

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Booking Masses in advance

Please note that if you wish to book a Mass of a loved one, deceased or living, you need to book the Mass in advance. Usually, you need to book a few months in advance if you wish to be able to book the Mass on the date preferred. The suggested stipend or offering for the Mass is \$20. You can book a Mass intention after Sunday Masses in the Gift Shop or in the parish office during office hours.

Receipts for Mass Stipends?

Churches cannot issue tax receipt for Mass offerings. This is due to the stipulation of Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA). According to the CRA, a Mass offering or stipend is officially viewed as payment for specific services and not a donation. From the Church's perspective we view Mass Stipends as offerings. The suggested \$20 is not the cost of the Mass, since the value of a Mass is priceless, and because it is wrong to sell spiritual goods. The Mass offering is viewed by the Church as a donation to covered expenses entailed in the celebration of the Mass. Some people may give more than \$20, and if someone were very poor, but really needed to have a Mass offered, the Church would be obligated to fulfill the person's request even though they could not offer the suggested amount.

Parish Walking Pilgrimage to St. Barnabas Church

We will again have a walking pilgrimage on Saturday, September 27th. Fr. Steven will walk with willing parishioners to St. Barnabas Church, which is one of the designated churches for the Jubilee Year. We will depart from St. Aidan's at 10:00 am. It is a two hour walk to St. Barnabas. We will walk rain or shine, except if there is severe rain or threat of lightning. After some prayers at St. Barnabas, you can return home on your own. You can decide to return on your own or you might be able to get a ride with someone else.

Question and Answer Session

Our Lay Pastoral Associate and Fr. Steven will again conduct a question-and-answer session on Saturday September 27th right after the 5:00 pm Mass. You can place your anonymous question into the box at the centre of the main aisle in the church. The session will last about an hour and half. Light refreshments will be available.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 6:

5:00 pm Mary Help of Christian Preasidium
75th Birthday Blessings for Albert Fernandes
Kim Soo Hyun
Henry Lokwa & Family
+Celine Vaz
+Carlina & Francis
Holy Souls

Sunday September 7:

9:00 am Quitino & Giovanna Volpe

10:30 am Deceased Members of Patterson and
Nugara Families

12:00 pm Pro— Populo

Monday September 8:

9:00 am +Neville Pereira

Tuesday September 9:

9:00 am +Luke Jan Nigli

Wednesday September 10:

7:30 pm +Paul Semeniuk
+Carino Cano
+Felisa Tan & Manuel Tan Sr.
+Marilyn Ocumen
+Eusebia dela Cruz
+Francis M.Ferrao

Thursday September 11:

9:00 am +Rev. Fr. Emidio Cremona

Friday September 12:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Joseph & Katheleen Wong

Saturday September 13:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

Children Crying in the Church

We are very grateful to parents who, out of consideration for others, take their disruptive or crying child into the foyer of the church so as not to disturb the Mass.

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Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

After the 9am Mass on Monday September 8, we will celebrate The Blessed Virgin Mary's Nativity with ice cream and cake in the hall. Everyone is invited to celebrate this special day.

Patrician Meeting

The Legion of Mary invites everyone to attend their monthly Patrician Meeting which will be conducted on the 3rd Saturday of the month in the church hall after the 9:00am Mass. This month's topic is "Reflection. On the Nativity of Mary" and will be held on Saturday September 20, from 10:30am to 12:30pm. The purpose of a Patrician meeting is to enhance our knowledge and our ability to speak confidently and persuasively about our Catholic beliefs. We invite our parish family to come and learn more about our Catholic faith, in a friendly and social atmosphere. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served.

Feed the Homeless

Jesus tells us to, "Feed the hungry!" Volunteers are needed to help make sandwiches and salads for the homeless in our community.

When: Sunday September 14

Time: 11:30 am to 1 pm

Where: Meeting Room 1 - St. Aidan Church

Please see bulletin board in the foyer for sign-up

Sheet or call Wayne at 416-254-9464 or email

WWAVRYK@GMAIL.COM

Community Cleanup

The Knights of Columbus will be having a community cleanup on Saturday morning, September 20, after the morning Mass. All are invited to take part, especially youths who are looking to get volunteer hours. We are also looking for donations of cleaning supplies (bags, gloves, tongs). Please contact Luis Dizon (luis.dizon@mail.utoronto.ca)

Needs of the Church in Canada Collection

This collection will take place on the weekend of September 27 and 28. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

Envelopes for this collection will be at the back of the church.

Altar Servers

On behalf of all altar servers, thank you to all the parishioners who donated to their day trip to the CNE. They all had an amazing day. We are also recruiting new students in Grade 3 or higher who are interested in becoming altar servers. Training will begin on Saturday September 20th at 3:00pm inside the church. Each practice session will last for about an hour. The practices will continue every Saturday at 3:00pm until the students are sufficiently trained. Please be on time.

Fundraiser Dinner

Thank you, Michael Del Grande, for your bravery in defending our Catholic faith and its principles. Let's come together in support on Saturday, September 13, at St. Aidan Catholic Church Parish Hall at 6:30 pm for an evening of dining, entertainment, and fellowship. Tickets are \$100.00 each. This event aims to show Mike our appreciation and demonstrate God's love for his courage and determination through a gathering of friends and supporters. Tickets will be sold after each Mass in the church foyer.

Saint Aidan Book Club

The Book Club is meeting on Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm at St. Aidan to discuss the book, "A Woman Clothed with the Sun" by John Delaney. This book considers the eight most significant apparitions of Our Lady in the past two centuries, the historical background and Mary's messages. The author provides a penetrating analysis of their significance. We invite everyone to come and enjoy an evening of good discussion. For more information, contact Rosario Dizon 416-731-0484.

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The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning.— Mitch Albom

Bundle Up Collection - Saint Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will collect gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, drapery, and small household goods this weekend September 6-7 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 on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Volunteers will be available to assist with loading before and after each Mass. For more information, please visit www.ssvptoronto.ca. Thank you for your continued support!