

# 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**

## **Third Sunday of Advent**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**December 11, 2022**

#### **Saturday December 10:**

**5:00 pm** Rosemarie & Marla Zupan  
Carlos Luis Tames

Special Intention of Joe Molinari  
In Thanksgiving of Anthony Loong  
In Thanksgiving of Bernales - Pacampara Family  
+ Charlaine & Clara Pereira  
+ Claudio & Simporosa Catequista  
+ Carol Delavren Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### **Sunday December 11:**

**9:00 am** + Norine Finley

**10:30 am** + Aloysuis Kar On Leung

**12:00 pm** Pro-Populo

#### **Monday December 12:**

**9:00 am** + Carmelle Harrison

#### **Tuesday December 13:**

**9:00 am** In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family

#### **Wednesday December 14:**

**7:30 pm** + Maria & Rafael Atizado Sr.

#### **Thursday December 15:**

**9:00 am** + Noel Geniza

#### **Friday December 16:**

**9:30 am** Celebrant's Intention

**7:30 pm** + Louisa Dos Santos

#### **Saturday December 17:**

**9:00 am** Celebrant's Intentions



***A new way to donate online to St. Aidan's for our parishioners and visitors who regularly attend our Masses to donate to our parish.***

Just scan the **QR Code** with your cell phone.



### **ShareLife - Goal Update**

**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 goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability."* - **Cardinal Thomas Collins**. 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](http://sharelife.org/donate).



### **Vocation Seeds**

*"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."* Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, **contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/>.



### **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](#).

# St. Aidan's Social Committee Is having a



**CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**  
For the Parish Children

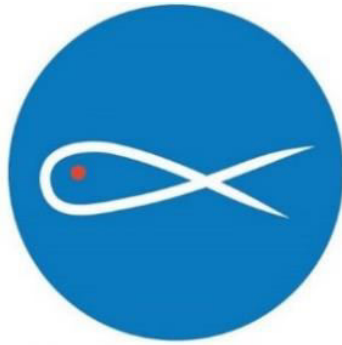
**Saturday December 17, 2022**  
**Place:** St. Aidan's Parish Hall  
**Time:** 11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
**Lunch:** Pizza and Juice  
**Registration Required**  
**\$5/- per child**  
(Age 0 – 12 years)

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.



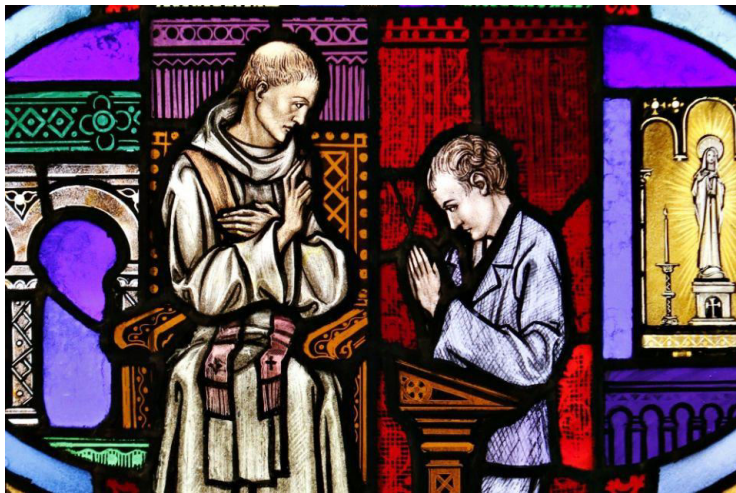


St. Vincent de Paul

**[Society of St. Vincent de Paul](#)**

*“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others” - **Philippians 24**.* In giving of ourselves - is a wonderful way of expressing our spiritual, material and financial support to the most needy - our neighbour-in-need. Your generous contribution to the **POOR BOX** is greatly appreciated. We count on you for your support. Thank you to all those who prepared the Thunder & Lightning casseroles for the homeless. Thanks also to all those who contributed to the Bundle-up Weekend.

Tel: 647-772-1319 [www.svdtoronto.org](http://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.](#)**

CELEBRATING  
*The Season of Christmas*

The Christmas season celebrates the mystery of the Incarnation and the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world:  
*past, present and future*



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The season *begins* with evening prayer on Christmas Eve and *ends* with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The period after Christmas day celebrates many *feasts* that reflect on various facets of the Christmas event:

- Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
  - Epiphany of the Lord
  - Baptism of the Lord

*"To enable us to know, accept and follow Him, the Son of God took on our flesh... Our faith in the Son of God made man in Jesus of Nazareth enables us to grasp reality's deepest meaning and to see how much God loves this world and is constantly guiding it towards Himself."*  
POPE FRANCIS, LUMEN FIDEI, 18

The Christmas season contains two holy days of obligation in Canada:

- December 25: *Nativity of the Lord*
- January 1: *Solemnity of Mary*

The splendour and glory of the Word-made-flesh makes Christmas a great festival of light. *Jesus is the Light of the world who banishes the darkness.*

During the season of Christmas, we recognize and celebrate the presence of Christ among us today!



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SOURCE: CCCB'S BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS FOR HOME AND FAMILY

### **Christmas and New Year Schedules**

- **Saturday December 24 - Christmas Eve Masses: 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 12 midnight. No 5:00 pm Mass**
- **Sunday December 25 - Christmas Day Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 noon**
- **Saturday December 31 - New Year's Eve Mass: 5:00 pm**
- **Sunday January 1 - New Year's Day Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 noon**



We wish you peace and happiness  
at this holy time of year,  
as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour,  
our Light and our Hope in all seasons.

*Merry Christmas!*

### **Christmas and New Year's**

**Catholics are required to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Christmas and New Year's Day are Holy Days of Obligation.** Attending one of the Christmas Evening Masses, on the 24th, fulfills your obligation for Christmas. Attending the 5 pm Vigil Mass of New Year's, on December 31st, fulfills your obligation for New Year's. **Note that there is no longer a dispensation for not coming to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.**



*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!*

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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

### ***Christmas 50/50 Raffle Tickets this Weekend***

You could win up to \$5,000 10 days before Christmas! Fundraiser tickets will be sold by Aid to Women this weekend after all Masses. [Aid to Women](#) (ATW) is a registered charity offering pro-life options and practical help to pregnant women Continuation of Christmas 50/50 Raffle: in crisis for over 34 years. **Please join us in ATW's [Christmas 50/50 Cash Prize Raffle!](#) Draw date is December 15.** Tickets are \$20 and you have an amazing chance to win \$5,000 since only 500 tickets are being sold. Please see the ladies from Aid to Women for the sale of the tickets at the end of Mass. Thank you in advance for your assistance. We would also be grateful for any prayer and spiritual support you could offer.





### ***Youth Group Meeting December 16th***

**Our next youth group meeting will be on the third Friday of the month (December 16th) 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.](mailto:luis.dizon@mail.utoronto.ca)



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

Thank you to those who expressed interest in joining this year's [Parol making contest.](#) **The last day to submit your Parol is Thursday, December 15.** Your Parol will be designated by a number and displayed in the Parish Hall. Winners for the best Parols will be announced just before Christmas. There will be three prizes and five consolation prizes. You can pick up your Parol on December 24th.





### ***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 11, 2022 - The Restoration of All Things (Third Sunday of Advent) - By J. Luis Dizon***

[Click here for the Sunday Readings](#)

Even though the prophet Isaiah lived over a century before the Babylonian exile, the Holy Spirit inspired him to speak of events that would happen long after his lifetime. This way, God's people would know what was going to happen to them before it arrives, and would be prepared for it. They would also be able to look back in hindsight and see that the messages they received in the past are truly from God, as God alone has knowledge of the future. More importantly, through these messages they would have hope and not lose faith in God in the midst of their captivity.

Even though the exile was a dark time in Jewish history, Isaiah predicted that they would be restored to their land. We see this prophecy fulfilled seventy years after they go into captivity, in the late 6th century B.C. The geographical references in this passage (Lebanon, Carmel and Sharon in v. 2, and Zion in v. 10) indicate that this prophecy concerns both the northern and southern tribes. By this act, God shows both His goodness and mercy towards His people, and His sovereignty over the events of history, ordering them as He wills.

Moreover, this return from exile foreshadows a greater rescue that would take place even later. The return from exile is a type of the rescue from sin that is accomplished for us by Christ. And finally, the restoration of the land mentioned in the first few verses of Isaiah 35 foreshadow the ultimate restoration of all things in the new heavens and new earth ([Revelation 21-22](#)). On that day, all of the promises made by God in Isaiah will be fully realized.

Therefore, this Advent, we not only look back to the incarnation, by which Christ took on flesh to redeem us, but we also forward to that glorious future when all will be restored to a paradisaical state, just as the prophecy of Isaiah described.



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