

# 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**

**Palm Sunday**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**April 2, 2023**

**Saturday April 1:**

**5:00 pm** Ai Jin's Family

In Thanksgiving of Loong Family

Birthday Blessings for Wilhelmina Esguerra

+ Collin Vaz

+ Stan Zupan

+ Nick Wolkowski

+ Gilbert D'Souza

+ Jovita & Leroy De Souza

+ Antonio Chua

**Sunday April 2:**

**9:00 am** + Vicente & Fe Castaneda

**10:30 am** In Thanksgiving of Pearl Rodcliff Family

**12:00 pm** Pro-Populo

**Monday April 3:**

**9:00 am** + Jeyaseelan Thuraisamy

**Tuesday April 4:**

**9:00 am** + Manuel Sr. & Felisa Tan

**7:30 am** In Honour of St. Anthony

**Wednesday April 5:**

**7:30 pm** Edith Vasquez

Aloysius Ong David

+ Neville Pereira

+ Fred & Lucy Raskina

+ Michael Fernandes

+ Viola Maginn

+ Melville Rajiva

**Thursday April 6:**

**9:00 am No Mass**

**7:30 pm Holy Thursday Mass**

**Friday April 7:**

**9:30 am No Mass or Adoration**

**1:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy**

**3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy**

**Saturday April 8:**

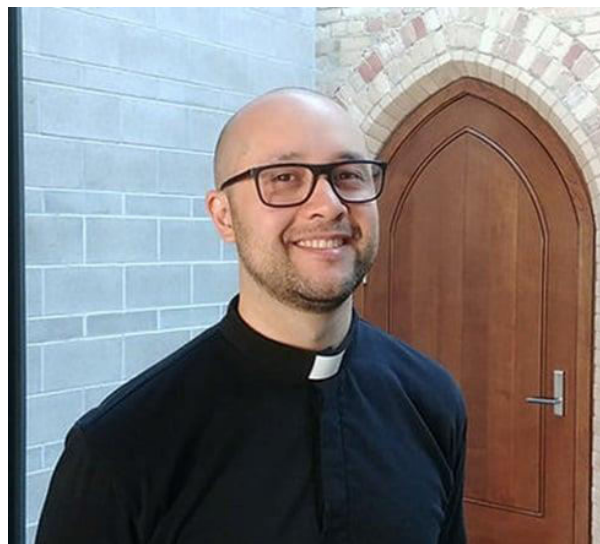
**9:00 am No Mass**

**5:00 pm No Mass**

**8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass**



*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***

***“Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!”*** Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, **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/>**



***Masses of Celebration to Welcome Archbishop Francis Leo***

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Eastern Region on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 - St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Pickering - 7 p.m. In the Central Region it will take place on Tuesday, April 11, at Blessed Trinity Parish, at 7 p.m. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend these regional Masses. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.



***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.



### ***Coins for Life 2023***

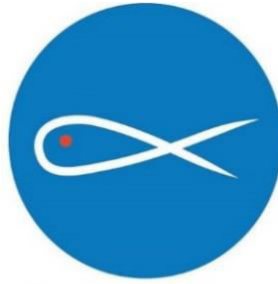
Sometimes small contribution can go a long way. You are invited to put aside your townies, loonies, quarters, nickels dimes during this Lenten Season in order to help support and promote the Culture of Life in Canada. **Coins for Life** boxes are available in the foyer of the Church. This fundraising 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 this a family project, school, office project? Spread the good news of the sanctity of every life from conception to natural death which God created and 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.**



### ***Good Friday Stations of the Cross By St. Aidan Youth***

Let us reflect on Christ's Passion & Death on Good Friday by walking the sorrowful journey with Him. All parishioners are invited to attend the **Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 7, at 7:30 pm.**





St. Vincent de Paul

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**1 Peter 5: 6-7 states:** *“Humble yourselves, therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”*

The Lord places great importance on the virtue of humility. As we submit more & more to God, He will give us grace to deal with our pride. This submissiveness does not mean that we are mindless, but it means that we are choosing to be docile to the Holy Spirit.

Some helpful tips for pursuing humility by St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta:

1. Speak as little as possible about yourself; do not seek to be admired.
2. Keep busy with your affairs and do not interfere in the affairs of others.
3. Accept small irritations with good humour.
4. Do not dwell on the faults of others.
5. Be courteous and delicate even when provoked by someone.

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

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



***Marriage Preparation Program at St. Aidan's***

The **2023 St. Aidan's [Marriage Preparation Program](#)** will commence on **September 30, 2023**. Please note this program is held once a year, hence, couples planning to marry by December 2024 can register for it. For more information, **kindly contact Aggie Gomez at 416-292-5707**.

**Fundraiser Easter Baskets Raffle**

- Raffle: 1 Ticket: \$5.00 or 3 tickets for \$10.00
- Draw after 12:00 noon mass on Sunday April 16, 2023
- Winner will be notified by Phone
- Purchase your ticket/s in the Foyer with the CWL members after all weekend masses or call for your tickets

Should you have any questions please contact:

Artimizia Tellis: 416-491-3937, Patricia Lobo: 416-895-4621  
 Gwen Faustin: 647-300-9551, May Ticsay: 416-854-5193

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GWL ST. AIDAN COUNCIL 20TH ANNIVERSARY 2003-2023

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA FOR GOD AND CANADA

**Raffle of Easter Basket**

The **CWL** of our parish are conducting a fundraiser by raffling off an Easter Basket. **Tickets are 1 for \$5, or 3 tickets for \$10.** Tickets can be purchased in the foyer after all weekend Masses. **The draw will take place after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday April 16th.**



### ***Holy Week Schedule***

The times for the **Holy Triduum** are the following:

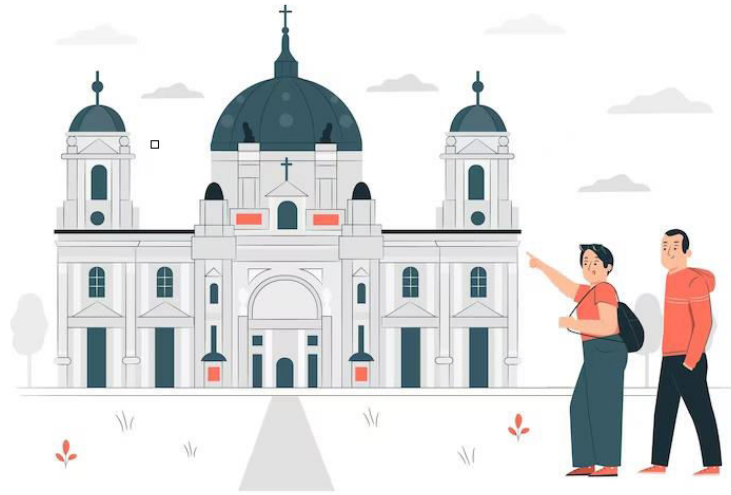
- **Holy Thursday, April 6 - 7:30 pm: *Mass of the Lord's Supper* (No morning Mass).** All night adoration will be Thursday night, ending at 7:30 am. **No adoration or vigil on First Friday since it is Good Friday.**
- **Good Friday, April 7 - 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm: *Good Friday Services*** (Stations of the Cross by our Youth at 7:30 pm)
- **Holy Saturday, April 8 - 8:00 pm: *Easter Vigil Mass* (No morning or afternoon Mass).**



### ***Good Friday Collection for the needs of the Holy Land***

The **Good Friday collection** is for the **Needs of the Holy Land** and is coordinated by the Commissariat of the Holy Land. These funds are used for the upkeep of the sanctuaries and to help with Pastoral work, Catholic schools and social assistance in the Holy Land. For further information please visit: [www.commissariat.ca](http://www.commissariat.ca).





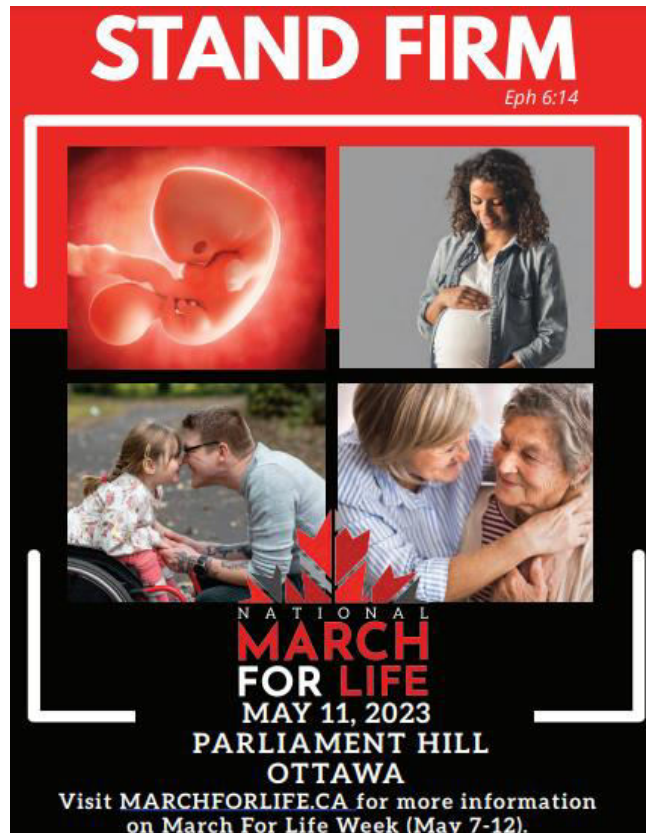
### ***Pilgrimage to the National Shrines of Quebec***

The CWL of our parish are organizing this pilgrimage to take place on **Saturday, July 1 to Tuesday, July 4**. Come and experience a spiritual renewal with daily Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy meditation, Adoration, and outdoor Stations of the Cross at the Miraculous & Historical Shrines: St. Joseph Oratory/ St Peregrine/ Our Lady of the Cape/ St. Anne de Beaupre/ Benedictine Abbey, Sherbrook. **For Reservation Please Contact: Gwyneth Faustin 647-300-9551; Naomi Patterson 647-380-4942; Rose Ylagan 416-494-1793.**



### ***St. Anthony's Thirteen Tuesdays Novena Masses***

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 continue every **Tuesday, with Mass at 7:30 pm** followed by Novena Prayers, Benediction and distribution of blessed bread. **The Novena will end with the Feast of St. Anthony on June 13.** Take advantage of these prayerful opportunities even if you can't make every Tuesday evening.



### ***Ottawa March for Life***

The St. Aidan's Knights of Columbus are organizing a trip to Ottawa on **Thursday May 11**, for the **26th Annual March for Life**. We depart at **6:30 am** to **Parliament Hill**, and return by **9:00 pm**. Fr. Steven will celebrate Mass at 6:00 am and will accompany us to Ottawa. **The cost is \$55.00 per person**. Please see one of the Knights of Columbus in the foyer to register.



### ***Youth Fellowship***

**Our next fellowship will be on Friday, April 21st, 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).

# Missal Reflections

Reflections on Weekly Missal Readings by J. Luis Dizon

**April 2, 2023 - The Vindication of the Servant (Palm Sunday) - By J. Luis Dizon**

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

This reading is the third of four Servant Songs that are in the book of **Isaiah** (the other three are in **42:1-7**, **49:1-12**, and **52:13-53:12**). Here, rather than the Servant being addressed by God, it is the Servant speaking directly. In the first half of the reading, he is said to be the obedient servant who does not rebel against God, and has a knowledgeable tongue to be able to teach and exhort others. Thus, the servant is also a teacher of righteousness for God's people.

When we get to the second half of the reading, however, the tenor of the song shifts, and now the Servant speaks of being persecuted by those around him for what he teaches to them. Through this persecution, however, he retains hope that he will be vindicated by God. Verse 7 bears this out, as well as the next two verses immediately after this reading:

*He who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.  
Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up. (Isaiah 50:8-9)*

This servant song summarizes the experience of Jesus throughout Holy Week. The week begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, which we celebrate today as Palm Sunday. He spends the next few days teaching in the Temple, which causes the Pharisees and Sadducees to turn against Him and plot His death. That plot will eventually culminate in the events of Good Friday. Jesus is aware that all this would happen, because He already predicted it would happen beforehand (**Matthew 16:21, 17:22-23, 20:17-19**)

Through all of Jesus' experiences in Passion Week, He knows that He will ultimately be vindicated by His Father, just as the Servant Song in Isaiah says. This certain knowledge, in addition to His desire to save us, is why He is able to accept the Father's will: "*not my will but Yours be done.*" (**Matthew 26:39**).





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