

St. Aidan Church

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SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES

Saturday - 5:00 pm (vigil)

Sunday - 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday and Tuesday - 9:00 am

Wednesday - 7:30 pm

Thursday - 9:00 am

Friday - (Ad Orientem Mass) 9:30 am

Adoration after 9:30 am Mass until 12:30 pm

(Ad Orientem Mass) 7:30 pm

Adoration from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm Mass

Saturday - 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Fourth Sunday of each month.

Please call the Rectory well in advance for general instruction.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:55 pm and 20 minutes
before every Mass, except Friday evening.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to be married must contact Father
Steven one year in advance. They must also receive
personal preparation for entering into marriage.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Brought to the homebound every Sunday.
Please contact Aggie Gomez at 416-292-5707.

MASS INTENTIONS

See Rose Ylagan at the Gift Shop after all weekend Masses.

LIVE-STREAMING

Sunday 10:30 am Mass.

Can be requested for funerals, weddings, and special events for \$200.

BULLETIN

Notices must be handed in by Tuesday morning.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Aidan Catholic - 3521 Finch Avenue East - Telephone: 416-393-5350
St. Sylvester Catholic - 260 Silver Springs Blvd. - Telephone: 416-393-5373

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

See advertisers at back of bulletin
or call 416-733-8544.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Steven Szakaczki - *Pastor*

Peter Lee - *Deacon*

Luis Dizon - *Lay Pastoral Associate*

Rose Ylagan - *Secretary*

Keith Brako - *Custodian*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday until 12:30 pm
(Also after Sunday Masses in the Gift Shop.)

DEVOTIONS

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Friday Devotions - 7:00 pm, Mass - 7:30 pm

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday - 7:30 pm

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

After the 9:30 am Friday Ad Orientem Mass, with Adoration
until 12:30 pm, and again from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm
(before the 7:30 pm Ad Orientem Mass).

MINISTRIES

Altar - Marie Saldanha - 416-491-9876

Altar Servers - Brenda Fernandes - 647-352-2756

Baptism - Fr. Steven Szakaczki - 416-494-2704

Bible Study - Maurino Alphonso - 416-564-6471

Children's Program - Phillip Francis - 416-754-8417

Counters - Gwen Faustin - 647-300-9551

Eucharistic Ministers - Aggie Gomez - 416-292-5707

Faith Sharing Group - Maurino Alphonso - 416-564-6471

First Holy Communion/Confirmation - Fr. Steven Szakaczki - 416-494-2704

Hospitality - George Fernandes - 416-493-0016

Lectors - Sandra Lloret - 416-878-3012

Marriage Preparation - Wilfred/Aggie Gomez - 416-292-5707

Procession Coordinator - George Fernandes - 416-493-0016

R.C.I.A. (Converts) - Fr. Steven Szakaczki - 416-494-2704

ShareLife/The Shepherds' Trust - Artimizia Tellis - 416-491-3937

Social Committee - George Fernandes - 416-493-0016

Twelve Noon Choir - Franz Braganza - 647-273-0495

Volunteers' Screening - Bettina Geniza - 416-495-0701

Youth Ministry - Luis Dizon - 647-862-6717

SOCIETY LEADERS

Catholic Women's League - Artimizia Tellis - 416-491-3937

Knights of Columbus - Aris Dometita, GK - 647-961-2449

Legion of Mary - Marie J. Wo Kai Sang - 647-248-1762

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Gwen Faustin - 647-300-9551

We welcome all new parishioners! Please register at the Gift Shop after all the weekend Masses.

We invite you to become involved in our Parish Ministries.

(NOTE: CLICKABLE LINKS provided in the online bulletin graphics.)

St. Aidan Roman Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

February 5, 2023

Saturday February 4:

5:00 pm Rogelio Escorpeso Jr.

+ Collin Vaz

+ Corina Joseph

+ Crazlas Murzello

+ Nie Tjioe Go

+ Rosa Loong

+ Sarah Velasco

+ Zenith Kwok Yuen Wah

+ Keith Williamson

+ Victoria Yaremko

Sunday February 5:

9:00 am Deceased Members of McDermott Family

10:30 am Deceased Members of Patterson and Nugara Family

12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Monday February 6:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family

Tuesday February 7:

9:00 am + Antony Sithampari

Wednesday February 8:

7:30 pm Blessings for Booth, Gordon, and Walker Families

Dave & Bonnie Weir

+ Philip D'Souza

+ Nevielle Pereira

+ Fr. Edwin Sandra

+ Dane Christopher Chung

Thursday February 9:

9:00 am + Lorenzo Sr. & Belen Merin

Friday February 10:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

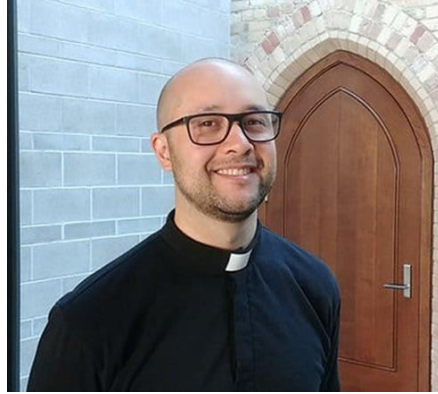
7:30 pm + Clara & Charlaine Pereira

Saturday February 11:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intentions



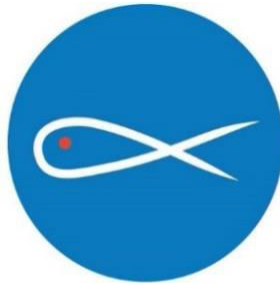
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Vocation Seeds

"You are the light of the world." Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, **contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

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



St. Vincent de Paul

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*"We should assist the **poor** in every way and do it both by ourselves and by enlisting the help of others. To do this is to preach the gospel by words and work" - St. Vincent de Paul.* With a grateful heart and generous spirit, respond to those in need, in a more compassionate and meaningful way, by doing '**extra**' and as a community, care for our **neighbor-in-need**, who need us most. Please remember the **POOR BOX** on your way out of the Church. May the Good Lord bless you for your kind generosity.

Thank you to all who prepared the "**Thunder & Lightning**" casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre.



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

INVITES MARRIED COUPLES
CELEBRATING THEIR ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES TO ...

Celebrate Marriage Sunday

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.



A Celebration of Marriage



*"Marriage is a precious sign, for when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of marriage,
God is, as it were, 'mirrored' in them;
He impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love.
Marriage is the icon of God's love for us."
From Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia*



"Milestone" married couples attending please register by February 6, 2023

CONTACTS FOR INQUIRIES AND TO REGISTER

AGGIE GOMEZ
416-292-5707

MAY TICSAY
416-854-5193

ARTIMIZIA TELLIS
416-491-3937

Marriage Sunday

St. Aidan Parish will celebrate **Marriage Sunday** 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 OR 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.



Clapping in Church

Please do not clap after singers are finished singing or guest speakers are finished giving their talks. The church is not a place of entertainment with a stage for performers. **The church is a place of prayer; the house of God.** If you wish to thank singers or guest speakers, please thank them personally after Mass. The only time clapping might be allowed in church is after candidates for Confirmation or RCIA are introduced.



Legacy Gifts to Any Part of the Archdiocese

If you have included your parish or favourite archdiocesan charity in your will or estate plan, please let us know. Through the **Legacy Society of the Archdiocese of Toronto**, we would like to say a special thank you. All Legacy Society members are invited to the Annual Legacy Lunch and Mass by the Archdiocese of Toronto. They also receive:

- A hand-crafted cross blessed by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins.
- A personal letter from Cardinal Collins and a certificate acknowledging your intention.
- Invitations to Legacy Society functions and other special events.

Let your legacy be a testament of your faith! All Legacy Society members have the option of remaining anonymous. If you have any questions, please contact Development office at **development@archtoronto.org** or **416-934-3400 ext. 519**.



The World Day of Prayer

This is a global ecumenical movement, which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer. Each year, a different host country prepares the content, highlighting its culture and regional justice issues. This year the prayer is written by the Taiwanese Women, "[I Have Heard About Your Faith](#)" Ephesians 1:15-19. This year the host parish is St. Aidan. **All parishioners are cordially invited for the prayer service on Tuesday February 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm.**



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?

33rd Annual



Sponsored by

**St. Augustine's Seminary
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to be held on

**Thursday,
March 9, 2023**

at the:

**Pearson Convention Center
2638 Steeles Avenue East,
Brampton, Ontario L6T 4L7
Telephone: (905) 494-0444**

located at the northwest corner of
Steeles and Airport Road, Brampton
(very close to Highway 407 exit
at Airport Road)

Reception at 5:00 p.m.

**Program commences at
6:15 pm SHARP**

The Ordinandi Dinner

This dinner for the eight deacons soon to be ordained priests will be held on **Thursday March 9th**. The CWL, and other Catholic communities of the Archdiocese of Toronto celebrate their vocation by showing support with a **Spiritual Bouquet** which comprises prayers, Masses, Adorations, etc. You can participate in this celebration in any category **by filling the form provided by the CWL members in the foyer and return to them or email Aggie Gomez (aggiewilfred@bell.net) by Tuesday February 21, 2023.**



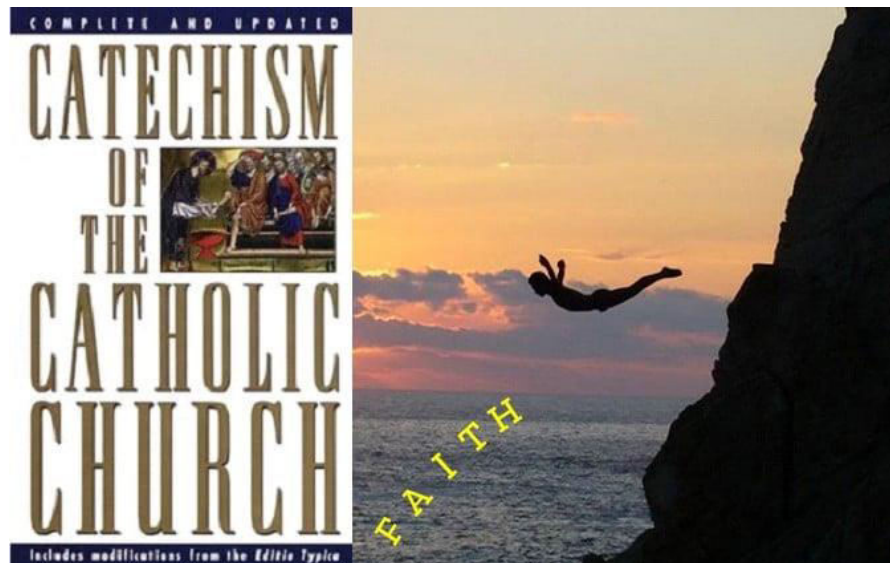
Spiritus East Young Adult Ministry (Ages 19-35)

"Going Deeper: Talking to God as a friend."

Talk // Adoration // Fellowship

Like any relationship, our relation with God needs to be experienced as a dialogue. Depending where we are at in our spiritual life, do we experience God as a friend? Through understanding St. Alphonsus' method of 'Mental Prayer', we will go deeper into the heart of God by meeting Him deeper in our hearts. **Join us as we hear a talk by Fr. Santo Arrigo C.Ss.R. and come together for Adoration on Wednesday, February 8th at 7 pm, held at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish (2210 Lawrence Ave. E.). See you there and bring a friend!**

For more information or to get involved **please contact Samantha Goh, Eastern Region Young Adult Minister, at spiritusvia@ocytoronto.org or 416-599-7676**



Catechism Classes

Our **Lay Pastoral Associate, Luis Dizon**, will be presenting another "**Learning the Faith**" catechism class on **Saturday, February 4th, at 6:30 pm (right after the 5:00 pm Mass)**. The topic will be "**The Person and Work of Jesus Christ**". Light refreshments will be served. Please bring a Bible if you can.



Youth Fellowship February 3rd

The next **Youth Fellowship** gathering will be on **Friday, February 3rd, 6:00 pm at the meeting room**. We are starting a new study series on the major stories of the Bible. Everyone ages 13-24 is invited!

[For more information](#), contact Luis Dizon at 647-862-6717 or **luis.dizon@mail.utoronto.ca**.

Missal Reflections

Reflections on Weekly Missal Readings by J. Luis Dizon

February 5, 2023 - The God of Justice (Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time) - By J. Luis Dizon

[Click here for this Sunday's Reading](#)

In order to fully appreciate this Sunday's reading from Isaiah, it's worth reading [the whole of chapter 58](#), as the 6 verses preceding the reading provide important context for the reading. In Isaiah 58:6, God refers to acts of justice as the "*fast that I choose*," because in verses 1-5, He chastises His people for the hypocritical way in which they will engage in religious acts such as fasting and prayer, yet fight amongst themselves and ignore the plight of the poor. Thus God says that their acts of piety are of no avail to them:

Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?'

*Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.*

*Behold, you fast only to quarrel
and to fight and to hit with wicked fist.*

Fasting like yours this day

will not make your voice to be heard on high. (Isaiah 58:3-4)

Instead of this hypocritical religiosity, God extols His people to act justly towards their neighbour, especially the poor among them. In Catholic social teaching, this is what we refer to as the corporal works of mercy: To feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, ransom the captive, and bury the dead.

These works of mercy do not replace fasting and prayer, however, nor make them unnecessary. It is important for the life of the believer to have both, because piety without justice is hypocritical, whereas justice without piety is godlessness. This is the essence of Jesus' teaching in the Gospel reading, when He commands us to be salt and light (**Matthew 5:13-16**). It also accords with the teaching of St. James, who says:

If any one thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:26-27)

Thus, this passage teaches us that our God is a God of justice. He demands not merely ceremonial acts of piety, but a piety that is expressed in justice for those in need. This is the essence of true religion, and the surest sign that ours is a living faith.



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