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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

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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

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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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS February 12, 2023

Saturday February 11:

5:00 pm Rogelio Escorpeso Jr.

In Thanksgiving of Balagtas and Geniza Families

- + Christina Beharysingh
 - + Rowena Locson
 - + Nie Tjioe Go
- + Nazario & Gregoria Calingasan
 - + Ferdinand D'Souza
 - + Ken Lee

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday February 12:

9:00 am + Maria Olga de Souza

10:30 am In Thanksgiving of Pais Family

12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Monday February 13:

9:00 am + Guillerma & Aurelio Rabena

Tuesday February 14:

9:00 am + Anthony Aruljothy

Wednesday February 15:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Lisa Lanoy

- + Ely & Danny Sanchez
- + Emmanuel Cheung
 - + Noel Geniza

Thursday February 16:

9:00 am + Mary Castelino

Friday February 17:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm + Julian Vasquez Sr.

Saturday February 18:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp

In Thanksgiving



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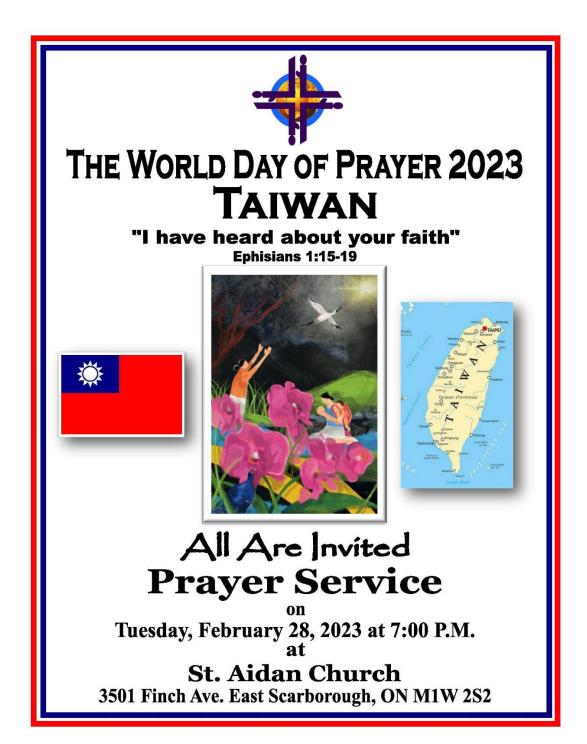
"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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



<u>ShareLife</u>

Thank you for your generous contributions to our ShareLife Campaign for 2022. Our total collected was \$57,768.45. We exceeded our goal of \$48,000 by 120.4%. May God reward you for your generosity and for all the charitable works that you have made possible through the numerous agencies supported by ShareLife. A thank you letter from the Cardinal has been posted on our bulletin board and on our website.



International World Day of Prayer

Everyone is invited to attend this <u>World Day of Prayer</u> which will take place <u>at St. Aidan's</u> on **Tuesday February 28th at 7:00 pm**. This event is a yearly event encouraging everyone but especially women to be more prayerful and more united in addressing many unfortunate social issues around the world. The focus for this year is the country of Taiwan and Ephesians 1:15-19 "I Have Heard About Your Faith".



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.



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 This Weekend

Congratulations to all the couples celebrating Milestone Wedding Anniversaries. May the good Lord bless them and all married couples and may they be a witness to all of us of the beauty and power of enduring love.



Lenten Resolutions

Every Catholic is called to strengthen their spiritual life during the season of Lent. We should all make reasonable but challenging resolutions in three areas of our lives; our prayer life, self-denial, and charitable works. Pick something for each of these three that you can reasonably do for the entire period of Lent, but something that will have good level of challenge or difficulty. Keep in mind that your penances, or resolutions, should not be a burden to others.

Some suggestion examples:

- Pray more,
- Read from New Testament daily,
- Come to Mass to prayerfully prepare,
- Give up sweets,
- Exercise regularly,
- Don't sleep in,
- Take a colder shower,
- Be more helpful around the home,
- Visit or call relatives or old friends,
- Do nice things for others,
- Be more cheerful,
- Befriend someone,
- Give to charitable organizations,
- Be kind and be polite even when you don't feel like it.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

"Not to hurt our humble brethren is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission - to be of service to them whenever they require it"... **St. Francis of Assisi**.

Since you cannot do good to all, you are to pay special attention to those who, by accidents of time, or place, or circumstances, are brought into closer connection with you. Helping our less fortunate brethren is the "gift of sharing" we can experience and have contentment.

The SVP tax receipts for 2022 are available. Please collect it on your way out of the Church from our SVP member, who would be in the foyer. We thank you for your generosity and look forward to your continued support in 2023.

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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.

33rd Annual



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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)

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Program commences at 6:15 pm SHARP

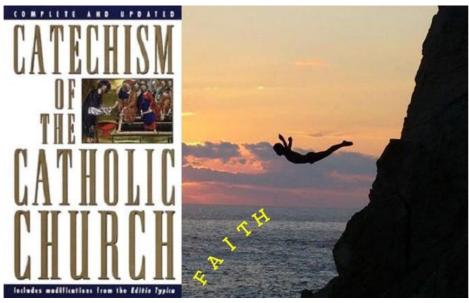
The Ordinandi Dinner

This dinner for 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 of 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.



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?



Catechism Classes

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



Ash Wednesday is on February 22

Ash Wednesday, like Good Friday, is a day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat is binding on those who are 14 and older. The law of fasting is binding on those who are 18 to 59 years of age. The requirement for fasting is that you can have one full meal and two other small meals in such a way that the two meals don't add up to a full meal (and of course, no meat). If required you may drink beverages between meals but not something that is very filling (such as milkshakes).

Mass times for Ash Wednesday are:

- 9:00 am,
- 1:00 pm St. Aidan School Mass (anyone can attend),
- and 7:30 pm (with Perpetual Help devotions).





MEMORANDUM

1 page via e-mail

To: All Clergy, All Parishes, All Chancery

From: Neil MacCarthy, Director, Public Relations & Communications

Date: February 8, 2023

Re: Turkey and Syria Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief

Two devastating earthquakes and hundreds of violent aftershocks in Turkey and Syria have caused great destruction in both countries. As search and rescue operations continue, the latest reports indicate that there are more than 40,000 people injured and the rising death toll has now surpassed 11,000 people.

The disaster began with a 7.8-magnitude earthquake early Monday morning, one of the strongest to hit the region in 100 years, toppled thousands of buildings throughout Turkey and Syria, creating even worse conditions for millions of Syrians already displaced by the ongoing civil war.

Freezing cold weather conditions are complicating rescue operations and adding further risk to survivors

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, CNEWA, and Jesuits International) to support relief efforts underway.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

 $On line through the Archdiocese of Toronto website - \underline{https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contactus/donate-pages/donate-to-turkiye-and-syria-relief/$

- By phone through the Development Office 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Turkey and Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief

(Parishes, please gather funds and send one parish cheque to the Development Office, made out to Archdiocese of Toronto – Turkey and Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief)

Please continue to pray for those who have died and for those displaced because of this tragic disaster in both Turkey and Syria.

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- By phone through the Development Office 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish Turkey and Syria
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(Parishes, please gather funds and send one parish cheque to the Development Office, made out to Archdiocese of Toronto – Turkey and Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief). Please continue to pray for those who have died and for those displaced because of this tragic disaster in both Turkey and Syria.



Youth Fellowship

Our next youth fellowship will be on **Friday, February 17th, at 6 PM.** We will be meeting at the Knights of Columbus Meeting Room. We will be continuing our walk through the major stories of the Bible, so please bring a Bible with you. There will be opportunities for questions, games and snacks. New members are invited to attend, and be sure to bring a friend with you. Anyone between the ages of 13 and 24 are welcome to participate.

For more information, contact Luis Dizon at 647-862-6717 or luis.dizon@mail.utoronto.ca.



February 12, 2023 - Choosing the Good (Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time) - By J. Luis Dizon

Click here for the reading

Although this week's missal reading from Sirach Chapter 15 only covers verses 15-20, it is worth reading <u>verses 11-14</u> as well, since they provide some important context for this reading. This passage of Sirach is important because it presents to us the view of free will that predominated ancient Judaism, and which informed the authors of the New Testament.

Both free will and predestination are taught in Scripture, but how to relate the two is a complicated matter, and different theologians have resolved the issues in different ways. Nevertheless, some definite boundaries are definitely established for us. On the one hand, the necessity of grace and our inability to believe or do any good apart from it is affirmed. For example, St. Paul tells us that faith is something that is granted to us by God (**Philippians 1:29**),

and that nobody can say that Jesus is Lord apart from the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3). Jesus Himself says that nobody can come to Him unless the Father draws him (John 6:44, 65). The Church has condemned the idea that anyone can come to God unaided by grace, first in the *Council of Orange* (529), and then in the *Council of Trent* (1547). As those two councils teach:

If anyone maintains that some are able to come to the grace of baptism by mercy but others through free will, which has manifestly been corrupted in all those who have been born after the transgression of the first man, it is proof that he has no place in the true faith. For he denies that the free will of all men has been weakened through the sin of the first man, or at least holds that it has been affected in such a way that they have still the ability to seek the mystery of eternal salvation by themselves without the revelation of God. (*Council of Orange*, canon 8)

If any one saith, that the grace of God, through Jesus Christ, is given only for this, that man may be able more easily to live justly, and to merit eternal life, as if, by free will without grace, he were able to do both, though hardly indeed and with difficulty; let him be anathema. (*Council of Trent*, Session VI, canon 2)

On the other hand, the Scriptures also teach the necessity of one's free will to cooperate with God's grace. This reading from Sirach is a prime example of this. There are also numerous commands for us to choose the good, which are meaningful only if the one hearing them is able to do something about the command being given. For example:

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live (**Deuteronomy 30:19**)

And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms free-will when it says in the following paragraphs:

God's free initiative demands man's free response, for God has created man in his image by conferring on him, along with freedom, the power to know him and love him. the soul only enters freely into the communion of love. God immediately touches and directly moves the heart of man. He has placed in man a longing for truth and goodness that only he can satisfy. (CCC 2002)

The divine initiative in the work of grace precedes, prepares, and elicits the free response of man. Grace responds to the deepest yearnings of human freedom, calls freedom to cooperate with it, and perfects freedom. (CCC 2022)

Therefore, we affirm both the necessity of grace and the freedom of the will. Scripture and tradition teach both, and while it remains for cleverer minds to work out how the two harmonize with one another, we do not toss one or the other aside, or consider them to be contradictory.



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