

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

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Counters - Gwen Faustin - 647-300-9551

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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

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ShareLife/The Shepherds' Trust - Artimizia Tellis - 416-491-3937

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Youth Ministry - Luis Dizon - 647-862-6717

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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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

March 26, 2023

Saturday March 25:

5:00 pm Ambrosio Family

Rogelio Escarpiso Jr.

+ David Yu Tin King

+ David Chan

+ Frances Cuda

+ Darwin Currie

+ Mark Pereira

+ Amador Astudillo

Sunday March 26:

9:00 am Deceased Members of McDermott Family

10:30 am Deceased Members of Patterson and Nugara Families

12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Monday March 27:

9:00 am + Chiu-Ying Wong

Tuesday March 28:

9:00 am + Felipa Contreras Acheron

7:30 am In Honour of St. Anthony

Wednesday March 29:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Edith Vasquez

+ Mary & Lloyd Sullivan

+ Herminia & Felisa Tan

+ Dolores Junio

Thursday March 30:

9:00 am + Collin Vaz

Friday March 31:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

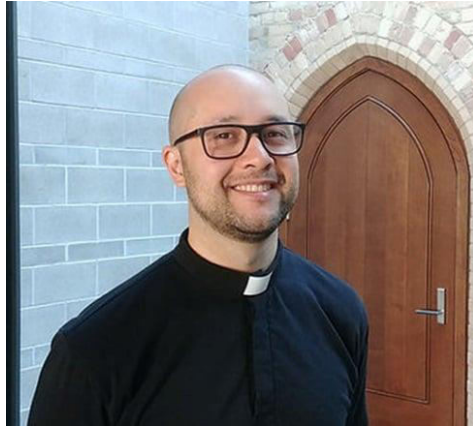
7:30 pm + Eddie Sanchez

Saturday April 1:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention



*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

“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe that your plan is God’s plan? 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 or <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/>



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. **This event does not include Mass**. Light refreshment will be available afterwards.



Masses of Celebration to Welcome Archbishop Francis Leo

Bishop Francis Leo, the new Archbishop of Toronto is being installed as our Archbishop this Saturday, March 25, at 10 a.m. The Mass of Installation is through invitation only. The Mass will be livestreamed through www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: <https://www.slmedia.org/live>. Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Eastern Region on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 - **St. Isaac Jogues Parish**, Pickering - 7 p.m. In the Central Region it will take place on Tuesday, April 11, at **Blessed Trinity Parish**, at 7 p.m. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend these regional Masses. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.



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 647-215-3978.



ShareLife

Our first ShareLife collection will be this weekend. 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. You can donate at the parish or [online through out parish website](#), or at sharelife.org/donate. ShareLife envelopes are available at the back of the Church.



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The day recalls Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of our salvation that takes place about a week before his Resurrection (Easter).

Why do we wave palms?

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, crowds greeted him by waving palms and covering his path with small branches. We wave palms today to hail Christ in his triumph for our salvation in the light of his Paschal Mystery - his Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Jesus enters Jerusalem. The crowd of disciples accompanies him in festive mood, their garments are stretched out before him, there is talk of the miracles he has accomplished, and loud praises are heard:

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”
(Luke 19:38)

POPE FRANCIS

On Palm Sunday, priests will wear **red vestments** in keeping with the Church's focus on the Lord's glorious Passion



Traditionally, before the beginning of Lent the following year, the palms are collected and burned to a fine ash. The ashes are blessed and used for the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

Read the story of Palm Sunday:
Luke 19:28-44




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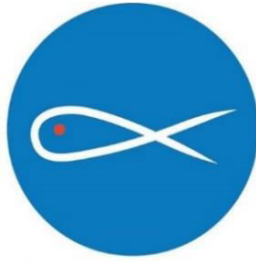
Palm Sunday Rosary Procession

After the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday April 1st, we will have an outdoor procession around the church and school, weather permitting. We will pray the Rosary as we walk.



Question and Answer Session

Our Lay Pastoral Associate and Fr. Steven will again conduct a question-and-answer session on **Saturday April 1st right after the 5:00 pm Mass and Rosary Procession**. You can place your anonymous questions into the box at the centre of the main aisle in the church. The session will last about an hour and a half. Light refreshments will be available.



St. Vincent de Paul

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Catechism tells us, “By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.” (CCC 540) We need to make the most of the time we have. We all fail, but the key is to remember why we’re doing this; why we’re called to pray, fast, and give alms.

During these last couple weeks of Lent, instead of thinking only of your own struggles, contemplate on Jesus and his lonely journey through the desert. Put yourself in his dusty shoes and stand beside him as he struggles to walk, weak from lack of food. Stay by his side. He knows what it means to face temptation, and he can help you overcome your own daily trials. Remember the reason why you started this journey in the first place.

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta - “Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for Divine love?”

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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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.**

The poster features a central photograph of a wicker basket filled with various items like chocolates, coffee, and small gifts, tied with a purple ribbon. The background is decorated with a colorful border of Easter-themed illustrations including flowers, leaves, and decorated Easter eggs. The title 'Fundraiser Easter Basket Raffle' is written in a large, black, cursive font across the top. Below the photo, there is a list of raffle details, contact information for organizers, and a logo for the Catholic Women's League of Canada. At the bottom, there is a banner for the 'CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!' initiative and a date for the 20th anniversary of the St. Aidan Council.

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

CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!

CWL ST. AIDAN COUNCIL 20TH ANNIVERSARY 2003-2023

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA FOR GOD AND CANADA

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.**



Holy Week Schedule

The times for the **Holy Triduum** are the following:

- **Holy Thursday, April 6 - 7:30 pm: *Mass of the Lord's Supper* (No morning Mass).** All night adoration will be Thursday night, ending at 7:30 am. **No adoration or vigil on First Friday since it is Good Friday.**
- **Good Friday, April 7 - 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm: *Good Friday Services*** (Stations of the Cross by our Youth at 7:30 pm)
- **Holy Saturday, April 8 - 8:00 pm: *Easter Vigil Mass* (No morning or afternoon Mass).**



Good Friday Stations of the Cross By St. Aidan Youth

Let us reflect on Christ's Passion & Death on Good Friday by walking the sorrowful journey with Him. All parishioners are invited to attend the **Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 7, at 7:30 pm.**



Good Friday Collection for the needs of the Holy Land

The **Good Friday collection** is for the **Needs of the Holy Land** and is coordinated by the Commissariat of the Holy Land. These funds are used for the upkeep of the sanctuaries and to help with Pastoral work, Catholic schools and social assistance in the Holy Land. For further information please visit: www.commissariat.ca.



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, April 21st, 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.



March 26, 2023 – The Valley of Bones (Fifth Sunday of Lent) - By J. Luis Dizon

[Click here for this Sunday's Reading](#)

In Ezekiel 37, we are presented with a rather graphic vision of a valley full of dry bones. These bones represent the people of Israel: Spiritually dead and in exile. God asks the prophet Ezekiel, *"Son of man, can these bones live?"*, to which he replies, *"O Lord God, you know"* (v. 3). The people appear to have no hope, because they say, *"Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off."* (v. 11). God's response to them is that He will raise them up, as we see in our reading.

This vision refers to the immediate situation of the Jewish people, who are in exile in Babylon, and are being given hope that they will return to Israel. However, the image of dead bones points to a spiritual reality behind the geopolitical one: The people are spiritually dead because of their sin, and need to be made alive. Thus, God promises to them not just a national

restoration, but also a spiritual one. As they return to the land of Israel, they will be cleansed of their sins receive God's Spirit, which will guide them to obey God's laws (**Ezekiel 36:25-27**).

The spiritual state of Israel reflects that of all humankind: We are all dead in our sins. We are all exiled from our heavenly home and are in need of saving. That salvation comes to us through Christ. This is why our Old Testament reading is paired with Jesus' raising of Lazarus. We are taught that our own spiritual resurrection is realized through faith in Him, which is why He says, "*I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?*" (**John 11:25-26**)

The question "*Do you believe this?*" is posed to all of us, because we are all like the dead bones in Ezekiel's vision. Only by faith and trust in Christ can we be brought to spiritual life, which is why we must cling to Him through all of our lives.



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