

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

On Monday December 8, in addition to our regular 9:00 am Mass, we will have Mass in the evening at 7:30 pm.

Advent Parish Confession

If you haven't been to confession for a while, it is good idea to go before Christmas. Just before Christmas is extremely busy for most people so don't wait to go to confession 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 Tuesday December 16 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We plan to have three priests hearing confessions.

Receiving Holy Communion in front of the Minister

It is not only inappropriate but forbidden to walk away with the Holy Communion (Host) in your hand. When you are receiving Holy Communion on the hand, you must place the Host into your mouth right away, in such a way that the Minister of Holy Communion can see that you have consumed it. It is very inappropriate, very wrong, to make the sign of the cross over yourself with the Host in your hand, or flip the Host from one hand to the other. It is also inappropriate to grab the Host with your fingers, from the Minister distributing the Holy Communion.

Christmas Party for Children

St. Aidan Social Committee is organizing a "Christmas Party for the Parish Children (Ages 4-12) on December 20 at St. Aidan Parish Hall from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Registration is required: \$5 per child. Please register during the weekend of November 29 to December 14.

Children's Christmas Gifts

St. Aidan's Parish Social Committee welcomes your participation to contribute towards the Children's Christmas gift for the Christmas Party. Kindly take a "Snowflake" 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 cut-off date of December 17. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility.— St. Augustine

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 6:

5:00 pm Catherine Wai Fan Chang
Anthony & Francine
Kim Soo Hyun
+Kris Manalastas
+Vincent & Robert D'Andrea
+Luigi & Antonia Cerqua
+Yu Meng Long
+Veronica & Vincent Fanning
Holy Souls

Sunday December 7:

9:00 am +Aloysius Kar on Leung

10:30 am In Thanksgiving of Pearl, Colleen, Karl,
and Malcolm

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday December 8:

9:00 am +Rev. Fr. Fenech

7:30 pm Celebrant's Intention

Tuesday December 9:

9:00 am +Luke Jan Nigli

Wednesday December 10:

7:30 pm Xu Jin Chen Family
Leonardo Rabena
+Paul Tan
+H. K. Lim
+Cesar Domitita
+Dolores Tubongbanua

Thursday December 11:

9:00 am +Neville Pereira

Friday December 12:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm Birthday Blessings for Debbie Golong

Saturday December 13:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

Sanctuary Lamp
Lesley Wai

December 7, 2025

Greater Efficiency During Communion

When coming up for Holy Communion you do so single file, but once you are at the front, it would be more efficient for two, or even three people to stand side by side (if not kneeling). You can perform your prescribed bow while there is still someone in front of you in the line. Just as two people are willing to kneel side by side on the two kneelers, so also can two people stand side by side (or you can stand beside someone who is kneeling). Understanding this will make distribution of Holy Communion much more efficient since the Eucharistic Minister will not need to wait for each individual bow.

Christmas in our Hearts Concert

The 2nd annual parish Christmas Concert is back. Join us on Saturday, December 20, right after the 5:00 pm Mass, for a joyful celebration with the St. Aidan Parish Choirs. Enjoy a festive evening as our talented choirs perform beautiful carols and songs, spreading joy, love, and warmth. The concert starts at 6:30 pm, offering uplifting experience for all. Ushers will pass around baskets for your voluntary love offerings to help support our music ministry. Afterward, you're welcome to join us in the parish hall for a cheerful gathering with refreshments. We look forward to sharing this special evening with you.

Do you know anybody who is homebound or lonely? St. Aidan Lay Pastoral Visitors make friendly visits with homebound parishioners who are unable to attend church or who live alone. Visits are for companionship and spiritual support. If you know someone who would like a visit, please contact Lidia at staidan.visits@hotmail.com or call the parish office at 416-494-2704.

We also welcome new volunteers who would like to be visitors.

Living Rosary

The Legion of Mary of our parish will conduct a Living Rosary on December 8th at 6pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited to join in praying the rosary.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn sign sale. This year the knights have a new design for sales for \$15. Sales will take place after every Sunday Mass for the four Sundays of Advent.

Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses

Once again, we will have our 6 am Christmas Novena of Masses to begin on December 16 until December 24. After each Mass. Breakfast will be served by the organizers. If you wish to donate to this undertaking, please speak to the organizers after the weekend Masses. Mass intentions for these Christmas Novena Masses are also accepted.

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 Saviour. To remember this special star, the organizers of the Simbang Gabi are inviting families to join their Annual Christmas Star Lantern (Parol) Making contest. Submission of the lanterns is on December 19 before 11am. The wooden sticks to be used for the lanterns are available for pick up after the weekend Masses. We are encouraging families to work together as a bonding time in decorating their own lanterns. The lanterns will be hung in the parish hall and can be brought home on December 24 after the Simbang Gabi Mass, where winners will be announced.

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Life's persistent and most urgent question is, What are you doing for others?- Martin Luther King Jr.

Bundle Up Collection

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will collect gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, drapery, and small household goods this weekend December 6-7 to support our Neighbours in Need (NINs). Please bring your donations to the truck/bin parked at the back of the church parking lot. The collection bin will be open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8:00am to 8:00pm. Volunteers will be available to help load before and after each Mass. Please secure your donation bags to keep items safe and facilitate handling. We do not accept appliances, furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, building materials, or videotapes. For more information, please visit www.ssvptoronto.ca. Thank you for your ongoing support.

The whole of our life should be a season of prayer.
St. Basil the Great