

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

Second Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

December 4, 2022

Saturday December 3:

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving of Mance Family
Edwin Mavard Navaro
+ Basilio & Leticia Lavoria
+ Rose Mihelick
+ Andrew Hong
+ Martha & Hazel Rodrigues
+ Manuelpillai, Saundranayagam, Gertrude
+ Jose Faustino Samson
Deceased Members of Ng Family

Sunday December 4:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family
10:30 am + Veera Veerasuntharam
12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Monday December 5:

9:00 am + Neville Pereira

Tuesday December 6:

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

Wednesday December 7:

7:30 pm + Paul Tan

Thursday December 8:

9:00 am + Rev. Fr. Joseph Fenech
7:30 pm **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

Friday December 9:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention
7:30 pm + Patrick Edward Henry Harrison,
Lucette Cloutier & Isobel Harrison Brown

Saturday December 10:

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. Our parishioners' support of ShareLife is making a difference in the lives of those in need. Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community. 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

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly *"prepare the way of the Lord"*? 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/>.

Requiescat in Pace

Funeral

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Collin Lawrence Vaz**.

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

The Parish [Social Committee](#) welcomes your participation to contribute towards the children's Christmas gifts for the [Christmas Party](#). Kindly take a "Snowflake" from the Christmas Tree in the foyer and donate an unwrapped gift for a child (no clothing please and must not exceed \$20) **before the cut-off date of December 14th**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



2023 Donation Envelopes

Please pick up your **2023 Donation Envelopes** arranged in numerical order. If you cannot remember your number, one of us from the gift shop will gladly help you. Please start to use these envelopes in the New Year. New parishioners who wish to use donation envelopes please register in the gift shop or [from our website](#).



Baptism

Please pray for **Mia Alanna Rojas** who will be baptized this weekend.



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.



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SOLEMNITY: DECEMBER 8

What it is

- It is the **conception of Mary**. Through a special grace from God, she was kept free from Original Sin and lived her whole life free from sin in order to carry out her mission as the Mother of Jesus.
- It is an **ancient Church teaching**. While it was defined as dogma by Pope Pius IX in 1854, the Church has held it as point of faith for centuries before.

What it is not

- It is **not a virgin birth**. Mary was conceived like any other person.
- It is **not the conception of Jesus**. We remember the conception of Jesus on the Feast of the Annunciation, which is celebrated on March 25.

Why we celebrate

Because it is a **gift** that Mary said “**yes**” to God and bore his Son, Jesus!



The Miraculous Medal

The Miraculous Medal also known as the Medal of the Immaculate Conception has this prayer inscribed:

“O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee.”



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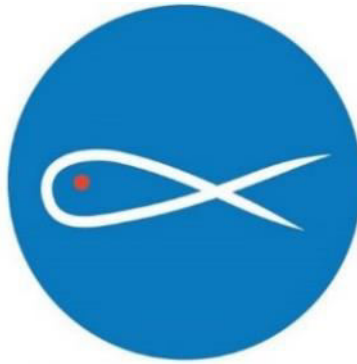
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and Living Rosary

This Solemnity is on **Thursday December 8**. In addition to our regular 9:00 am Mass, we will have Mass in the evening at 7:30 pm. The Legion of Mary will be conducting a **Living Rosary at 6:15**. Everyone is invited to attend.



Growing in our knowledge of the Faith

Our **Lay Pastoral Associate, Luis Dizon**, will be presenting another talk on the Catechism on **Saturday December 3rd, 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. Vincent de Paul

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

“St. Vincent never ceased to permeate the spirit of Our Lord into his companions. He summed up the spirit in five fundamental virtues - simplicity, gentleness, humility, mortification and zeal”. God is able to provide us with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, we may share abundantly in every good work. Especially with the less fortunate in our community. **Bundle Up Weekend - December 3rd and 4th.** The SVP truck will be in the parking lot on these dates. Please support the SVP Program by bringing in your gently used clothes, woolens and household linens. Looking forward for your support.

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



Advent Parish Confessions

St. Aidan Parish Confessions will take place on **Monday December 12 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm** inside the church. We will have **three priests** available to hear your confessions. In addition to this, Fr. Steven will be available for confessions in his office on **Friday December 16th from 10:30 am to 12 noon**. Please note that confessions are regularly available **20 minutes before all Masses and from 4 pm to 5 pm on Saturdays.** **During the week of December 12 to 16 extra times for confessions should be available in other parishes also.**



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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
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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.**



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

December 4, 2022 - The Root of Jesse (Second Sunday of Advent) - By J. Luis Dizon

[Click here for the Sunday Readings](#)

This is the second prophecy from Isaiah that refers to the coming of the Messiah (the first one was **Isaiah 2:1-5**). The passage begins with a reference to Jesse, who is the father of king David. The image of the stump signifies that the Davidic lineage is all but gone when this prophecy is fulfilled. The Judaic monarchy has been abolished, and the holy land is under pagan subjugation. Despite this, however, a descendant will emerge, who will be empowered by the spirit of God to do great things (verses 1-2).

The rest of the prophecy has still yet to be fulfilled. Isaiah speaks of the Messiah's judgment (verses 3-5), which will happen when Jesus returns on the last day. The images of judgment here parallel our Gospel reading, where John the Baptist warns of the impending fire (**Matthew 3:10-12**). St. John describes how all this will come about (**Revelation 20:11-15**).

After this judgment comes where there will be no more wars or fear of wild animals, and the whole world will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord (verses 6-9). This imagery parallels **Revelation 21-22**, which describes the new heavens and new earth that will be brought about when Christ returns. It describes a world without death or sadness, where everything that plagues our current age will be long forgotten. It is a restoration of the paradise that existed in Genesis, before the corruption of the Fall.

Perhaps the most surprising part about the prophecy for its Jewish readers, however, is the reference to the nations (verse 10). The Jewish conception of the Messiah tended to be nationalistic, and centered around the redemption of Israel. Here, however, Isaiah prophesies that the Messiah will lead not just Israel, but all the other nations. His salvation is for the whole world (cf. **1 John 2:2**).

Even now, we continue to await Christ's return. When He returns, Isaiah's vision of a world of peace will finally be fully realized. Until then, we must strive to spread the Good News of God's Kingdom to as many people as we can, in fulfillment of Jesus' words: *"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations; and then the end will come."* (**Matthew 24:11**)



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