

# 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 9:30 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

Fourth Sunday of each month.

Please call the Rectory well in advance for general instruction.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:55 pm and 20 minutes  
before every Mass, except Friday evening.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to be married must 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.

## LIVE-STREAMING

Sunday 10:30 am Mass.

Can be requested for funerals, weddings, and special events for \$200.

## BULLETIN

Notices must be handed in by Tuesday morning.

## 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.

## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Steven Szakaczki - *Pastor*

Peter Lee - *Deacon*

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 7:15 pm  
(before the 7:30 pm Ad Orientem Mass).

## MINISTRIES

Altar - Marie Saldanha - 416-491-9876

Altar Servers - Brenda Fernandes - 647-352-2756

Baptism - Fr. Steven Szakaczki - 416-494-2704

Bible Study - Maurino Alphonso - 416-564-6471

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 Alphonso - 416-564-6471

First Holy Communion/Confirmation - Fr. Steven Szakaczki - 416-494-2704

Hospitality - George Fernandes - 416-493-0016

Lectors - Sandra Lloret - 416-878-3012

Marriage Preparation - Wilfred/Aggie 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

Social Committee - George Fernandes - 416-493-0016

Twelve Noon Choir - Franz Braganza - 647-273-0495

Volunteers' Screening - Bettina Geniza - 416-495-0701

Youth Ministry - Luis Dizon - 647-862-6717

## SOCIETY LEADERS

Catholic Women's League - Artimizia Tellis - 416-491-3937

Knights of Columbus - Aris Dometita, GK - 647-961-2449

Legion of Mary - Marie J. Wo Kai Sang - 647-248-1762

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Gwen Faustin - 647-300-9551

**We welcome all new parishioners! Please register at the Gift Shop after all the weekend Masses.**

***We invite you to become involved in our Parish Ministries.***

(NOTE: CLICKABLE LINKS provided in the online bulletin graphics.)

**St. Aidan Roman Catholic Church**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**March 5, 2023**

**Saturday March 4:**

**5:00 pm** + Collen Vaz

+ Peter Kwong

+ Arlene Velasco

+ Seamus O'Neill

+ Stan Zupan

+ George Mathew Panicker

+ Myrna Abejar

**Sunday March 5:**

**9:00 am** Deceased Members of McDermott Family

**10:30 am** In Thanksgiving of Pearl Raddcliffe Family

**12:00 pm** Pro-Populo

**Monday March 6:**

**9:00 am** Deceased Members of Mendes Family

**Tuesday March 7:**

**9:00 am** + Andrea Hubera

**Wednesday March 8:**

**7:30 pm** + Rohesh Maleesha Cross

+ Neville Pereira

+ Francisco Balagtas

+ Victor Fernando

+ Matilda Cross

**Thursday March 9:**

**9:00 am** + Tinizza Rubera

**Friday March 10:**

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

**7:30 pm** + Charlaine & Clara Pereira

**Saturday March 11:**

**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.*



### ***Vocation Seeds***

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as 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/>**



### ***Stations of the Cross During Lent***

One great way to deepen our spiritual life during Lent is praying the Stations of The Cross. Every Friday during the season of Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross **after the Friday evening 7:30 pm Mass.** Everyone is welcome to participate.



### ***Turkey and Syria Humanitarian Relief***

If you wanted to contribute to the humanitarian aid for the victims of the recent earthquake, you can do so directly [through the Archdiocese of Toronto Website](#), or by phone through the Development Office 416-934-3411, or through St. Aidan's Parish by cheque payable to: St Aidan Church-Turkey and Syria Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief.



### ***Second Collection this Weekend***

This weekend we will have a second collection for the **Parish Building and Maintenance Fund**. Please note that on the first weekend of every month we have this second collection.



As we journey  
through *Lent*

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA  
St. Aidan Council

*Presents*

Lenten Reflection  
***"The Sixth Sorrowful Mystery"***

*Speaker*  
**Rev. Eric Rodrigues**  
Director of Spiritual Formation and Liturgy  
Lecturer in Systematic Theology  
St. Augustine's Seminary

**Saturday, March 18, 2023**  
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
**In the Parish Hall**

All are invited  
*Light refreshments will be served.*

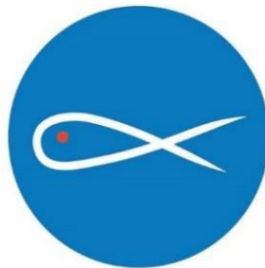
***Lenten Day of Reflection***

This will take place here at St. Aidan's on Saturday, March 18 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Our speaker will be **Fr. Eric Rodrigues**, Director of Spiritual Formation and Liturgy and Lecturer in Systematic Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary. Everyone is invited to participate. Light refreshments will be available.



### ***RCIA Candidates***

Please keep in your prayers those who are preparing to become Catholics or to receive all the Sacraments of initiation in the Catholic Church: **Simon Luu, Irene Ewalefoh, Wendy Agee, Elisha Agee, Franca Odunlami, Marie Fundi, Rosheka Paranawitharanage, and Johnson Pius.**



St. Vincent de Paul

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

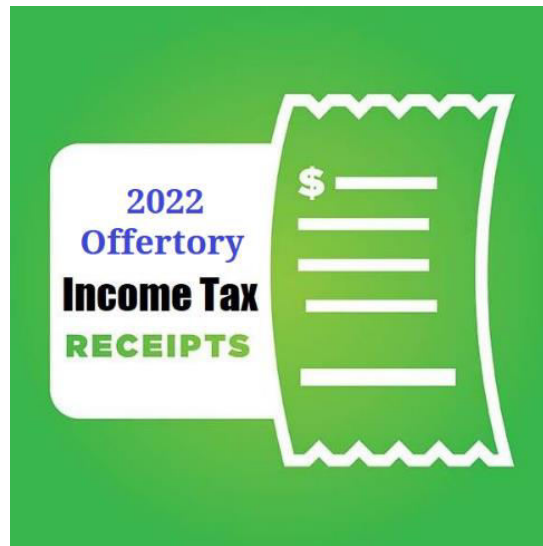
*“The one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”- (2 Corinthians).*

**Bundle Up Weekend March 4/5:** The SVP truck will be in the parking lot next weekend. Please support the SVP program.

- ***Items accepted:*** Gently used Clothing/Woolens, Footwear, Bedding, Drapery and Towels. Toys **(New Only)**
- ***Items not accepted:*** Baby items (Crib, Car seats, Strollers, or ANY other Baby furniture). Construction Materials, Dishes, Furniture, Books, Video, Audio Cassettes. Thank you for your support.

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



***Your Offertory Income Tax Receipts for 2022 are ready***

Please come to the church **Gift Shop** after any of the Sunday Masses to pick up your income tax receipt.



***Free Bread Friday Evenings***

**One of our parishioners delivers this bread very Friday.** The bread is from Costco, and has just expired. While the bread is free for the taking, since we don't want it to be thrown out, we have noticed that some people are taking too many loaves. Please note that most people leave a small donation. If you can't afford to leave a donation, you may take the bread for free, but only for yourself. The money that we collected is given to those who are truly in need. We divide the money collected between [Covenant House](#), the [St. Vincent de Paul Society](#), and the [Daily Bread Food Bank](#). Our recent bread collections for the months of January and February, 2023 came to **\$830.55**. Thank you for your contributions.



***ShareLife: Live the Gospel by supporting ShareLife***

**ShareLife Sunday is March 26.** Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$58,600.00. More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are supported through your generosity. Without your contributions, more than 150,000 people would not receive the hope offered through the vital work of these agencies. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, [online through parish website](#), or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



***Spiritus East Young Adult Ministry (Ages 19-35): "The Vocation of Man & Woman."***  
**Talk // Small Group // Fellowship.**

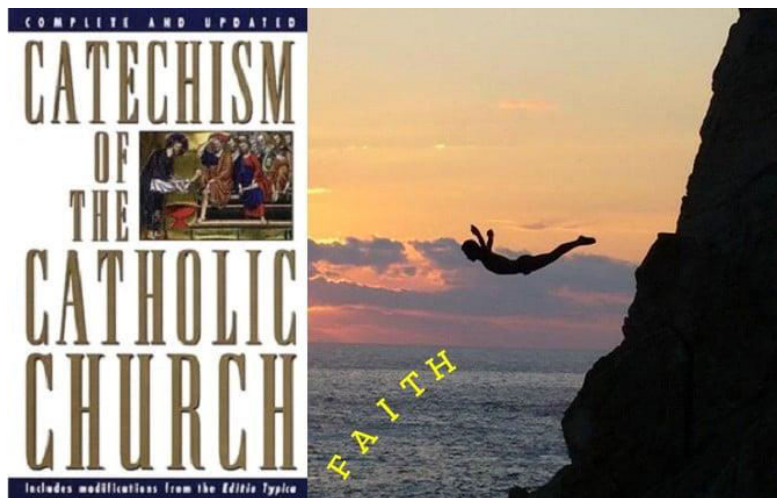
Let's face it, finding a vocation is really hard. It is a calling to live a life totally contrary to our secular world but it is one of the greatest gifts God has given us. You probably get told often to be patient and pray more and trust God more which is true, but what if there was a vocational calling you could live out right now? One that would make that secondary vocation down the road that much better. Join us as we hear a talk by **James Sullivan** on **Wednesday, March 8th at 7pm**, held at **St. Theresa's Parish (2559 Kingston Road)**. See you there and bring a friend. [For more information](#) or to get involved please contact Samantha Goh, Eastern Region Young Minister, at [spiritusvia@ocytoronto.org](mailto:spiritusvia@ocytoronto.org) or 416-599-7676.





### ***New Archbishop for Toronto***

Pope Francis has appointed **Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo**, currently Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Montreal, as the 14th Archbishop of Toronto. The archbishop-designate succeeds Cardinal Thomas Collins, who has served the archdiocese since 2007. The new archbishop will be installed at a ceremony at St. Michael's Basilica on **Saturday March 25th**. Due to space restrictions, we anticipate this will be an invitation-only event. During this time of transition in the archdiocese, we give thanks for Cardinal Collins and his service to the Church and welcome Archbishop-designate Leo, who will be joining the community very soon. Please continue to keep these shepherds close in prayer in the days ahead.



### ***Catechism Class: Teaching on the Holy Spirit***

Our next "**Learning the Faith**" Catechism class will take place on **Saturday, March 4th, at 6:30 PM**. The topic will be the Holy Spirit. Please bring a Bible if you can. Light refreshments will be provided.

# St. Anthony's Novena



The thirteen consecutive  
Tuesday Novenas in honour of  
**St. Anthony**  
will start on

**Tuesday, March 14th, 2023**

at

**7:30 pm**

**There will be Mass followed by  
Novena Prayers & Benediction**

**Hope you can attend!**

## **St. Anthony's Thirteen Tuesdays Novenas**

This Novena of Masses and prayers is intended to honour St. Anthony of Padua and to invoke his powerful intercession for your specific intentions. The novena will start on **Tuesday March 14, with Mass at 7:30 pm** followed by Novena Prayers and Benediction. **Novena Masses will continue every Tuesday at 7:30 pm leading up to the Feast of St. Anthony which is June 13.**



### ***Youth Fellowship***

Our next youth fellowship will be on **Friday, March 3rd, at 6:00 PM** in the Knights of Columbus Meeting Room. We will be continuing Bible study series through Genesis, with board games and social after. Bring your Bible if you can. New members are invited to attend, and be sure to bring a friend with you. Anyone between the ages of 13 and 24 are welcome to participate.

**[For more information](#)**, contact Luis Dizon at 647-862-6717 or **[luis.dizon@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:luis.dizon@mail.utoronto.ca)**.



***March 5, 2023 - Abraham's Calling (Second Sunday of Lent) - By J. Luis Dizon***

**[Click here for the Sunday reading](#)**

God's calling of Abram is a pivotal moment in the Biblical narrative. After the first 11 chapters of Genesis describe the creation and fall of humanity, chapter 12 shifts gears and focuses on one obscure family, whose history marks the beginning of God's plan to redeem the world. Here Abram (later renamed Abraham) is called out of Haran, a city in northern Syria, to emigrate to Canaan. God promises to make a nation out of Abram's descendants, and to give them the land as their possession. This is the basis of the covenant that He will later make with him in **[Genesis 15](#)** and **[17](#)**.

God further states that Abraham's offspring, the people of Israel, will become a source of blessing to the nations. This comes about in two ways. First, He gives Israel a law which they are to follow. In so doing, they are to become the model for other nations of what a godly people are like:

*Behold, I have taught you statutes and ordinances, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land which you are entering to take possession of it. Keep them and do them; for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and ordinances so righteous as all this law which I set before you this day? (Deuteronomy 4:5-8)*

Second, out of Israel will come the Messiah, who is to be the Saviour of the world. Thus, the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise to Abram comes through Christ, who is God's blessing to the world by means of His salvific death and resurrection. All who believe in Christ and are baptized become Abraham's spiritual offspring, as St. Paul states in Galatians:

*Now before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. (Galatians 3:23-29)*

By faith in Christ, we become children of Abraham and recipients of the blessing that God promised through him. Let us take hold of that promised blessing and invite others to share in it.





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