

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

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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
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

February 19, 2023

Saturday February 18:

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving of Sugianto & Lissy
Birthday Blessings for Emilio III
and Richard Cano Stella Wong
+ Joseph Loung
+ Thelma Velasco
+ Anthony D'Souza
+ Mary Badali
+ Emilio & Carina Cana
+ Penny Cousard
+ Tyre Nicholas

Sunday February 19:

9:00 am + Vicente & Fe Castaneda

10:30 am + Aloysius Kar On Leung

12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Monday February 20:

9:00 am + Theresa Quadros

Tuesday February 21:

9:00 am + Rosaliney Iruthayaraji

Wednesday February 22: Ash Wednesday

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

1:00 pm School Mass (anyone can attend)

7:30 pm Celebrant's Intention

Thursday February 23:

9:00 am Deceased Members of Ferrao Family

Friday February 24:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm + Chui - Ying Wong

Saturday February 25:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp

In Thanksgiving of Daphne Lee



*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

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be 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/>



Turkey and Syria Humanitarian Relief

If you wanted to contribute to the humanitarian aid for the victims of the recent earthquake, you can do so directly [through the Archdiocese of Toronto Website](#), or by phone through the Development Office 416-934-3411, or through St. Aidan's Parish by cheque payable to: St Aidan Church-Turkey and Syria Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief.

What is FASTING?
The **limitation** of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between
But remember to drink enough fluids!

When do we fast?
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday*

***Paschal Fast:** Good Friday and Holy Saturday are days of prayer and quiet reflection. We honour the suffering and death of Jesus and prepare to share in the joy of his resurrection at Easter.

What is ABSTINENCE?
Avoiding certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat or other desirable foods

When do we abstain?
Catholics are obliged to abstain from **meat every Friday** throughout the year (except solemn feast days)

TIP: Instead of abstaining, you may substitute special acts of charity or piety on Fridays

ALL ABOUT

Fasting & Abstinence

Why fast?
It helps us to **pray better**: an empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer

Who has to fast?
Catholics aged 18 to 59
Those with impaired health should not fast in any way.

Why abstain on Fridays?
It's **the day of Christ's saving death** on the cross; we abstain to share in His work of saving the world

Who has to abstain?
Catholics aged 14 and older

 **During *Lent*, the money we save on food while fasting and abstaining should be given to others in alms**

SOURCE: "Keeping Friday" and "Living Lent" from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops www.cccb.ca

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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).

What are you doing for Lent?

10 IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON

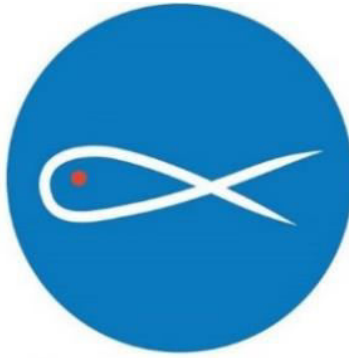
<p>1. Give up sin</p> <p>Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.</p>	<p>2. Fast</p> <p>An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.</p>	 <p>3. Pray</p> <p>Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.</p>	<p>4. Do good works</p> <p>Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.</p> 
<p>5. Give alms</p> <p>Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.</p> 		<p>6. Abstain</p> <p>Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.</p> 	
<p>7. Do meditative reading</p> <p>Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God's thoughts and ways influence yours.</p> 	<p>8. Control desire for possessions</p> <p>Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself – your time and your talents – with others.</p>	<p>9. Control desire for entertainment</p> <p>Too much entertainment and other distractions can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.</p>	<p>10. Carry out duties in life</p> <p>Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ!</p>
<p><small>Text from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' "Living Lent"</small></p>		 <p>Archdiocese of Toronto</p>	<p>www.archtoronto.org</p> <p>f t i s archtoronto</p>

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.



St. Vincent de Paul

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 your continued support in 2023.

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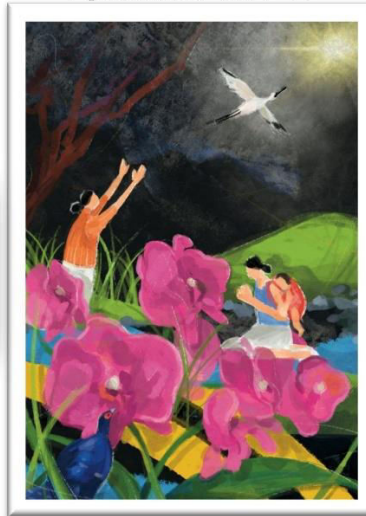
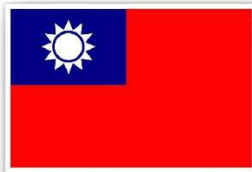
ShareLife

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](#).



THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023 TAIWAN

"I have heard about your faith"
Ephesians 1:15-19



All Are Invited Prayer Service

on
Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.
at

St. Aidan Church
3501 Finch Ave. East Scarborough, ON M1W 2S2

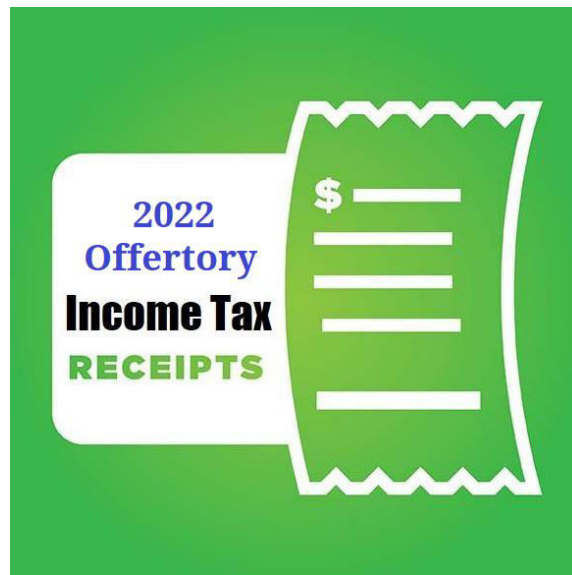
International World Day of Prayer

Everyone is invited to attend this [World Day of Prayer](#) which will take place [at St. Aidan's](#) 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](#)".



Movie Night

Thanks to the effort of our CWL and Knights of Columbus our next Movie Night will be on **Saturday February 25, right after the 5:00 pm Mass**, starting 6:15. We will be showing Episodes 3 and 4 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 depicting the life of Jesus and His disciples. 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.



Your Offertory Income Tax Receipts for 2022 are ready

Please come to the church **Gift Shop** after any of the Sunday Masses to pick up your income tax receipt.



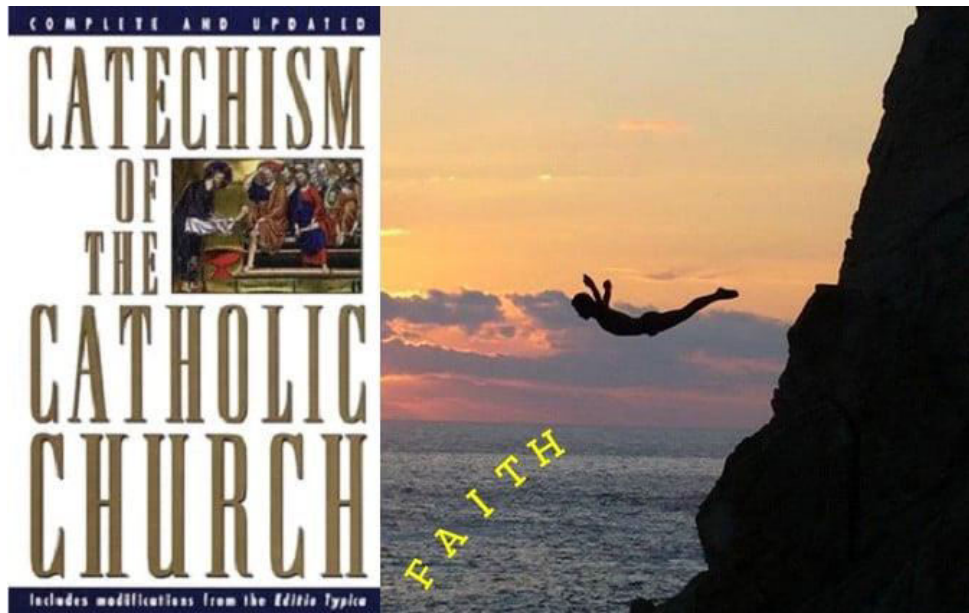
New Archbishop for Toronto

Pope Francis has appointed [**Bishop Francis \(Frank\) Leo**](#), currently Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Montreal, as the 14th Archbishop of Toronto. The archbishop-designate succeeds Cardinal Thomas Collins, who has served the archdiocese since 2007. The new archbishop will be installed at a ceremony at St. Michael's Basilica on **Saturday March 25th**. Due to space restrictions, we anticipate this will be an invitation-only event. During this time of transition in the archdiocese, we give thanks for Cardinal Collins and his service to the Church and welcome Archbishop-designate Leo, who will be joining the community very soon. Please continue to keep these shepherds close in prayer in the days ahead.



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.



Catechism Class: Teaching on the Holy Spirit

Our next "[Learning the Faith](#)" Catechism class will take place on **Saturday, March 4th, at 6:30 PM**. The topic will be the Holy Spirit. Please bring a Bible if you can. Light refreshments will be provided.



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 19, 2023 - Holiness to the Lord (Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time) - By J. Luis Dizon

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

The focus of this reading from Leviticus is on the theme of holiness. It begins with an affirmation that God is holy. The term literally means “set apart.” Although God has many attributes, Scripture puts a special emphasis on the holiness of God. That’s why we read that God is referred to three times as holy in Isaiah 6:3, and is reflected in the liturgy in the Sanctus. This affirmation is meant to invoke in us a sense of awe and reverence for God, and how unworthy we are to stand in His presence apart from His grace.

Although only God is perfectly holy (as we affirm in the Gloria), His people partake of that same holiness, albeit imperfectly. From this, we get the concept of the “saint.” Believers are referred to as saints. Although none of us fully embody that reality in this lifetime, we are called to strive to be as saintly in our conduct as we can, because as Hebrews 12:14 tells us, without holiness, *“nobody can see the Lord.”*

The rest of the chapter gives instructions on how to live a holy life, with the most important command being to love our neighbour as ourselves (**verses 17-18**). Likewise, Jesus in our Gospel reading on the Sermon on the Mount, further expounds on this theme of holy living, with an emphasis on our relations with others.

Thus, we are called to be saints, and by the aid of the Holy Spirit, we hope to become more saintly as time goes on, so that others would see our good works and glorify the Father (**Matthew 5:16**). Finally, we hope that at the end of all this, we would be allowed to see the Lord face to face in the beatific vision.



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