

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### Adoration before Weekday Masses

Please note that we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration for roughly one hour before all weekday Masses. Come and adore Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and receive an abundance of His blessings and graces.

### 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 couple of weeks. Parish Confessions at St. Aidan's will take place on Thursday, December 19 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. There will be three priests hearing confessions.

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

This solemnity usually occurs on December 8 but because it falls on a Sunday this year, it is transferred to Monday December 9. In addition to our regularly scheduled Monday 9:00 am Mass we will also have Mass in the evening at 7:30 pm.

### Living Rosary

The Living Rosary will be recited on Monday December 9 at 6:00 pm. This is organized by the Legion of Mary. Everyone is invited to participate.

### Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses

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

### Vatican Events

**Sunday, December 8:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Mass with Pope Francis and members of the College of Cardinals. 9:30 am (Rome time), 3:30 am (Toronto).

The celebration above will be broadcast and livestreamed on Salt & Light Catholic Television and accessible by visiting: [www.slmedia.org](http://www.slmedia.org). Updates will also be posted on the archdiocesan website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday December 7:

5:00 pm Stephen Family  
Janelle Ann Jovero  
Conversion of China  
+Anna Lau  
+Francis Carlina  
+Paz dela Cruz  
+Nestor, Jesus, Simplicia Obsioma  
+Cinderella & Mangueto Boreba  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### Sunday December 8:

9:00 am +Rev. Fr, Joseph Fenech  
  
10:30 am Deceased Members of Patterson and  
Nugara Families  
  
12:00 pm Pro-Populo

#### Monday December 9:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Pearl, Colleen, Malcolm

#### Tuesday December 10:

9:00 am +Paul Tan

#### Wednesday : December 11:

7:30 pm Birthday Blessings for Karen Clint Moby  
Birthday Blessings for Jasmine Garraway  
Richard Bangayan  
Alice Holt  
+Robertp Perez  
+Yvette Lee

#### Thursday December 12:

9:00 am +Neville Pereira

#### Friday December 13:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intentions

7:30 pm +Monserrat Betsayda

#### Saturday December 14:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intentions

### Sanctuary Lamp

Peace in the World & Healing

# December 8, 2024

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## Celebrations for Archbishop Leo

As you all know, this weekend in Rome, Archbishop Leo will be elevated to the College of Cardinals, a tremendous blessing for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

## Christmas Party for the Parish Children Saturday December 21

St. Aidan's Parish Social Committee welcomes your participation to contribute towards the children's Christmas gifts for the Christmas Party. Kindly take a "Snowflakes" 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 18. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This Jubilee Year is also referred to as a "Holy Year". Many graces can be gained by the faithful in honouring and participating in the Jubilee Year. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be "Pilgrims of Hope". The Holy Father will open the Jubilee Year on December 2024. In the Archdiocese of Toronto we will launch the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass taking place on Sunday, December 29, at 5:00 pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All are invited to join in this special celebration. Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to the Eucharist from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm. May this Holy Year provide a grace-filled opportunity to nurture the seeds of faith for you and your loved ones, immersing ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope into a year-long journey of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Tel: 647 772 1319      [www.svdptoronto.org](http://www.svdptoronto.org)

This is the season of hope and love - please give generously this Christmas!

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas envelopes will be available at the back of the church and in the stand-alone poor boxes this weekend, December 7/8 until January 5, 2025. Your Kindness is greatly appreciated. Let us spread joy and hope to our neighbours in need. Wishing you a blessed and grace-filled Advent Season.

## Simbang Gabi Christmas Lantern (Parol) Making

The Star of Bethlehem is one of the symbols of Christmas. The brilliant star of unusual brightness led the three wise men from far away lands to undertake the arduous journey and follow the star which eventually led them to the infant Savior. To remember this special star, the organizers of the Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses are inviting families to join our annual Christmas Star Lantern (Parol) Making Contest. Your star will need to be submitted by December 16, by 11 am. The wooden sticks used to make the stars are available for pick up after Sunday Masses. Families are encouraged to be creative in decorating their own lanterns. The lanterns will be hung in the parish hall and can be brought home on December 24th. Three prizes will be awarded for the best lanterns. The winners will be announced on December 21.

## Bundle Up for Saint Vincent de Paul December 7-8

The SVDP will collect gently used clothing, shoes, and linens on the weekend of December 7-8, to support our Neighbours-in-Need (NINs). Please bring your donation to the truck/bin parked at the back of the church parking lot. The collection bin will be open all day on Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers will be available to assist with loading before and after Mass. Properly secure your bags to keep the items safe. Appliances, baby or regular furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction materials, and videotapes will not be accepted. For more information, please visit [www.ssvptoronto.ca](http://www.ssvptoronto.ca) Thank you for your continued support!

## Winter Clothing for the Poor & Homeless

The cold winter months are quickly approaching. Let us answer Jesus' call to "clothe the naked." Please consider donating gently used or new: Winters coats, hats and gloves. New or unused long underwear and warm socks are also needed. Items needed are for both men and women.

A collection bin will be in the foyer the weekends of December 15 and December 22. Items collected will be distributed at various Food Banks. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing but live otherwise. - St. Charles Borromeo.