

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

New Year's Schedule

On Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation Catholics are required to attend Mass. New Year's Day is an Holy Day of Obligation. This year it falls on a Thursday. Attending the 5pm Vigil Mass of New Year's Eve, on December 31st, also fulfills your obligation for the New Year's.

Wednesday December 31 New Year's Eve

5:00 pm Evening Mass of New Year's

Thursday January 1st, 2026 New Year's Day

9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

Christmas and New Year's Message of Fr. Steven

May all our parishioners and all their loved ones receive an abundance of God's blessings this Christmas season and throughout the new year ahead of us. Thank you to all of you for your ongoing support of our parish and for making St. Aidan's a parish family where we strive to manifest mutual love and respect for all our parishioners. May you be filled with the love and peace of the Christ Child, and may there be true and lasting peace throughout the world. A good New Year's resolution might be to pray daily for peace in the world. Every new year presents us with new and varied opportunities to receive more of God's blessings and graces for ourselves and for others. May your 2026 be filled with much love, success, fulfillment and joy.

First Friday

Our next first Friday is January 2nd. After our Friday evening 7:30 Mass we will have an All-Night Vigil of Adoration. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate, even if it is for a short period of adoration. Those who observe the first Friday devotions, for nine consecutive months, by receiving Holy Communion on those Fridays, with the intention of making reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the many offences committed against Him, will receive the grace of final perseverance, and they shall not die in disgrace or without receiving the sacraments. The divine Heart of Jesus will be their safe refuge in their last moments. This has been revealed by Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1674 and has been a part of the Church's devotional practice since then. An additional requirement is that you go to confession within a period of 8 days before or after the First Friday.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 27:

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving of Benedict Francis
In Thanksgiving of Ivor & Naomi Patterson
In Thanksgiving of Glen, Gina & Family
In Thanksgiving of Cecilia Romilla
Birthday Blessings for Donna McCarthy
+Tiu Teng Suy
+Florentino Proctacio
+Geoffrey Cooper

Sunday December 28:

9:00 am +Anna Lau

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

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday December 29:

9:00 am +Edilberto Contreras Aceron

Tuesday December 30:

9:00 am Jim Stuckless

Wednesday December 31: New Year's Eve

5:00 pm Evening Mass of New Year's

Thursday January 1, 2026 New Year's Day

9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon

Friday January 2:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Go Yee Long

Saturday January 3:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

Let us go in simplicity, where merciful Providence
leads us, content to see the stone on which we should
step, without wanting to discover, all at once and
completely, the windings of the road,
Bl. Frederic Ozanam

December 28, 2025

Epiphany Blessing

The Solemnity of Epiphany is traditionally on January 6 but is now celebrated on the Sunday that falls closest to it. This 2026 it falls on Sunday January 4th. There is a tradition that on the feast of Epiphany, the head of each household leads his/her family in prayer and blessing of their home. The parish priest cannot bless everyone's home and so the head of each family would do this every year. After doing the blessing, he would sprinkle holy water about the house and use blessed chalk to mark the main entrance lintel of their home with the following: 20+C+M+B+26 (the number would change every year; to indicate the year we are in). The letters stand for the three Magi or Wise Men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also represent the Latin blessing: *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which means "May Christ bless this house". Fr Steven will have blessed chalk available on the feast of Epiphany for everyone to bless their homes. It is always a good idea to have holy water in your homes. All you need is a small container and you can get the holy water from our church by the Peita Statue, close to where the organ is located.

Silent Time after Holy Communion

The silent time after having received Holy Communion is intended to help us communicate with Jesus; God who is truly present within us. Our worthy reception of Holy Communion and the ten to fifteen minutes afterwards is the time that we are most united to God, closest to Him. Let us take advantage of this time to speak with Our Lord within us and to give Him thanks for this tremendous gift of Himself to us in the Eucharist.

2026 Donation Envelopes

Please pick up your 2026 Donation Envelopes arranged in numerical order. If you can not remember your envelope number, one of us from the gift shop can gladly help you. Please start using these envelopes in the New Year. Parishioners who wish to use donation envelopes, please register in the gift shop or from our website.

If God gave the soul his whole creation, she would not be filled thereby but only with himself.— Meister Eckhart

The Pope's Prayer Intention

For prayer with the Word of God: Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

To read reflections on the Pope's Prayer Intentions, visit www.livingwithchrist.ca

Guard your Valuables

We recently had an incident where someone wanted to steal the St. Vincent de Paul collection stand during a Sunday Mass. Some people are very bold, and come to church not to pray but to prey on people. Please keep an eye on your valuables and do not leave your purse in the pew when going up for Holy Communion or for any other reason.

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 (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.

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Our fingerprints don't fade from the lives we touch.—

- Judy Blume

Sayings of the Saints

All for God and for God's glory. In whatever you do, think of the glory of God as your main goal.— St. John Bosco

Let us have no desire to choose our own paths, but walk in those which God may be pleased to present to us.— St. Vincent de Paul

Let us not put off until the end of our life the care that we ought daily to take of our soul.— St. John Mary Vianney