

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

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See advertisers at back of bulletin
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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

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

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Lectors - Sandra Lloret - 416-878-3012

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

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

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

Youth Ministry - Luis Dizon - 647-862-6717

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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

First Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

February 26, 2023

Saturday February 25:

5:00 pm Ambrosio Family

In Thanksgiving of Carmen Yen

In Thanksgiving of Rodith dela Cruz

+ David Yu-Yin Kong

+ Jovita De Souza

+ Nelia Dinglasan

+ Kevin Slaney

+ David Nelson Craig

+ Prospero Tangudig

Sunday February 26:

9:00 am + Maggie & Manuel Alphonso

10:30 am In Thanksgiving of Ylagan and McLeod Families

12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Monday February 27:

9:00 am Dorothy Waeyi Kwok

Tuesday February 28:

9:00 am + Joan Cochrane

Wednesday March 1:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving

Ai Jins Family

Donna Mugpo

+ Alphonso Velasco

+ Felix Alphonso

Thursday March 2:

9:00 am +Chui-Ying Wong

Friday March 3:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm + Edelberto Contreras Aceron

Saturday March 4:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp

Holy Souls in Purgatory



*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.*



Stations of the Cross During Lent

One great way to deepen our spiritual life during Lent is praying the Stations of The Cross. Every Friday during the season of Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross **after the Friday evening 7:30 pm Mass**. Everyone is welcome to participate.



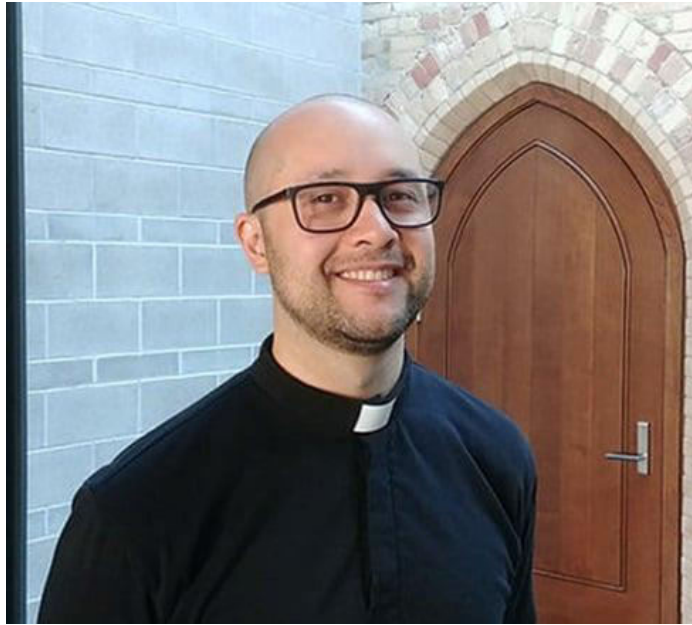
Building and Maintenance Fund

On the weekend of March 4/5 we will have a second collection. Please note that on the first weekend of every month we have a second collection for the Parish Building and Maintenance Fund.



[Lenten Reflection by Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan](#)

- **Saturday, March 18 starting at 10:30 am to 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall** organized by members of **[CWL-St. Aidan Council](#)**.
- Fr. Joseph is a Professor of Theology and Scripture at the University of Toronto and St. Augustine's Seminary. He is also one of the parish priests at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church.
- He will speak on the Topic ***"Accompanying Jesus - From Gethsemane to Golgotha"***
- Light refreshments will be served.



Vocation Seeds

“Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting.” Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him 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/>





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 are you doing for Lent?

10 IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON

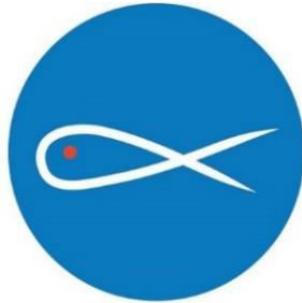
<p>1. Give up sin</p> <p>Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.</p>	<p>2. Fast</p> <p>An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.</p>	<p></p> <p>3. Pray</p> <p>Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and 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></p>
<p></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></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></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>

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 early 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

*“Charity must never look back, but always ahead, for the number of the past benefits is always quite small, as the present and future miseries it should alleviate are infinite”. - **Blessed Frederic Ozanam***

Bundle Up Weekend March 4/5: The SVP truck will be in the parking lot next weekend. Please support the SVP program.

- **Items accepted:** Gently used Clothing/Woolens, Footwear, Bedding, Drapery and Towels. Toys **(New Only)**
- **Items not accepted:** Baby items (Crib, Car seats, Strollers, or ANY other Baby furniture). Construction Materials, Dishes, Furniture, Books, Video, Audio Cassettes. Thank you for your support.

[Click here to view the 2023 St. Vincent de Paul Newsletter](#)

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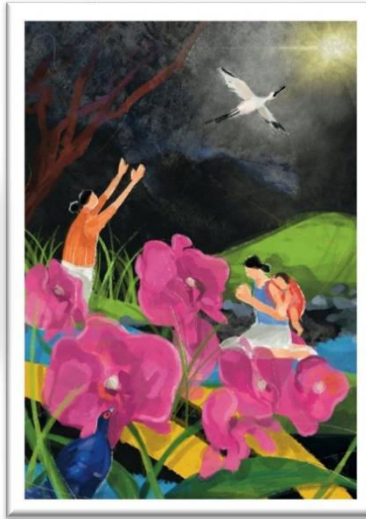
ShareLife: Support our Lenten ShareLife Appeal

In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your kind support of ShareLife. Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 1,900 young parents and their children to access programming, along with diapers, food and clothing. Your support of ShareLife provides hope and support as they create better lives for their families. Please give generously once again this year.



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

Interdenominational 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"**.



All-Night Vigil of Adoration on First Friday

After the 7:30 pm Mass on Friday, March 3rd we will have an all-night vigil of adoration, with Our Eucharist Lord exposed for our adoration on the altar. This will take place after the Stations of the Cross. The purpose of an all-night vigil is to imitate Our Lord who spent entire nights in prayer. You can do this to make reparation for the sins of mankind, to gain graces for yourself and others, and to grow in relationship with God. For security reasons, we will lock the church doors around midnight. Adoration ends just before the morning Saturday 9:00 am Mass.



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.

St. Anthony's Novena



The thirteen consecutive
Tuesday Novenas in honour of
St. Anthony
will start on

Tuesday, March 14th, 2023

at

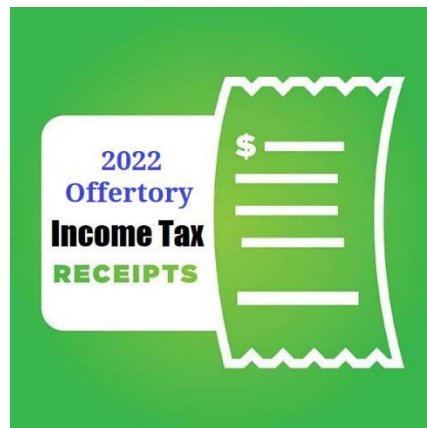
7:30 pm

**There will be Mass followed by
Novena Prayers & Benediction**

Hope you can attend!

St. Anthony's Thirteen Tuesdays Novenas

This Novena of Masses and prayers is intended to honour St. Anthony of Padua and to invoke his powerful intercession for your specific intentions. The novena will start on **Tuesday March 14, with Mass at 7:30 pm** followed by Novena Prayers and Benediction. **Novena Masses will continue every Tuesday at 7:30 pm leading up to the Feast of St. Anthony which is June 13.**



Your Offertory Income Tax Receipts for 2022 are ready

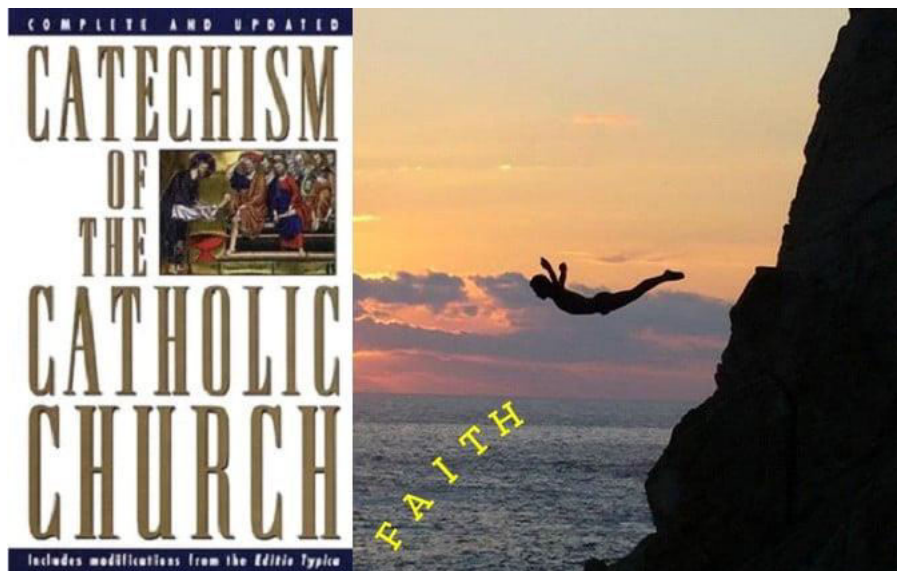
Please come to the church **Gift Shop** after any of the Sunday Masses to pick up your income tax receipt.



Youth Fellowship

Our next youth fellowship will be on **Friday, March 3rd, at 6:00 PM** in the Knights of Columbus Meeting Room. We will be continuing Bible study series through Genesis, with board games and social after. Bring your Bible if you can. 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**.



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.



February 26, 2023 - Adam, Eve, and the Fall (First Sunday of Lent) - By J. Luis Dizon

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

One of the ongoing discussions that is taking place in theology is the question of how the story of Adam and Eve fits into our understanding of the world. Because of modern evolutionary theory, there is a tendency to simply dismiss that story as a myth. However, to do so would be to remove the foundation of the Christian narrative of history. Pope Pius XII recognized this when he released his papal encyclical on human origins, *Humani Generis* (1950). He affirmed that Adam and Eve were real historical persons, and that all human beings are descended from them:

When, however, there is question of another conjectural opinion, namely polygenism, the children of the Church by no means enjoy such liberty. For the faithful cannot embrace that opinion which maintains that either after Adam there existed on this earth true men who did not take their origin through natural generation from him as from the first parent of all, or that Adam represents a certain number of first parents. Now it is in no way apparent how such an opinion can be reconciled with that which the sources of revealed truth and the documents of the Teaching Authority of the Church propose with regard to original sin, which proceeds from a sin actually committed by an individual Adam and which, through generation, is passed on to all and is in everyone as his own. (**Pius XII, *Humani Generis* 37**)

This understanding is reflected in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which also regards the Fall as a real event. It states the following:

The account of the fall in Genesis 3 uses figurative language, but affirms a primeval event, a deed that took place at the beginning of the history of man. Revelation gives us the certainty of faith that the whole of human history is marked by the original fault freely committed by our first parents. (**CCC 390**)

When we read the other scripture readings for today, we see why it is necessary to affirm the historicity of Adam and Eve. First off, in the epistle reading, St. Paul affirms that the reason sin exists in the world is because of the original transgression of Adam (**Romans 5:12-19**). It is that first historical event that renders God's redemptive plan as narrated in Scripture necessary.

This is reinforced by St. Paul's paralleling the disobedience of Adam with the obedience of Christ. For this reason, we refer to Christ as the Second Adam, who reverses what first Adam did.

When we go to the Gospel reading (**Matthew 4:1-11**), we see the temptation of Adam and Eve mirrored by the three temptations of Christ. The difference is that whereas Adam and Eve failed to resist that temptation, Christ succeeded. This is just one of several connections between Adam and Jesus. We also have St. Luke tracing His genealogy back to Adam, showing the biological connection between them (**Luke 3:38**). Also, in teaching about marriage and divorce, Jesus points to Adam and Eve as the model of how God intended marriage (**Matthew 19:1-9**). Here, He constructs an entire theology of marriage on the first couple.

Hence, much of the Christian faith depends on understanding the importance of the Adam and Eve story. How our first parents lived before the Fall reflects God's original plan for humanity. Also, that Fall is the first chapter in the long saga of humanity trying to find its way back to God, which culminates in the cross of Christ, where God reaches out to provide that way back.



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