

St. Aidan Church

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SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES

Saturday - 5:00 pm (vigil)
Sunday - 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday and Tuesday - 9:00 am
Wednesday - 7:30 pm
Thursday - 9:00 am
Friday - (Ad Orientem Mass) 9:30 am
Adoration after 9:00 am Mass until 12:30 pm
(Ad Orientem Mass) 7:30 pm
Adoration from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm Mass
Saturday - 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory well in advance for general instruction.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:50 pm and 20 minutes
before every Mass, except Friday evening.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to be married should contact Father
Steven one year in advance. They must also receive
personal preparation for entering into marriage.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Brought to the homebound every Sunday.
Please contact Aggie Gomez at 416-292-5707.

MASS INTENTIONS

See Rose Ylagan at the Gift Shop after all weekend Masses.

BULLETIN

Notices must be handed in by Tuesday morning.
Please contact Office.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Aidan Catholic - 3521 Finch Avenue East - Telephone: 416-393-5350
St. Sylvester Catholic - 260 Silver Springs Blvd. - Telephone: 416-393-5373

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

See advertisers at back of bulletin or call 416-733-8544.

We welcome all new parishioners!

Please register at the Gift Shop after all the weekend Masses.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Steven Szakaczki - *Pastor*
Deacon Peter Lee - *Deacon Assistant*
Luis Dizon - *Lay Pastoral Associate*
Rose Ylagan - *Secretary*
Keith Brako - *Custodian*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday until 12:30 pm
(Also after Sunday Masses in the Gift Shop.)

DEVOTIONS

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Friday Devotions - 7:00 pm, Mass - 7:30 pm

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday - 7:30 pm

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

After the 9:30 am Friday Ad Orientem Mass, with Adoration
until 12:30 pm, and again from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
(before the 7:30 pm Ad Orientem Mass).

MINISTRIES

Altar Servers - Brenda Fernandes - 647-352-2756
Altar Society - Marie Saldanha - 416-491-9876
Baptism - Fr. Steven Szakaczki - 416-494-2704
Children's Program - Phillip Francis - 416-754-8417
Counters - Gwen Faustin - 647-300-9551
Eucharistic Ministers - Aggie Gomez - 416-292-5707
Faith Sharing Group - Maurino & Olyn Alphonso - 416-564-6471
First Holy Communion/Confirmation - Fr. Steven Szakaczki - 416-494-2704
Hospitality - George Fernandes - 416-493-0016
Lectors - Delba Lewis-Noronha - 416-492-7245
Marriage Preparation - Aggie & Wilfred Gomez - 416-292-5707
Procession Coordinator - George Fernandes - 416-493-0016
R.C.I.A. (Converts) - Fr. Steven Szakaczki - 416-494-2704
ShareLife/The Shepherds' Trust - Artimizia Tellis 416-491-3937
Sunday Bible Study - Maurino & Olyn Alphonso - 416-564-6471
Twelve Noon Choir - Franz Braganza - 647-273-0495
Volunteers' Screening - Bettina Geniza - 416-493-0701

SOCIETY LEADERS

Knights of Columbus - Aris Dometita, GK - 647-961-2449
Catholic Women's League - Patricia Lobo - 416-895-4621
Legion of Mary - Marie J. Wo Kai Sang - 647-248-1762
Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Savio Ferrao - 647-772-1319

We invite you to become involved in our Parish Ministries.

(NOTE: CLICKABLE LINKS provided in the Bulletin graphics.)

St. Aidan Roman Catholic Church

First Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

November 27, 2022

Saturday November 26:

5:00 pm 25th Wedding Anniversary
of Sisca and Anton Soakotjo
In Thanksgiving of Bernadette Astudillo
+ Ruben Geniza
+ Basilio & Loreto K. Acar
+ Pascual Colaco
+ Ellen Kitman Lee
+ Judy Tersigni
+ Ignatius Fernandes
Deceased Members of Patterson
& Nugara Families

Sunday November 27:

9:00 am 35th Wedding Anniversary of
Carlos and Elvie Garcia
10:30 am + Jose Luis, Benita, Miguel Laganson
12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Monday November 28:

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

Tuesday November 29:

9:00 am + Louisa Dos Santos

Wednesday November 30:

7:30 pm + Patrick Edward Henry Harrison,
Lucette Cloutier & Isobel Harrison Brown

Thursday December 1:

9:00 am + Carmille Harrison

Friday December 2:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm + Louisa Dos Santos

Saturday December 3:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intentions



SHARELIFE - Help homeless youth through ShareLife

NEW: Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until the end of 2022, your contribution to our parish's [ShareLife](#) campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million. [Covenant House](#) is one of the agencies you support through ShareLife. It is located in Toronto, but its young clients - largely homeless youth - arrive from throughout the archdiocese. "Your commitment to love and care for the youth experiencing homelessness and trafficking who come to Covenant House truly means so much," says the agency's director. "Your support gives hope to young people who need hope right now - and you give youth a real chance for a better future." Our goal this year is \$48,000. To date we have achieved \$ 47,051.45. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, [online through our parish website](#), or at sharelife.org/donate.



Vocation Seeds

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/>.


Knights of Columbus
 EVERYONE WELCOME

"Register Now"
FRATERNAL BENEFIT NIGHT
 "ON-LINE"
[Register Here](#)

"Ministering The Storm"

**Knights of Columbus
RETIREMENT SAVINGS
&
DISTRIBUTION PLANNING**

Plus: WILLS & POWER OF ATTORNEY
 Speaker: Lawyer Bro. Colin Oldman

WEDNESDAY : TIME
 NOVEMBER 30TH : 7:30PM
 2022 :

Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits Night

Everyone is invited to participate in this informative online event. Learn more about the Knights, their investment products, insurance, long term care and disability income coverage. A Catholic lawyer will also discuss the importance of having a Will and Power of Attorney. This online event will take place on Wednesday November 30th at 7:30 pm.

- [Graphic of the Fraternal Benefits Night poster \(click on the words "Register Here" in the PDF\)](#)
- [\(Or just click on this link to register\)](#)
- If you have any questions, email: stephen.dugal@kofc.org



Growing in our knowledge of the Faith

Our Lay Pastoral Associate, Luis Dizon, will be presenting a talk on **God's Attributes and Existence** on Saturday November 26th, right after the 5:00 pm Mass. This talk will be in the Parish Hall and is intended for Catholics who would like to know their faith better. It is highly recommended that you bring a copy of the Bible with you. Light refreshments will be served.

St. Aidan's Social Committee Is having a



**CHRISTMAS
PARTY**
For the Parish Children

Saturday December 17, 2022
Place: St. Aidan's Parish Hall
Time: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Lunch: Pizza and Juice
Registration Required
\$5/- per child
(Age 0 – 12 years)

Santa has been contacted to give away gifts and you may also take pictures at the photo booth

Christmas Party for the Parish Children December 17

St. Aidan's [Social Committee](#) is organizing a [Christmas Party](#) for the Parish Children (Age: 0-12 years) on Saturday, December 17, in the Parish Hall, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Registration is required for \$5 per child from this weekend until November 30.



St. Vincent de Paul

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Church begins its New Year today! We have entered the season of **ADVENT** - a season of **HOPE**. It is also a time to witness the presence of Lord Jesus in our lives. We encounter the same Lord Jesus through our care for the underprivileged, the afflicted, the broken hearted - who wait in the anticipation for our help and kind generosity. Request your support for:

- **Our Thunder & Lightning campaign - The casseroles will be picked up on December 2nd.**
- **Bundle Up - December 3rd and 4th.** The truck will be in the parking lot on these dates.
- **The SVP Christmas donation envelopes which are available at the back of the Church.**

We would appreciate your support to make this **SEASON OF HOPE**, joyful and memorable for our Neighbor in Need. The Thunder and Lightning Casserole campaign is scheduled for this weekend. A foil pan and the recipe will be handed out after all Masses for those who would like to donate a Casserole. Please support this program, if you are able to. Thank you.

Tel: 647-772-1319 www.svdtoronto.org



Youth Group Meeting December 2nd

Our next youth group meeting will be on the first Friday of the month (December 2nd) at 7:00 pm. It will be a continuation of the series on the Christian Life. [For more information,](#) contact Luis Dizon at 647-862-6717 or luis.dizon@mail.utoronto.ca.



AID TO
women

**WIN
CASH!**

**50/50
Raffle**

Draw date:
DECEMBER 15, 2022

Purchase your Christmas 50/50 Raffle Tickets for a chance to win up to \$5,000 10 days before Christmas!

Ticket Sales Start November 15, 2022. Only 500 tickets!
\$20 per ticket
Ending at 11:59 pm EST, December 14, 2022
Draw date: December 15, 2022, 1 pm, at:
Aid to Women, 140 Argyle St, Toronto ON

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE
140 ARGYLE ST. TORONTO (DOVERCOURT ST. ENTRANCE)
FOR DELIVERY OR PICK UP CONTACT US AT:
416-921-6016 | info@aidtowomen.ca

Coordinated by Lifeline (Aid to Women)
Raffle Licence No. M824287

AID TO WOMEN 50/50 Raffle

[Aid to Women](#) is a registered charity offering pro-life options and practical help to pregnant women in crisis for over 34 years. **Please join us in a ATW's Christmas 50/50 Cash Prize Raffle! Draw date is December 15.** You can win up to \$5,000 10 days before Christmas! **Draw location: Aid to Women, 140 Argyle Street, at 1pm.** Only 500 tickets printed. Tickets are \$20 each and available at the ATW office, or can be ordered for pick up or delivery by contacting us at, 416-921-6016 or at info@aidtowomen.ca. Thank you in advance for your assistance. We would also be very grateful for any prayer and spiritual support you could offer.



Saturday December 3rd Advent Reflection by Fr. Edwin Gonsalves

The [Catholic Women's League](#) group of our parish have organized an **Advent Reflection** for our parishioners. **This will take place in our Parish Hall on Saturday, December 3rd starting at 10:30 and lasting till around 1:00 pm.** Light refreshments will be served. Fr. Edwin Gonsalves is the former Pastor of St. Barnabas Church and is presently the [Rector of St. Augustine's Seminary](#). He is an excellent speaker and will be presenting two Advent reflections for us.



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 15th.** We will try to provide the wooden sticks used to make the stars should you need them. Families are encouraged to be active 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.



Simbang Gabi

The Advent Season is upon us and Fr. Steven will once again lead us to prepare our hearts and souls for our Blessed Redeemer through a **Novena of Masses from December 16 to 24, at 6:00 am. *Holy Rosary, St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayers and Angelus will start at 5:30 am.*** Starting this weekend, Simbang Gabi organizers will be at the foyer to take names of possible attendees (to have an estimate for food preparation) and answer questions you may have. Parishioners are welcome to sponsor a Novena Mass and/or sponsor food after Mass. **Please leave a text message to Aida (647-858-7498), Bettina (416-495-0701), Romualdo (647-450-9858), or Sandra (416-878-3012).**

Missal Reflections

Reflections on Weekly Missal Readings by J. Luis Dizon

November 27, 2022 - Turning Towards Zion (First Sunday of Advent) - By J. Luis Dizon

[Click here for the Sunday Readings](#)

The prophet Isaiah made many predictions regarding the coming of the Messiah, which are read over the course of Advent. This is one such passage. It refers to knowledge of God's law spreading from Mt. Zion to the ends of the earth. This will result in the nations turning towards God, and a cessation of conflict on earth.

This prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus, who through His Church has scattered the knowledge of God to all nations. The spread of God's law from Jerusalem may be seen in two ways: Taken literally, this refers to the fact that the Gospel first spread from Jerusalem (cf. **Acts 2**). Taken figuratively, this passage refers to the spiritual Jerusalem, which is the Church as God's temple (**1 Corinthians 6:19, Hebrews 12:22**). Wherever the Gospel spreads, it transforms the societies it comes into contact with, bringing with it peace and justice.

Nevertheless, the fulfillment of this prophecy remains far from finished. We already see some elements of the Messianic Kingdom in places where Christianity has left its mark, but that kingdom has not yet been fully consummated. Unbelief continues to rule over majority of the world's population. Furthermore, wars still rage and sufferings still continue, and will continue to do so until Christ returns to judge the living and the dead. The Vatican II document *Gaudium et Spes* speaks of how total transformation will only occur at the end of time when Jesus returns, at which point the Kingdom of God becomes fully realized:

For after we have obeyed the Lord, and in His Spirit nurtured on earth the values of human dignity, brotherhood and freedom, and indeed all the good fruits of our nature and enterprise, we will find them again, but freed of stain, burnished and transfigured, when Christ hands over to the Father: "a kingdom eternal and universal, a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace." On this earth that Kingdom is already present in mystery. When the Lord returns it will be brought into full flower. (*Gaudium et Spes* **39**)



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