

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Vocation Seeds

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org
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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

Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses

We will again have our 6:00am Novena of Masses. These will begin on Monday December 16 and continue until 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.

Christmas in Our Hearts Concert

The planning committee would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful parishioners and friends of St. Aidan Parish. Your steadfast support and generous kindness have played a critical role in making our Parish Christmas Concert a resounding success. The spirit of community and warmth you brought to the event truly illuminated the Christmas season and created unforgettable memories for all. Thank you for being a vital part of this cherished celebration!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 14:

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving of Noel D'Souza
Alice Holt
Conversion of China
+Maria Atizado & Rafael Atizado Sr.
+Harry Yui
+Luke Jan Nigli
+Susana Ng
+Maria Po Chun Cheng
+Sandy Hatulan

Sunday December 15:

9:00 am +Inacio Fernandes

10:30 am +Teresa Koon Lai Wah Leung

12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Monday December 16:

9:00 am +Clara & Charlaine Pereira

Tuesday December 17:

9:00 am +Adela & Fructuoso Aroyo

Wednesday : December 18:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Pascual Family
+Stan Zupan
+Ronnie Lobo
+Siu Cee Fong
+Anthony Sangyahon

Thursday December 19:

9:00 am Birthday Blessings for Eric Fernandes

Friday December 20:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intentions

7:30 pm Birthday Blessings for Elvie Fernandes

Saturday December 21:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp Holy Souls in Purgatory

Where love exists, it works great things. - St. Gregory the Great

December 15, 2024

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

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Your greatness is not on what you have but in what you give. - Alice Hicker

Wishing you a blessed Advent season.

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.

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.

Nativity Scene Competition for St. Aidan Parishioners

This Christmas season, let us bring the sacred story of Christ's birth into our homes and hearts!

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, St. Aidan Council invites all parishioners to share the season of joy by creating a nativity scene in their homes! Participants are encouraged to express their creativity and spirituality through their unique, heartfelt interpretations. All ages are welcome to participate!

If you are interested in entering the competition, please register your name in the Gift Shop. Submit a photo of your nativity display for a chance to win by December 24 to cwlcouncilstaidan@gmail.com A gift certificate of \$50.00 each will be awarded to the best 3 submissions. If you have any questions please contact Artimizia at 416 491 3937 or Patricia at 416 895 4621.

Don't miss a chance to showcase your artistic Talent!