

**St. Aidan Roman Catholic Church**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**November 28, 2021**

**Saturday November 27:**

5:00 pm: In Thanksgiving of Bonnie & Dave Weir

Peace for Lebanon

Rose Marie Zupan

+ Sybil Mtranda

+ Christopher Fernandes

+ Anthony Renato Fernandes

+ Anthony & Rosy Fernandes

+ Maline Rajanayagam

**Sunday November 28:**

9:00 am: In Thanksgiving of Teo and Lulu  
Fernandes

10:30 am: + Teresa Koon Lai Wah Leung

12:00 pm: Pro-Populo

**Monday November 29:**

9:00 am: + Ben Dante & Marie Colombe Mino

**Tuesday November 30:**

9:00 pm: Birthday Blessings for Andrew and  
Louisa dos Santos

**Wednesday December 1:**

7:30 pm: + Jin Hyuk Choi

**Thursday December 2:**

9:00 am: + Patrick Edward Henry Harrison,  
Lucette Cloutier & Isobel Harrison Brown

**Friday December 3:**

9:30 am: Celebrant Intentions

7:30 pm: + Sheila Faustin

**Saturday December 4:**

9:00 am: Celebrant's Intention

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

Blessings for their Grandchildren



# Archdiocese of Toronto

## New Policy from the Archdiocese regarding vaccinations

The Archdiocese is encouraging everyone to be vaccinated, but respects everyone's personal decision. The new policy indicates that all clergy, staff and volunteers participating in the Mass must be vaccinated or provide a negative test result prior to participating at Mass. This is to be monitored by the Parish and the Archdiocese. These measures are intended for everyone's safety. ***People's vaccination status is something that is personal and should not be spoken of to others.***



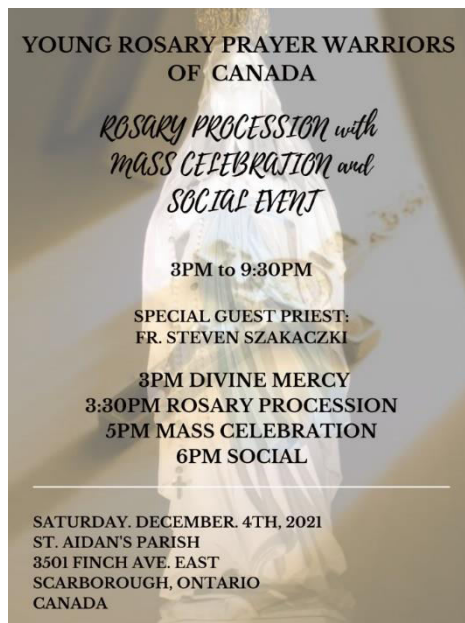
### ***Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses - December 16-24***

The Filipino community of St. Aidan's Parish would like to invite everyone to embrace their "***beautiful gift***" of **Simbang Gabi**. This is a Filipino Christmas tradition; a series of nine dawn Masses on the days leading up to Christmas, **from December 16th to December 24th**. The tradition goes back to colonial times, during Spanish rule, when Catholic priests started offering Mass very early in the morning so that farmers could attend morning Mass and still be at work before sunrise. Join us in preparing for the birth of Our Lord through this novena of prayer and sacrifice by participating in the ***nine Simbang Gabi Masses from December 16-24 at 6:00 am, at St. Aidan's church.*** After each 6:00 am Mass, a reception of coffee/tea and traditional Filipino foods will be available to eat or bring home. Everyone is welcome.



### ***Simbang Gabi Christmas Lantern (Parol) Making Contest***

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 Novena of Masses*** are inviting families to join the **Christmas Star Lantern (Parol) Making Contest**. **Your star will need to be submitted between December 1st to December 16th.** We will try to provide the wooden sticks used to make the stars should you need them. 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 after Christmas day. Three prizes will be awarded for the best lanterns.



### ***Young Rosary Prayer Warriors Marian Procession and Social***

On **Saturday December 4** this Youth Prayer Group will be gathering here at St. Aidan's Church and are inviting you **(and especially those between the ages of 19-35)** to join them and to invite your friends. They will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm, followed by a Marian Procession around our church and school next door while praying the Rosary. Mass will be at 5:00 pm as usual and it will be followed by a reception and social in our Hall, which will be only for the youth. Others can participate in the preceding events.



### ***Resuming Weekday Devotions***

We are now back to doing our weekday congregational devotions such as the **Rosary, Mother of Perpetual Help** on Wednesdays and **Sacred Heart devotions** on Friday evenings. ***There will be no singing during these devotions.***





### **Spiritus Via, Youth Social Thursday December 2nd**

The Youth of our parish are invited to join us for our annual young adult (19-35) **Christmas social** at St. Aidan's on **Thursday, December 2nd at 7pm!** This year we will have praise and worship by **Steadfast Worship**. There will be food, games and fellowship to follow. Invite all your friends. You will need to register. **Please note:** The event will follow Covid-19 protocols as needed. Masks are required and regular sanitization is suggested. If you are not feeling well, please stay home, in love of your neighbour.



***Novena to St. Joseph and Our Lady, leading up to December 8th***


In appreciation for the many graces received during the year of St. Joseph, ending on December 8; **The Catholic Women's League of St. Aidan 's will host a virtual/online Novena in honour of St. Joseph and The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary from November 29 to December 7 at 7:00 pm, except on Wednesday December 1 and Friday December 3, the Novena will begin at 6:30 pm.** The Zoom link will be on our Parish Website. We hope you can join us.


**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA  
ST. AIDAN COUNCIL**

*With gratitude for the many graces received during the year of St. Joseph,  
CWL is holding a Raffle*

**In Support of the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul-  
St. Aidan Conference**



12" - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize



Sleeping St. Joseph 8" - 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**3 TICKETS: \$5.00  
1 TICKET: \$2.00**

The statues will be on display at the weekend masses of  
Nov.20/21, Nov.27/28, Dec.4/5 and Dec.11/12<sup>th</sup>

The tickets will be sold after the above weekend masses.

DRAW: After 12 noon mass on December 12, 2021

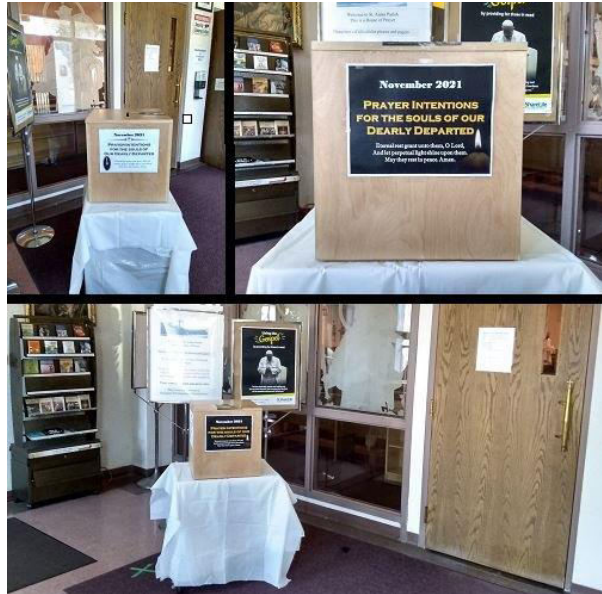
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***Raffling off two St. Joseph Statues***

A Raffle of two St. Joseph Statues will be conducted by the Catholic Women's Group of our parish. **Tickets are one for \$2, or three tickets for \$5. *Ticket sales will be after all Sunday Masses.*** The draw will take place on Sunday December 12th. All proceeds will be in support of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society-St. Aidan's Conference.





### ***Remembrance of your deceased loved ones***

During the month of November, we are called to remember our deceased loved ones and pray that they be released from Purgatory. **We will have a box at the front of the church.** You can place the names of your loved ones on a piece of paper or envelope and drop it into the box. All the Masses celebrated in November will include everyone whose names are in the box.



### ***Gaining an Indulgence for your Deceased Loved One***

***Normally for the first 8 days of November*** you could gain a plenary (or full) indulgence for your deceased loved ones by visiting a cemetery and fulfilling the other requirements, which are: ***praying for a deceased person at the cemetery, praying for the Holy Father's intentions, receiving Holy Communion on that day, going to confession within a period of twenty days before or after the indulgenced act, and being detached from all sin, including venial sin.*** If you are not detached from all sin, you would only gain a partial indulgence. **This ability to gain a plenary indulgence for a deceased loved one has been extended by Pope Francis for the entire month of November due to pandemic restrictions.** Gaining an indulgence would enable your deceased loved one to pass through Purgatory much sooner.

### Confessions, Christmas and New Year's Schedules (2021/2022)

Catholics are required to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Christmas and New Year's are Holy Days of Obligation. Attending one of the Christmas Eve Masses, on the 24th, fulfills your obligation for Christmas. Attending the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass of New Year's, on December 31st, fulfills your obligation for New Year's. Note that for those who have valid reasons for not coming to Mass, the dispensation from Cardinal Collins is still in effect. You will need to pre-register online for these obligation Masses and for the Sunday Masses. Registration will begin on Tuesday for Christmas, New Year's and the Sundays immediately after these days.



Tuesday December 14 - Confessions 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Friday December 24 - Christmas Eve

6:00 am Simbang Gabi Mass (last of 9-day Novena)  
9:30 am Regular Mass  
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass  
8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass  
12:00 Midnight Mass

Saturday December 25 - Christmas Day

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

***Note that there is no evening 5:00 pm Mass!***

Sunday December 26 - Regular Sunday Masses

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



Friday December 31 - New Year's Eve

9:30 am Regular Mass  
5:00 pm Evening Mass

***Note that there is no evening 7:30 pm Mass!***

Saturday January 1, 2022 - New Year's Day

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

***Note that there is no evening 5:00 pm Mass!***

Sunday January 2 - Regular Sunday Masses

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

### Confessions, Christmas and New Year's Schedules (2021/2022)

#### ***Parish Confessions Tuesday December 14***

We will have three priests available for confession on **Tuesday December 14th, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm inside St. Aidan's Church.**

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**LIVE STREAM 10:30 am**



**Sunday Mass**  
Live links on our parish website and Facebook pages.

***Live Streaming of Sunday 10:30 am Mass***

Please note that the Sunday 10:30 am Mass will be regularly live-streamed.

**St. Aidan's Digital Ministry Live-Streaming**



***Live Streaming of Weddings or Funerals***

If you are interested in live streaming a church event, we are asking for \$300 to help us cover the costs of purchasing, maintaining and running the equipment.



***Update Regarding the Tabernacle***

The Archdiocese did not approve our proposal to move the Tabernacle to the centre. In their response it was indicated that they are often in favour of having the tabernacle in the centre, however, given that it's been a divisive issue in St. Aidan's parish, they would prefer it not be moved at this time. They did indicate that perhaps it could be revisited in a few year's time. Thank you to all of you for your participation in our Survey. Thank you especially to all those who worked so hard to make the Survey as fair as possible.





***All Night Vigil of Adoration Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>***

**After the 7:30 pm Mass on Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>** we will have an all-night vigil of adoration, with Our Eucharist Lord exposed for our adoration on the altar. The purpose of such an event is to imitate Our Lord who spent entire nights in prayer. This can be done to make reparation for the sins of mankind, to gain graces for oneself and others, and to grow in one's relationship with God. If you are interested, you will need to place your name on the sign-up sheet, available inside the church. ***For security reasons, we will lock the church doors during the night.*** Adoration will end just before the morning Saturday 9:00 am Mass.



***Advent Retreat: A Journey with Mary***

At the **Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre**, 1617 Blythe Road on **Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>**, from **9:00 am to 3:30 pm**. Cost is \$40. Call **905-278-5229** or email [office@qoa.ca](mailto:office@qoa.ca).



***Bereavement Retreat: Journey with others who share your experience***

At the **Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre**, 1617 Blythe Road on **Saturday December 11th**, from **9:00 am to 3:30 pm**. Cost is \$40. Call **905-278-5229** or email [office@qoa.ca](mailto:office@qoa.ca).



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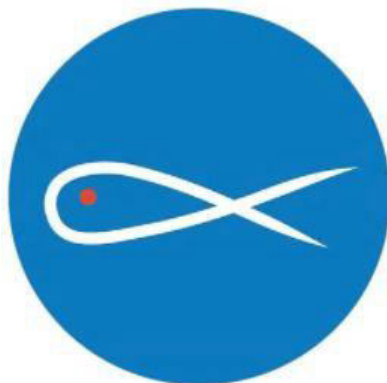
# *Bundle up Weekend*

**PLEASE NOTE: No Appliances - Books - Video tapes - Dishes - Furniture, (except small dresser)**



***Bundle-Up Weekend on December 4th and 5th***

The SVP container will be in the parking lot on these dates. Please bring gently used clothing, woollen wear, winter shoes and linens. Please tie your donation bags for easier handling. We **DO NOT** accept appliances, furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction material. Please refrain from putting these items into the bin. Would appreciate your cooperation.



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

*"Dear St. Vincent de Paul, please intercede with the Lord Jesus that we may commit ourselves selflessly to doing the same charitable acts that you did all your life, and that we may have the favor of His guidance, strength and love to carry on this important and meaningful work. Amen."*

Just a friendly reminder, the **Thunder & Lightning casseroles** to the Good Shepherd Centre, **will be picked up on Friday, December 3, 2021**. Thank you to those who prepared the T&L casseroles.

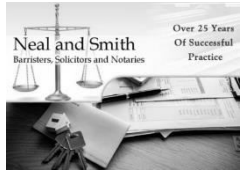
The SVP Christmas donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Would appreciate your special gift to make Christmas joyful for our neighbor-in-need.

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General: 3rd Mondays

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### **The Catholic Women's League of Canada - St. Aidan Parish Council** ***For God & Canada***

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