u>Marriage Sunday</u> at the 12 o'clock Mass on Sunday February 12, 2023. All married couples will receive special blessing. Couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, and 60 plus wedding anniversary will be honoured at Mass. "Milestone" couples attending are required to register by calling Aggie Gomez at 416-292-5707 no later than February 6th, 2023 <u>OR</u> register with CWL members in the foyer after Mass.



Valentine's Dinner and Dance

St. Aidan's Knights of Columbus are organizing Valentine Dinner & Dance on **Saturday February 11, at 6:30 pm**. Please check information in the foyer, where you can also buy your tickets at \$40.00 per person.



Men Wearing Hats in Church

Please note that out of respect for God men are not permitted to wear hats in church or in the church hall while attending Mass or praying in church. Women are permitted to wear hats, veils or head coverings.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

"St. Vincent never ceased to permeate the spirit of Our Lord into his companions. He summed up the spirit in five fundamental virtues - Simplicity, gentleness, humility, mortification and zeal." God is able to provide us with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, we may share abundantly in every good work. Your generous offering to the <u>POOR BOX</u>, goes a long way. We count on your support, to help the less fortunate in our community. May God bless you and your family abundantly.

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Movie Night

Thanks to the efforts of our CWL and Knights of Columbus our next Movie Night will be on **Saturday January 28, right after the 5:00 pm Mass, starting at 6:15**. We will be showing the first two episodes of Season 3 of The Chosen Series. Even if you have not seen previous episodes you will love these episodes which do an amazing job in depicting the life of Jesus. There is much to learn and discuss regarding these episodes. We encourage you to join us. We will have a group discussion after each episode. Each episode is about an hour long. The Movie Nights are free. We will be selling pizza and popcorn with water for \$5. If you know you will be attending, please register in advance at our Gift Shop so they know how much pizza to order.



New Beginnings Online

New Beginnings ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement. The next online support session will be on **Wednesday January 25th at 7:00 pm**. Register at <u>https://nbbd01.eventbrite.ca</u>.

On **Thursday January 26th at 7:00 pm** there will be a support session for Separated/Divorced individuals. For this you can register at: <u>https://bsdd01.eventbrite.ca</u>.



Newman Centre Faith & Reason Lecture Series: Faith, Reason & Beauty

Guest Speaker Prof. Randy Boyagoda **Thursday, January 26th, 7-9 p.m**. Newman Centre Catholic Mission 89 George St., Toronto. In this lecture, Professor Randy Boyagoda (English Department) argues that the great interest, in recent years, in horror movies is indicative of a suppressed but enduring desire for faith and beauty. Situating his discussion in the context of the Catholic intellectual tradition, Professor Boyagoda makes a case for how to best to cultivate an openness to the transcendent in mundane times. **Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for students - in person & \$20 for virtual attendance.**

CONTACT: Rachelle Ezechiels PHONE: 416-979-2468 ext. 230 EMAIL: <u>rachelle.ezechiels@newmantoronto.com</u> WEBSITE: <u>https://www.newmantoronto.com</u>



Q&A with Luis and Fr. Steven

Do you have questions about our faith but had no opportunity to ask, or were afraid to ask? Our Lay Pastoral Associates and Fr. Steven will answer your questions on **Saturday, February 18th after the 5:00 pm Mass.** This answering session will be in the parish hall and will be about an hour in duration. Light refreshments will be available. A box will be placed in the church where you can deposit your anonymous questions. Recently someone asked about the gold that was offered by the wise men; was the holy family rich?



Extended French Information Night

Parents of children in Grade 4 who would like their children to extend their development in French at <u>Our Lady of Grace Catholic School</u> are invited to attend an information session on **Wednesday February 8th, at 6:30 pm**, in Our Lady of Grace school library. **The address of Our Lady of Grace is 121 Brimwood Blvd., Scarborough.**



Catechism Classes Resume

Our Lay Pastoral Associate, Luis Dizon, will be presenting another talk on the Catechism on Saturday January 21st, right after the 5:00 pm Mass. This talk will be in the Parish Hall and is intended for Catholics who would like to know their faith better. The topic will be "Creation and the Fall". It is highly recommended that you bring a copy of the Bible with you. Light refreshments will be served.



January 22, 2023 - Light out of Darkness (Third Sunday of Ordinary Time) - By J. Luis Dizon

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If the Old Testament reading seems familiar, it is because Isaiah 9 is also the Old Testament reading that was read during Christmas (**Isaiah 9:1-6**). However, this reading includes verse 1, and omits verses 6-7. The omission of verses 6-7 from this reading makes the passage less focused on the child who is to be born, and more on the light and deliverance of God's people, who walk in darkness and will experience a great light.

The inclusion of verse 1 is significant for the geographical references it makes. Naphtali and Zebulun are both northern tribes, which broke away from the southern kingdom of Judah to form the northern kingdom of Israel. Their territory is located around the west side of the Sea of Galilee. At the time this passage was written, they were at war with Judah, which is mentioned in Isaiah 7-8. Because of this, they are painted in the preceding chapters as the antagonists.

Despite this, however, God still has a plan for the northern kingdom. God continued to send prophets to the north (such as Elijah and Amos) right up to when they were taken captive by Assyria. In our reading, Isaiah declares that although the people in the land walk in darkness, they will once again see the light, and turn back towards God.

Finally, there is an interesting reference to "Galilee of the Nations." This refers to the east shore of the Sea of Galilee, which lay beyond the territory of Israel. By naming this territory alongside Zebulun and Naphtali, we are being informed that God's plan of redemption extends beyond Israel to encompass the gentile nations.

This brings us to our Gospel reading (**Matthew 4:12-23**). There, Jesus is shown beginning His public ministry in Galilee, where Zebulun and Naphtali once resided. By quoting Isaiah in connection with Jesus' ministry, Matthew is letting us know that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecy in question. Jesus fulfills Isaiah's prophecy by bringing light, not just to Israel, but to the nations. In order to walk in that light, we must respond to Jesus' call: *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*



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