

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

December 18, 2022

Saturday December 17:

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving of Acheron and Vasquez Families

+ Maria & Rafael Atizado

+ Inacio Fernandes

+ Milagres D'Silva

+ Marina D'Souza

+ Trevor De Silva

+ Marie Angelo

+ Stan Zupan

Deceased Members of Patterson and Nugara Families

Sunday December 18:

9:00 am + Louisa Dos Santos

10:30 am + Stan Zupan

12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Monday December 19:

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

Tuesday December 20:

9:00 am + Alberto V. Alcantara

Wednesday December 21:

7:30 pm + Asuncion Jara

Thursday December 22:

9:00 am + Patrick Edward Henry Harrison,

Lucette Cloutier & Isobel Harrison Brown

Friday December 23:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm + Louisa Dos Santos

Saturday December 24:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intentions **NO 5:00 pm Mass**

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

12 midnight Christmas Mass

Sanctuary Lamp

Souls in Purgatory and for the Family



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.



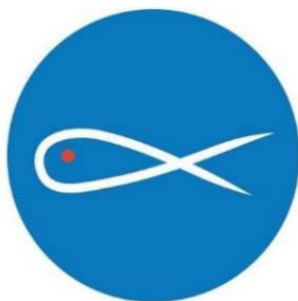
ShareLife

ShareLife agencies need your support, now more than ever. **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. Did you know that, through your support, no one is turned away from ShareLife-funded agencies due to inability to pay? One of these agencies whose work you make possible is **Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS)**. *"The pandemic has affected the newcomer and refugee communities we serve greatly,"* the agency reports. Thanks to you, CCS continued its settlement and mental health services for the marginalized population without interruption. Our goal this year is \$48,000. To date we have achieved \$50,874.45. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, **online through our parish website**, or at **sharelife.org/donate**.



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. Vincent de Paul

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

“Each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (Pt.4:10) As we prepare our hearts to receive Jesus in our home to live the Joy of Christmas, let us also remember our less fortunate brethren in our community. Helping our less fortunate brethren is the *“gift of sharing”* we can experience and have contentment.

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




Vocation Seeds

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife”... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” 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 or <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/>

Annual GTA Prayer Service Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023



“Do good; seek justice”
(Isaiah 1:17)

The Annual Week of Prayer Service for the Greater Toronto Area will be held at:
St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church
73 Simcoe St. (@ King St. W.),
Toronto, ON M5J 1W9
on Sunday, January 22, 2023
at 4:00 p.m.

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church.

The homilist is The Rev. Dr. Robert Faris
(Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.)

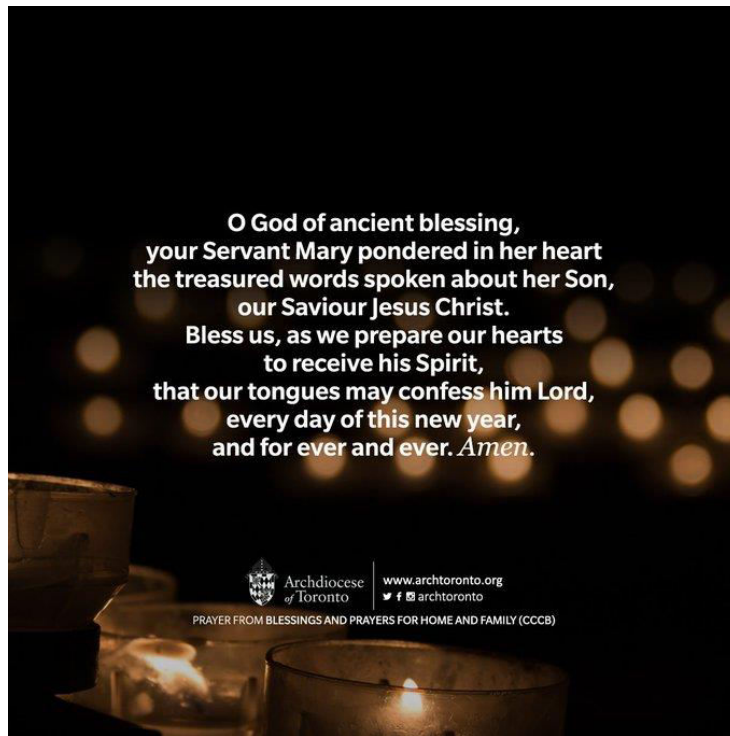
This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto’s Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.



**Office for Promoting Christian Unity
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Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto

[Promoting Christian Unity](#)

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representative of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church at St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St. at King St. W. in Toronto) on **Sunday January 22, 2023, at 4 pm**. This event is jointly organized by the [Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches](#).



New Year Schedules

- **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 also fulfills your obligation for Christmas. Attending the 5 pm Vigil Mass of New Year's on December 31st also 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.***



Grade 7/8 Students' Confirmation Program

We finally have some information available for those students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this School Year. **Enrolment Ceremony will be the weekend of January 21/22 and Classes will start on Sunday January 29th.** [Please see our website for more information](#) and for the [registration form](#).

Requiescat in Pace

Deceased Recently

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Madonis Doctrove**.



Baptisms

Please pray for **Myra Jade Miresh** as we welcome her into the family of God.



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.



Simbang Gabi

We have begun our 6 am Novena Masses which will continue until December 24. Holy Rosary, St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayers and Angelus will start at 5:30 am. If you haven't already signed up but plan on attending, please sign up or contact the coordinators so they know how much food to prepare. Simbang Gabi organizers will be in the foyer to gather names of possible attendees. **Please leave a text message to Aida (647-858-7498), Bettina (416-495-0701), Romualdo (647-450-9858), or Sandra (416-878-3012).**



Simbang Gabi Christmas Lantern (Parol) Making Contest

Thank you for your submissions for the [Parol making contest](#). **We have extended the deadline for submissions to Tuesday December 20th.** 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 5 consolation prizes. You can pick up your Parol on December 24th.



December 18, 2022 – God With Us (Fourth Sunday of Advent) - By J. Luis Dizon

[Click here for the Sunday Readings](#)

This reading comes in the middle of a narrative where Syria and Israel are at war with Judah, and seek to overthrow king Ahaz. As the Davidic king, Ahaz is part of the promise that God made to David that his dynasty would rule forever ([2 Samuel 7](#)). However, the king is weak in his faith, which can be seen in how he reacts to news of the war: *“When the house of David was told, ‘Syria is in league with Ephraim,’ his heart and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind.”* ([Isaiah 7:2](#))

To strengthen his faith, Isaiah tells him to ask God for a sign. Ahaz rejects it under the pretense of not wanting to test the Lord. Isaiah sees through this false piety, however, and says that it wearies the Lord. It is true that God says “*You shall not test the Lord, your God*” ([Deuteronomy 6:16](#)). If God is offering the sign, however, it is not the same as testing. As John Goldingay observes: “Sometimes God disapproves of people who want signs, but sometimes God grants signs. Maybe there’s a difference between people who want to believe but need help and people who don’t want to believe and want an excuse for avoiding doing so. Ahaz comes in the latter category.”¹

And then Isaiah mentions what the sign will be: “*Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*” ([Isaiah 7:14](#)) English translations differ on whether to translate the Hebrew word *‘Almah* (עַלְמָה) as “virgin,” or “young woman,” since the word can mean either. The Greek Septuagint translates the word as *parthenos* (παρθένος), which more clearly means virgin, and is the basis of the Gospel quotation of this verse.

There is an immediate fulfillment of the passage in Ahaz’s lifetime, as indicated in [verses 15-17](#):

He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah - the king of Assyria.

This fulfillment comes when Isaiah has a son through an unnamed prophetess ([Isaiah 8:1-4](#)). In the spirit of Old Testament prophecy, however, there is both the immediate and the more distant future fulfillment. This more distant fulfillment is told in our Gospel reading ([Matthew 1:18-24](#)). The Gospel indicates to us that the birth of Jesus fulfills Isaiah’s prophecy in an even fuller way.

Ahaz may have experienced a temporal deliverance during his lifetime, but those living after the coming of the Messiah experience an even greater deliverance from sin and eternal death. As Advent gives way to Christmas, we reflect upon this deliverance that God grants us through Jesus.

¹ John Goldingay, *Isaiah for Everyone*, Old Testament for Everyone (Louisville, KY; London: Westminster John Knox Press; Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 2015), 34.



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