

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Vocation Seeds

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom 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)  
**www.vocationstoronto.ca**

## New Singers

As a new year begins, the Children’s Choir is inviting children to join and serve the 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Choir I-10-13 years old      Choir II-7-9 years old Through Choral singing, apart from the enjoyment of singing together, children also learn discipline and co-operation with one another and grow in confidence as future musicians. Through participation in the church liturgy, children learn to appreciate the beauty of music in our faith celebration. There will be weekly rehearsals and the children will perform usually once a month. If you are interested in having your child participate in singing and making new friends, please contact May at [2923sacc@gmail.com](mailto:2923sacc@gmail.com)

## New Altar Servers

Students who have already made their First Holy Communion can apply to become an Altar Server. Training has already started and will continue every Saturday at 3:00 pm inside the church until new applicants are trained. If you have any questions, please speak to Fr. Steven.

## Healing after Abortion: The Sisters of Life

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. We offer accompaniment and retreats to women seeking healing after abortion. A “Day of Prayer and Healing” offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming retreats will be February 7 and April 25. For more details, location and confidential registration, or simply talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (416) 463-2722 or email us at [toronto@sistersoflife.org](mailto:toronto@sistersoflife.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday January 24:

5:00 pm   In Thanksgiving of Marina & Romualdo Pereira  
+Cesar Alphonso  
+Belen & Lorenzo Sr. Merin  
+Maria Choi  
+Teresa Kim  
+Teresa Alary  
+Hilary Lee  
Victims of Wars & Abuse

### Sunday January 25:

9:00 am   +Luke Jan Nigli  
10:30 am   +Teresa Koon Li Wah Leung  
12:00 pm   Pro - Populo

### Monday January 26:

9:00 am   +Joseph & Vida Pais

### Tuesday January 27:

9:00 am   +Hilaria Maghacot and Deceased Family Members

### Wednesday January 28:

7:30 pm   In Thanksgiving of Florinda D’Costa  
Federation of North American Explorer  
+Lucricia & Rustico Malinao  
+ Ivy Rodrigues

### Thursday January 29:

9:00 am   Birthday Blessings for David Ebalo

### Friday January 30:

9:30 am   Celebrant’s Intention  
7:30 pm   Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday January 31:

9:00 am   Celebrant’s Intention

## Sanctuary Lamp

Holy Souls in Purgatory

# January 25, 2026

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## **Influence of Music**

We will have a presentation on how different genres of music impact our intellect, emotion, behaviour and spirituality. Our speakers, Fr. Steven and neuroscientist Prof. Gan, will explore the implications of music preference and engagement of early childhood education, youth psychosocial development, and spiritual growth for all ages. Please join us in the parish hall on Saturday, February 7 after the 9:00 AM Mass and Rosary. The talk will begin at 10:30 AM and will be followed by a Q&A period. Light refreshments will be available.

## **Candlemas Candles**

Monday, February 7 is the Feast of Candlemas. On this day candles will be blessed. The blessed candles provided by the church will be available for few days in the back of the church. A suggested donation to help cover the cost of the candles is \$3. You can also bring your own candles to Mass on that day, keeping them with you, and they will also be blessed.

## **Holy Water**

Catholics are encouraged to use holy water in their homes. Water is natural symbol of purification and life. Water that has been blessed is efficacious in warding off evil spirits, safeguarding us from sin and sometimes even from sickness. Blessing ourselves or our homes with holy water is also a good way of obtaining more of God's blessings and graces. You are welcome to take water from our holy water font. You will need to bring your own bottle or container. The holy container dispenser is on the left-hand side of the church, close to the pieta statue.

## **St. Aidan Book Club Meeting**

The St. Aidan Book Club is meeting on February 3, Tuesday at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing the book Searching for and Maintaining Peace by Fr. Jacques Philippe. This classic work is a short treatise on peace of heart in a world where restlessness and anxiety too often take place of the confidence and peace which ought to be ours. No need to register. For more information, contact Rosario at 416-731-0484.

## **No Foreign Currency in Collection**

Please do not put foreign currency into the collection basket. The only currencies that we can accept are Canadian and American. We cannot exchange any other currency, especially if it is just loose change. Note that if you place any other currency into the offertory envelopes, we can not give you a receipt for it because we cannot deposit it. In reality you are not giving anything, not offering anything at the Mass.

## **Ministry of Greeters**

We are starting a new ministry of greeters before Sunday Masses. Although our ushers do some of this already, we wish to have a separate ministry of just welcoming people to the parish. The requirement is to be present 20 minutes before Sunday Mass, in the foyer of the church, to greet and welcome parishioners, and to answer questions for those seeking information. Please speak to Fr. Steven if you are interested.

## **Valentine's Dinner and Dance**

The annual Valentine's Dinner and Dance will take place on February 14th, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Tickets will be sold for \$50 at the front foyer every weekend leading up to the event. Further details on the poster and website.

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

**Tel: 647 772 1319**

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

In giving alms, let us rather look at the needs of the poor than his claim to your charity.— Jean Antoine Petit-Séan

Please note that when donating to the St. Vincent de Paul St. Aidan Conference via cheque, all cheques should be made payable to - SVP St. Aidan Conference. Thank you for your cooperation.

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:31-32