

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vocation Seeds

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997.

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ShareLife

Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Thus far we have raised \$48,614 toward our goal of \$58,600.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate

Conferral of the Pallium upon the Most Rev. Francis Leo

On the Solemnity of St. Michael, on Friday September 29th at 5:30 pm, at St. Michael's Cathedral, Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass and the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovic will confer the pallium on our archbishop, as a symbol of his role as metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes

Catechism classes for First Holy Communion (Grade 2 and up) and Confirmation classes (Grades 7 and up) will begin on September 24th. They will be taking place in the parish hall after the 12 noon Mass (1 to 2 pm for First Communion, 2 to 3 pm for Confirmation). First Communion classes will run up to April 2024, and Confirmation classes up to May. They will be taught by Luis Dizon. Please fill out your registration forms and submit them either to Luis Dizon or Fr. Steven, along with payment for textbooks (\$25 for First Communion classes, \$15 for Confirmation classes). In addition, we will be having an orientation session for parents of First Communion on September 17th at 1 pm in the parish hall. Please attend.

Stewardship Sunday

The weekend of September 23/24 has been designated as Stewardship Sunday throughout the Archdiocese. To mark the event, every parish in the Archdiocese will be presented with a homily from our new Archbishop to mark the occasion. It is an opportunity to consider being more involved in your parish, to consider joining one of the many volunteer organizations.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 9:

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving of Angela Romilla
In Thanksgiving of Maria and Teresa Lozada
+Manuel Tan Sr. & Felsa Tan
+Alejandra & Justino Lanoy
+Jovita De Souza
+Ireneo Cadigal
+Vanessa Pereira
+Winston Nugara

Sunday September 10:

9:00 am +Clara & Charlaine Pereira

10:30 am +Virginia & Francisco Tan

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday September 11:

9:00 am In Honour of Blessed Fredric Ozanam

Tuesday September 12:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family

Wednesday September 13:

7:30 pm Amy, Jon, Joaeph Emmanuel
In Thanksgiving
+Anthony D'Costa
Souls in Purgatory

Thursday September 14:

9:00 am +Maggie & Manuel Alphonso

Friday September 15:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Noel Geniza

Saturday September 16:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

Sanctuary Lamp

In Thanksgiving of Patterson Family

Bundle Up Collection: Spring Cleaning –Year Round!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, shoes and linens to support our neighbours in need, this weekend September 9 and 10. Please bring your donation and help others in your community. Thank you!

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Wishing to become Catholic or Catholics who need to be Confirmed

Consider signing up for the RCIA (Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults) Course which will be starting very soon. Please fill out an application form which you can get at our Gift Shop after Mass or online at our parish website.

Leave our Kids Alone, 1 Million Person March and Peaceful Protest

This event will take place across Canada. Parents have had enough of gender ideology and the overt sexualized materials in Canadian schools, from K-Grade 12. On Wednesday September 20th, Canadian Parents, groups and citizens across the country will be raising a collective voice to send the essential message, "Leave Our Kids Alone". Join us in protecting ALL children from Gender Ideology. Fr. Steven and St. Aidan's parishioners will be going to Ottawa to participate in this event. If you wish to join us, please register with the Knights of Columbus after Mass. We will start the day with Mass at 6am, and either carpool or if enough people have signed up, we may be able to hire a bus to take us. For those who can't come with us to Ottawa, a similar March will take place in Toronto, on the same day, at Queen's Park, starting 9:00 am.

Life Chain

The Life Chain is an easy way to get involved defending the sanctity of every human life. This year's Life Chain will be on Sunday October 1st from 2 to 3 pm. Please come out (rain or shine) and join Fr. Steven and many parishioners for one hour to publicly witness to our pro-life beliefs. We will be located at the corner of Finch and Warden. Please register in the foyer with the Knights of Columbus, who will provide you with the Life Chain Code of Conduct and other instructions.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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I want you to be concerned about your next door neighbor. Do you know your next door neighbor? - St. Teresa of Calcutta

Thank you for your ongoing love and generosity towards the poor. Your donations to the Poor Box go a long way to help many poor and unfortunate families

Talking in Church

Catholic churches have always been sacred spaces where reverence for the true presence of God in the Eucharist is manifested in various ways. People would genuflect towards the Tabernacle upon entering and exiting the church or entering and exiting their pews. It is to be understood that because God is truly present in the Tabernacle, being in church is the ideal time to pray, to converse with God. Silence within church facilitates being able to pray and to focus on God's presence. Experiencing this silence is extremely beneficial for us. People chatting or noise in general can prevent us from having interior peace, making it harder for us to focus, to pray. Health professionals speak of noise pollution and its detrimental effects. The opposite can also be true; those who are not right with God, who lack inner peace do not like silence. They may not want to be reminded of their conscience. Such people will want to surround themselves with noise, distractions, or to engage in conversation when they should not. Many spiritual authors have pointed out that we can only hear God in silence. In Scripture we see Jesus seeking out places of solitude to pray to His Heavenly Father. In 1 Kings 19, Elijah does not perceive God in the fire and earthquake that precedes His coming but rather in "a still small voice". In 2016 Robert Cardinal Sarah published his book, "The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise." He quotes many previous authors regarding the importance and even the necessity of silence. Silence benefits our relationship not just with God but also with others. Cardinal Sarah states, "Without the capacity for silence, man is incapable of hearing, loving, and understanding the people around him. Charity is born of silence." It is only in silence that we find and truly commune with God. Please maintain a respectable silence within church at all times.

Inviting all book enthusiast to join The Saint Aidan Book Club

We are having our first meeting on September 30 at 6:30 at St. Aidan's to discuss the, "How to Read a Book" by Mortimer Adler. Many may say, "But I already know how to read a book!" However, here are a few questions to consider why it is a good book for the book club to start with. Do you want to understand books, and remember more of what you read? Do you want to better understand the author's goal and be a better critic of what you have read? Come join the St. Aidan book club. To register, contact Rosario Dizon at 416 731 0484.