

# 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**

## **Third Sunday of Lent**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**March 12, 2023**

#### **Saturday March 11:**

**5:00 pm** In Thanksgiving of Carlos Garcia  
Birthday Blessings for Robert Cano  
Birthday Blessings for Cecile Enriquez  
Rogelio Escorpiso Jr.  
+ Francisco Balagta  
+ Celestine Chelliah  
+ Neville & Florie Fernandes  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### **Sunday March 12:**

**9:00 am** + Emmanuel Cheung  
**10:30 am** + Raymond Noranho  
**12:00 pm** Pro-Populo

#### **Monday March 13:**

**9:00 am** Birthday Blessings for Carmelita Palma

#### **Tuesday March 14:**

**9:00 am** + Teofila Ylagan

#### **Wednesday March 15:**

**7:30 pm** In Thanksgiving of Arnaldo Vasquez  
Robin Chuy  
+ Trevor De Silva  
+ Noel Geniza

#### **Thursday March 16:**

**9:00 am** + Guillermo Rabena

#### **Friday March 17:**

**9:30 am** Celebrant's Intention  
**7:30 pm** + Chui-Ying Wong

#### **Saturday March 18:**

**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.*



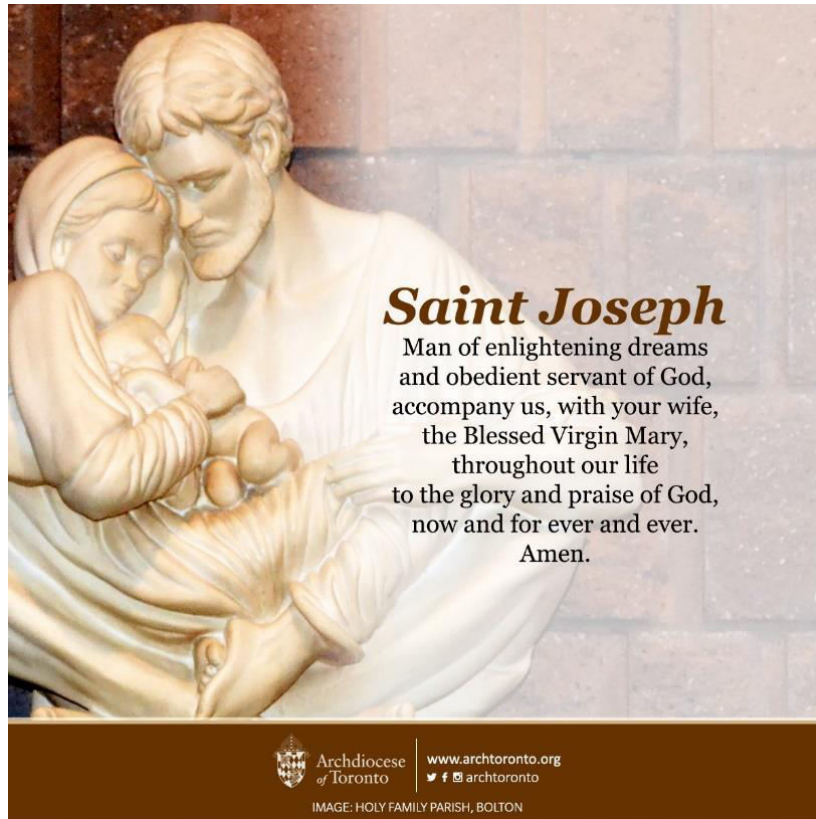
*Don't forget to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour on Sunday, March 12, 2023*  
Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 2:00 am. Remember to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour when you go to sleep on Saturday evening, March 11, 2023.

[Click here for more information regarding DST](#)



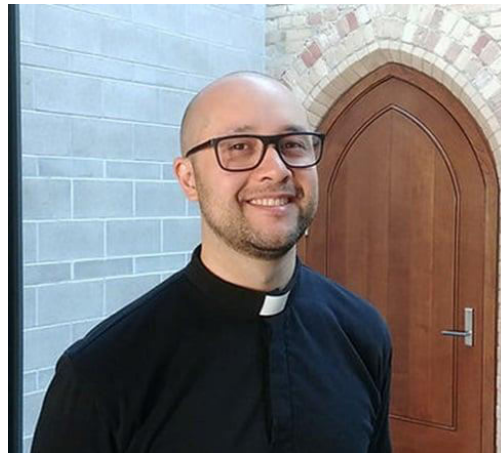
### ***Stations of the Cross During Lent***

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.



### ***Solemnity of St. Joseph***

The Solemnity of St. Joseph is usually on March 19. This year it falls on a Sunday and so the Solemnity is moved to **Monday March 20**. In addition to the Monday morning Mass at 9:00 am **we will have an evening Mass at 7:30 pm.**



### ***Vocation Seeds***

***“But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.”*** Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? 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.**

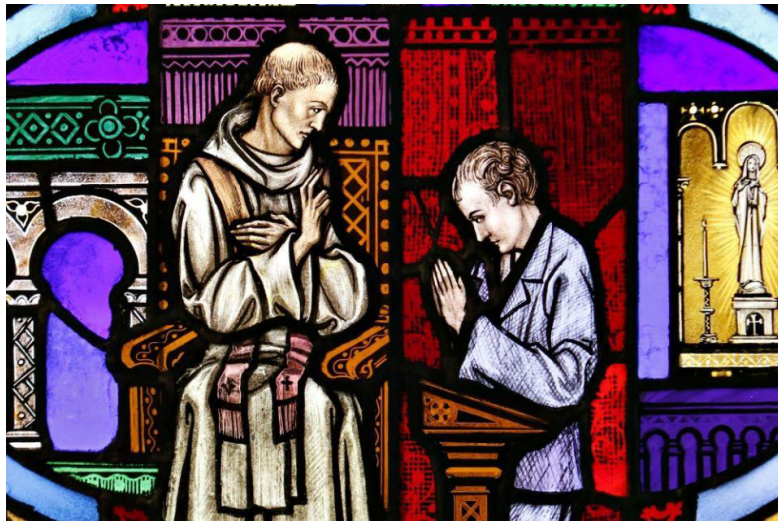
**Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/>**





### ***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.



### ***Lenten Parish Confessions***

**On Thursday March 23, from 7 pm to 9 pm** we will have three priests available to hear confessions. ***Note that regularly scheduled confessions are 20 minutes before all Masses (except Friday evenings) and Saturdays from 4 to 5 pm.***



***ShareLife: Live the Gospel by helping our vulnerable brothers and sisters***

**ShareLife Sunday is March 26** and we once again ask you to give generously to support Catholic agencies, who in turn care for the most vulnerable in our communities. As a parish, this is our opportunity to live the Gospel! Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, [online through parish website](#), or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



***Supporting Christian Families in Bethlehem***

**On the weekend of March 18-19**, we will have a presentation by a representative of “**Handicraft Holy Land Christians**”. Unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by Christian families in Bethlehem will be available for purchase after every Mass. Proceeds of sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Cash, debit, credit cards and cheques will be accepted. You can visit and support us at [www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca)

As we journey through *Lent*

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA  
St. Aidan Council



*Presents*

Lenten Reflection  
***"The Sixth Sorrowful Mystery"***

*Speaker*  
**Rev. Eric Rodrigues**  
Director of Spiritual Formation and Liturgy  
Lecturer in Systematic Theology  
St. Augustine's Seminary

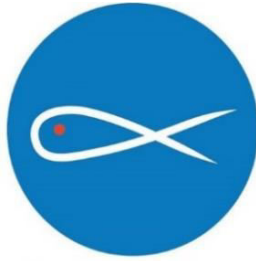
**Saturday, March 18, 2023**  
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
**In the Parish Hall**



All are invited  
*Light refreshments will be served.*

***Lenten Day of Reflection***

This will take place here at St. Aidan's on Saturday, March 18 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Our speaker will be **Fr. Eric Rodrigues**, Director of Spiritual Formation and Liturgy and Lecturer in Systematic Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary. Everyone is invited to participate. Light refreshments will be available.



St. Vincent de Paul

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

*“The reward for Christian charity is the joy that one feels after having performed a good deed”.*  
**- Don Bosco.**

Through almsgiving you are performing a good work - far greater than you think. Your contribution to the **POOR BOX** is a wonderful way of expressing your concern and remembering the needy. Your generous support enables us to reach out to our **neighbour-in-need**. Thank you for your generosity.

A **“Thank You”** to all those who prepared the Thunder & Lightning casseroles for the homeless and hungry at the Good Shepherd Centre. Thank you also to all those who contributed to the “Bundle-up weekend”.

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

**Tel: 647-772-1319 [www.svdtoronto.org](http://www.svdtoronto.org)**



***Coins for Life 2023***

Sometimes small contributions can go a long way. You are invited to put aside toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during this Lenten Season in order to help support and promote the Culture of Life in Canada. **Coins for Life boxes will be available at the back of the church this weekend March 11/12.** This fundraising project helps make possible the National March for Life in Ottawa, which will be on May 11th this year. You may even wish to make it a family, school, office project? Spread the good news of the sanctity of every life from conception to natural death which God created as no one has the right to destroy that life. **We ask that you return the boxes with your donations on the weekend of April 15/16 which is Mercy Sunday. For more information call Jenny at 416-267-7126.**





### *Movie Night*

Thanks to the effort of our CWL and Knights of Columbus our next Movie Night will be on **Saturday March 25, right after the 5:00 pm Mass, starting at 6:15**. We will be showing Episode 5 and 6 of **Season 3** of the **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.



### *Youth Fellowship*

**Our next fellowship will be on Friday, March 17th, at 6 PM in Meeting Room 1.** We will be continuing our 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](mailto:luis.dizon@mail.utoronto.ca).**

# 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.**

# Missal Reflections

Reflections on Weekly Missal Readings by J. Luis Dizon

**March 12, 2023 - Water From the Rock (Third Sunday of Lent) - By J. Luis Dizon**

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

One of the recurring themes in the Bible is the persistent faithlessness of the people of Israel. Even after they had just witnessed God bring down ten plagues upon Egypt and parted the Red Sea, they still express doubt about God's ability to provide for them. So God performs the miracle of causing water to flow from the rock, and yet even after this, the Israelites still grumbled. Because of this, the wilderness generation became the prime examples of lack of faith in Scripture. As the Psalmist says:

*O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
when your fathers tested me,  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.  
For forty years I was wearied of that generation  
and said, "They are a people who err in heart,  
and they do not regard my ways."  
Therefore I swore in my anger  
that they should not enter my rest. (Psalm 95:7-11)*

When we get to the New Testament, we learn that the rock which provided water was a type of Christ. St. Paul makes this point explicit when he states the following:

*I want you to know, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same supernatural food and all drank the same supernatural drink. For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ. (1 Corinthians 10:1-4)*

Jesus alludes to this Himself in John 4:14 when he spoke to the Samaritan woman in the Gospel reading. He told her: "Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to

*eternal life.*” Also, a number of early church fathers, such as St. Augustin have stated that just as Christ’s presence to the Israelites in the rock typifies His real presence in the Eucharist.

Thus, just as Christ satisfied the Israelites’ physical thirst in Exodus, so He also satisfies our spiritual hunger and thirst with Himself. We come to Him, trusting that He alone can vivify us with His life-giving water.





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