

# 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**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**March 19, 2023**

**Saturday March 18:**

**5:00 pm** Marla Zupan

Wai Yee Lau

Birthday Blessings for Joseph Buensuceso

+ Rev. Fr. Edwin Savundra

+ Herminia & Felisa Tan

+ Peter & Zita Fernandes

+ Arulappu Nicholas

+ Mamta Kumari

**Sunday March 19:**

**9:00 am** + Vicente & Fe Castaneda

**10:30 am** + Elizabeth Leung Lyson

**12:00 pm** Pro-Populo

**Monday March 20:**

**9:00 am** Pearl, Colleen & Malcolm

**7:30 pm** Feast of St. Joseph

**Tuesday March 21:**

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

**Wednesday March 22:**

**7:30 pm** Alex & Mary Cheng

Amable Baylosis

Birthday Blessings for Carlos Lacuna

+ Floyd & Mary Sullivan

+ Margaret Siscorp

Deceased Members of Yu Family

**Thursday March 23:**

**9:00 am** In Thanksgiving of Argle Velasco

**Friday March 24:**

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

**7:30 pm** + Nellie Ragos Vasquez

**Saturday March 25:**

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



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### ***Vocation Seeds***

***“We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day.”*** Are you being called to a life as an ordained or consecrated person? 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/>**



### ***Lenten Parish Confessions***

**On Thursday March 23, from 7 pm to 9 pm** we will have three priests available to hear confessions. ***Note that regularly scheduled confessions are 20 minutes before all Masses (except Friday evenings) and Saturdays from 4 to 5 pm.***



### ***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.



### ***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.





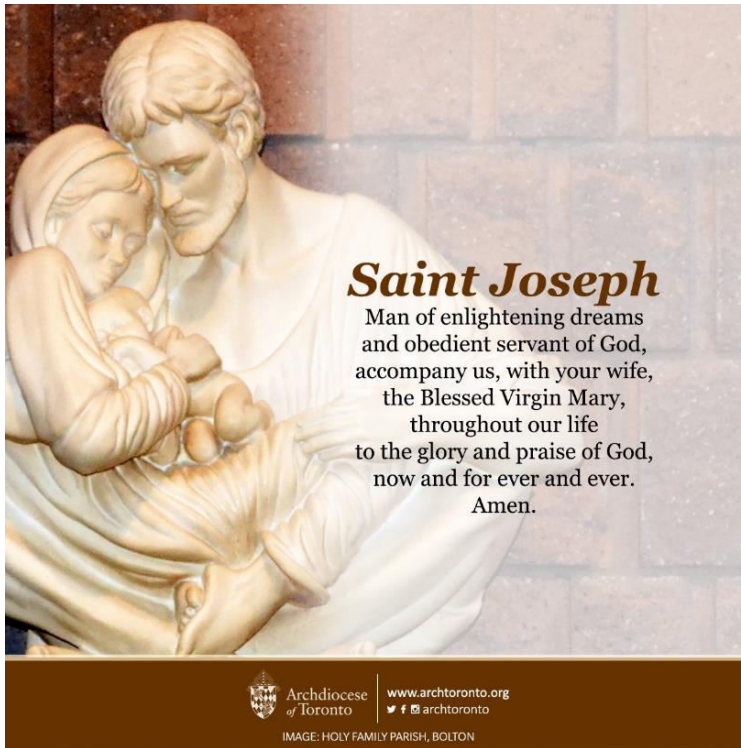
### ***Dealing with Separation***

**New Beginnings** is a program, offered by Catholic Family Services, that ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement. There will be an online **Lenten Retreat March 29 at 7:00 pm**. Please register at: <https://lr0323.eventbrite.ca> For more information please contact **Arcangelo Limanni** at: [alimanni@cfstoronto.com](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com) 647-215-3978.



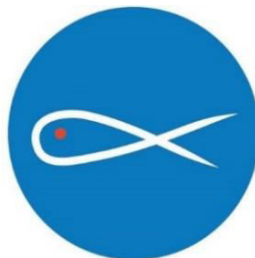
### ***Legion of Mary Acies***

The annual Consecration of the Legionaries to Our Lady will take place at St. Aidan's church on **Sunday March 26th at 3:30 pm**. All active and auxiliary members of the **Legion of Mary** are invited to participate - **No Mass**.



### ***Solemnity of St. Joseph***

The Solemnity of St. Joseph is usually on March 19. This year it falls on a Sunday and so the Solemnity is moved to **Monday March 20**. In addition to the Monday morning Mass at 9:00 am ***we will have an evening Mass at 7:30 pm.***



St. Vincent de Paul

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

The three penitential practices during Lent - prayer, almsgiving and fasting help us to better prepare ourselves and to experience God's love. Fasting is an aid to open our eyes to the situation in which so many of our brothers and sisters live! During this Lenten season, let us intensify our efforts in this mission of love and compassion by doing the 'extra' and as a community, care for those among **us whose need is the greatest**. Please remember the **POOR BOX** on your way out of the church.

**[Click here to view the 2023 St. Vincent de Paul Newsletter](#)**

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The Son of God took the nature of a **servant** without stain of sin, enlarging our humanity without diminishing his divinity. **He emptied himself**; though invisible he made himself visible, though Creator and Lord of all things he chose to be one of us mortal men. Yet this was the condescension of **compassion**, not the loss of omnipotence. So he who in the nature of God had created man, became in the nature of a servant, **man himself**.

ST. LEO THE GREAT; OFFICE OF READINGS, APRIL 4

### SOLEMNITY OF *The Annunciation of the Lord*

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord recalls the angel Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God.

The angel said to her, *"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God."*  
LUKE 1:35

Mary, Mother of the "Yes",  
you listened to Jesus,  
and know the tone of his voice  
and the beating of his heart.  
*Morning Star, speak to us of him,  
and tell us about your journey  
of following him on the path of faith.*

PRAYER BY POPE BENEDICT XVI



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### *Living Rosary*

Saturday March 25th is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. To honour Our Lady, the [Legion of Mary](#) will lead us in a Living Rosary at 4:00 pm. Everyone is invited to participate. **Only the morning 9 am Mass will be the Mass of the Annunciation.**



### *Marriage Preparation Program at St. Aidan's*

The 2023 St. Aidan's [Marriage Preparation Program](#) will commence on **September 30, 2023**. Please note this program is held once a year, hence, couples planning to marry by December 2024 can register for it. **Kindly contact Aggie Gomez at 416-292-5707.**



# Fundraiser Easter Basket Raffle



- Raffle: 1 Ticket: \$5.00 or 3 tickets for \$10.00
- Draw after 12:00 noon mass on Sunday April 16, 2023
- Winner will be notified by Phone
- Purchase your ticket/s in the Foyer with the CWL Members after all weekend masses

Should you have any questions please contact:

Artimizia Tellis: 416-491-3937, Patricia Lobo: 416-895-4621  
Gwen Faustin: 647-300-9551, May Ticsay: 416-854-5193



CWL ST. AIDAIN COUNCIL 20TH ANNIVERSARY 2003-2023

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## Raffle of Easter Basket

The [CWL](#) of our parish are conducting a fundraiser by raffling off an Easter Basket. **Tickets are 1 for \$5, or 3 tickets for \$10.** Tickets can be purchased in the foyer after all weekend Masses. **The draw will take place after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday April 16th.**





### ***ShareLife***

Our first ShareLife collection will be on the weekend of **March 25/26**. Our 2023 suggested parish campaign goal for St. Aidan's Parish is \$58,600.00. More than 40 Catholic organizations and social services agencies are supported through your generosity. Without your contributions, more than 150,000 people would not receive the hope offered through the important works of these agencies. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, [online through parish website](#), or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).



### ***Supporting Christian Families in Bethlehem***

**On the weekend of March 18-19**, we will have a presentation by a representative of “**Handicraft Holy Land Christians**”. Unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by Christian families in Bethlehem will be available for purchase after every Mass. Proceeds of sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Cash, debit, credit cards and cheques will be accepted. You can visit and support us at [www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca)



### *Out of the Cold*

St. Aidan's parish is involved with helping the homeless in our community through the "[Out of the Cold](#)" outreach program. Each weekend lunch bags are distributed to the poor and homeless. Various churches, agencies and community groups prepare these lunch bags each weekend. This involves making sandwiches and assembling salads which are given to Agincourt Community Services to distribute to the homeless. **Our next assembly date here at St. Aidan's church is Sunday March 26 from 11:30 am to 2 pm.** If you would like to help with the assembly of these and other items, **please fill in your information on the signup sheet on the bulletin board. Or contact Wayne Wavryk at 416-254-9464.**



### *Movie Night*

Thanks to the effort of our CWL and Knights of Columbus our next Movie Night will be on **Saturday March 25, right after the 5:00 pm Mass, starting at 6:15.** We will be showing Episode 5 and 6 of **Season 3** of the **The Chosen** series. Even if you have not seen previous episodes you will love these episodes which do an amazing job depicting the life of Jesus and His disciples. We will have a group discussion after each episode. Each episode is about an hour long. The Movie Nights are free. We will be selling pizza and popcorn with water for \$5. If you know you will be attending, please register in advance at our Gift Shop so they know how much pizza to order.



### ***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 continue every **Tuesday, with Mass at 7:30 pm** followed by Novena Prayers, Benediction and distribution of blessed bread. **The Novena will end with the Feast of St. Anthony on June 13.** Take advantage of these prayerful opportunities even if you can't make very Tuesday evening.



### ***Youth Fellowship***

**Our next fellowship will be on Friday, March 17th, at 6 PM in Meeting Room 1.** We will be continuing our 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 19, 2023 - Matters of the Heart (Fourth Sunday of Lent) - By J. Luis Dizon***

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

There is a human tendency to look at outward appearances to determine a person's worthiness for a task or a position, especially one of leadership. Physical strength, attractiveness, wealth, family connections, and personal charisma are the usual categories that we use when choosing a leader. Even in the ancient world, these traits were used to legitimize kings. A strong man who could vanquish foes in battle was seen as having the approval of Heaven. Recall how David's predecessor, Saul, was chosen because he was said to be taller than the rest of the people (**1 Samuel 10:23**), and the remainder of his rule was justified by his ability to defeat Israel's enemies in battle. Later on, however, he flagrantly disobeyed God by not killing the Amalekite king and their cattle, causing God to reject him as king (**cf. 1 Samuel 15**)

For God, however, the important things are not the externals. What matters is the heart. Piety, obedience, and trust in God are what He looks for. Saul had none of these qualities. Later on, when Samuel goes to Jesse's sons, David was the one who had these traits the most. Scripture says that he was a man after God's heart (**Acts 13:22**) This is why he is chosen to be king, despite his unassuming figure relative to his brothers. David's kingship becomes important later on because out of his lineage comes Jesus, who is said to sit on the throne of David (**Luke 1:32, Romans 1:3**).

It is not wrong to cultivate external things like strength, beauty and charisma. Even David is said to have had these things. We must remember however, that these things are secondary to faith, and must be put in the service of faith, such as what David does in the Bible. Only by putting them in service of faith do they become worthwhile.



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