

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## Vocation Seeds

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997

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**www.vocationstoronto.ca**

## Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Saturday December 23 - 5pm Sunday Vigil Mass  
Sunday December 24 - 6am, 9am, 10:30am, 12noon  
Sunday December 24 Vigil Masses for Christmas  
6pm, 8pm, 12Midnight

Saturday December 30- 5pm Sunday Vigil Mass  
Sunday December 31 - 9am, 10:30am, 12 noon,  
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm  
Monday January 1 - 9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon

## Advent Parish Confessions

If you haven't been to confession for a while, it is a good idea to go before Christmas. Many people wait till the last minute. Take advantage of the extra confession times that parishes will be offering during the next few weeks. Parish Confessions at St. Aidan's will take place on Tuesday, December 12 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Our plan is to have three priests hearing confession.

## Extra Confessions in other Parishes

Our Lady of the Rosary - Friday December 8, at 7:00pm  
St. Barnabas- Wednesday December 12, 7:00 to 8:30 pm; December 11, 12, 14, & 15 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Epiphany of Our Lord - Tuesday December 19 from 6:30 am to 7:30 am, 9:00am to noon, and 5:00 pm to 6:45pm; also Wednesday December 20 from 6:30 am to 7:30 am, 9:00am to noon, and 5:00pm to 6:45pm

Lay all your cares about the future trustingly in God's hands and let yourself be guided by the Lord just like a little child. - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday December 2:

5:00 pm Moss Family  
In Thanksgiving of Jimmy Loong  
+Laurence Bradley  
+Patricia Hogg  
+Francis Gonzalves  
+Louisa & Louis Dos Santos  
+Maria Valdez Yamson  
Hoy Souls in Purgatory

### Sunday December 3:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family  
  
10:30 am +Veetivelu Verasuntharam  
  
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

### Monday December 4:

9:00 am +Veetivelu Veerasuntharam

### Tuesday December 5:

9:00 am +Collin Vaz

### Wednesday December 6:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Florinda D'Costa  
Wai-Yee Lau  
+Mauel & Maria Dias  
+Amando Sr. & Loreto Lanot  
+Louisa & Louis Dos Santos

### Thursday December 7:

9:00 am +Myrna Aguilar

### Friday December 8:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention  
  
7:30 pm +Fr. Joseph Fenech

### Saturday December 9:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow. The same loving Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day.

# December 3, 2023

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## **Christmas Party for Children on Saturday December 16**

St Aidan's Parish Social Committee welcomes your participation to contribute towards the Children's Christmas gifts for the Christmas Party. Kindly take a "Snowflake" and or an "Angel" from the Christmas Tree in the foyer and donate an unwrapped gift for a child (no clothing please and must not exceed \$20) before the cut-off date of December 13th. Your Generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## **Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses**

We will again have our 6:00 am Novena of Masses. These will begin on Saturday December 16 and continue till Sunday December 24. After each 6am Mass, a breakfast will be provided by the organizers. If you wish to donate to this undertaking, please speak to the organizers **after the weekend Masses**. Mass intentions for these 6:00 am Masses will also be accepted by the organizers.

## **Clothe the Naked (especially in winter)**

There are many people within minutes of our homes who are about to experience their first Canadian winter. There are also many homeless individuals who are about to face the reality of spending their days outside with no home to go to. We are asking you to consider donating new or gently used/clean coats for men and women of all sizes. New hats, gloves and scarves are also needed. You can drop off items in the large wooden bin located in the front of the lobby from December 4 to 16. Thank you

## **Holy Days of Obligation**

Catholics are required to attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. In Canada there are only two Holy Days of Obligation that do not usually fall on a Sunday; Christmas and New Year's Day. Please note that this Christmas season, December 25 and January 1 fall on a Monday. You must attend a Christmas Mass and the preceding Sunday Mass. For New Year's you must attend a New Year's Mass and the preceding Sunday Mass. You must attend two obligation Masses each weekend, from the Saturday to the Monday.

## **Hats in Church**

Now that the weather is getting colder, it makes sense to cover our heads when we are outside. Please note that when indoors, males should not wear a hat. More specifically when in church, men are not permitted to wear hats. Females can wear hats in church and are actually encouraged to cover or veil their hair according to 1 Corinthians 11. A dispensation has been granted by the Church allowing women to have their hair uncovered. So, females can cover their hair by wearing hats or veils, but males must not cover their heads. This is not just a long standing custom for all indoor places but when in church, it is one of the ways in which we show respect to our Eucharistic Lord, truly present in the Tabernacle. Should you forget, the Ushers have been asked to remind you. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**Tel: 647 772 1319**

**[www.svdptoronto.org](http://www.svdptoronto.org)**

Almsgiving is the mother of love, of that love, which is characteristic of Christianity, which is greater than all miracles by which the disciples of Christ are manifested.  
- St John Chrysostom

## **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Envelopes**

will be at the back of the church and in the stand-alone poor boxes beginning this weekend December 2-3, 2023. Your generosity is greatly appreciated; let us give joy and hope to our neighbours in need during this holy and glorious season.

## **St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Collection this weekend, December 2-3**

Saint Vincent de Paul collection bin will be at the back of the church parking lot on the weekend of December 2-3. The bin will be open all day on Saturday and Sunday.

To prevent any damage to the items please ensure your bags are properly secured/tied.

## **WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:**

Appliances, baby or regular furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction material, or video tapes. For more information visit [www.ssvptoronto.ca](http://www.ssvptoronto.ca)

Thank you for participating in the bundle up collection for our Neighbours in need.