

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Vocation Seeds

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997

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Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Saturday December 23 - 5pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday December 24 - 6am, 9am, 10:30am, 12noon

Sunday December 24 Vigil Masses for Christmas
6pm, 8pm, 12Midnight

Monday December 25- 9am, 10:30am, 12noon

Saturday December 30- 5pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday December 31 - 9am, 10:30am, 12 noon,
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Monday January 1 - 9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon

Advent Parish Confessions

If you haven't been to confession for a while, it is a good idea to go before Christmas. Many people wait till the last minute. Take advantage of the extra confession times that parishes will be offering during the next few weeks. Parish Confessions at St. Aidan's will take place on Tuesday, December 12 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Our plan is to have three priests hearing confession.

Extra Confessions in other Parishes

St. Barnabas- Wednesday December 12, 7:00 to 8:30 pm; December 11, 12, 14, & 15 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Epiphany of Our Lord - Tuesday December 19

from 6:30 am to 7:30 am, 9:00am to noon, and 5:00 pm to 6:45pm; also Wednesday December 20 from 6:30 am to 7:30 am, 9:00am to noon, and 5:00pm to 6:45pm

Christmas Lawn Signs

The Knights of Columbus of our parish will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn signs after all Sunday Masses. The cost is \$15 and is a fundraiser for the charitable works the Knights undertake. Thank you for your support.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 9:

5:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Hanye Agwuibe

+Paul Tan

+Neville Pereira

+Darwin Currie

+Mark Pereira

+Karleena Francis

+Josephine Francis

Hoy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday December 10:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Pearl, Coleen , Malcolm

10:30 am +Paul Kar Chu Loon

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday December 11:

9:00 am +Clara & Charlaine

Tuesday December 12:

9:00 am +Lancy Gomes

Wednesday December 13:

7:30 pm Jose Dias

Oksandra Usenko

Estefania Ng Lee

+Zita D'Cruz

+Wilhelmina Esquerra

Thursday December 14:

9:00 am +Maria Atizado & Rafael Atizado Sr.

Friday December 15:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Noel Geniza

Saturday December 16:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others. - St. John Paul II

December 10, 2023

Christmas Party for Children on Saturday December 16

St Aidan's Parish Social Committee welcomes your participation to contribute towards the Children's Christmas gifts for the Christmas Party. Kindly take a "Snowflake" and or an "Angel" from the Christmas Tree in the foyer and donate an unwrapped gift for a child (no clothing please and must not exceed \$20) before the cut-off date of December 13th. Your Generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses

We will again have our 6:00 am Novena of Masses. These will begin on Saturday December 16 and continue till Sunday December 24. After each 6am Mass, a breakfast will be provided by the organizers. If you wish to donate to this undertaking, please speak to the organizers **after weekend Masses**. Mass intentions for these 6:00 am Masses will also be accepted by the organizers.

Clothe the Naked (especially in winter)

There are many people within minutes of our homes who are about to experience their first Canadian winter. There are also many homeless individuals who are about to face the reality of spending their days outside with no home to go to. We are asking you to consider donating new or gently used/clean coats for men and women of all sizes. New hats, gloves and scarves are also needed. You can drop off these items in the large wooden bin located in the front of the lobby until December 16. Thank you

Holy Days of Obligation

Catholics are required to attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Attending a Vigil Mass on the previous day fulfills this obligation (such as the regularly scheduled Saturday evening Mass). In Canada there are only two Holy Days of Obligation that do not usually fall on a Sunday; Christmas and New Year's Day. Please note that this Christmas season, December 25 and January 1 fall on a Monday. You must attend one Christmas Mass and one of the preceding Sunday Masses. For New Year's you must attend one New Year's Mass and one of the preceding Sunday Masses

In other words, you must attend two obligation Masses on each of these weekends, from Saturday to the Monday.

Simbang Gabi Christmas Lantern (Parol) Making

The Star of Bethlehem is one of the symbols of Christmas. The brilliant star of unusual brightness led the three wise men from far away lands to undertake the arduous journey and follow the star which eventually led them to the infant Savior. To remember this special star, the organizers of the Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses are inviting families to join our third annual Christmas Star Lantern (Parol) Making Contest. Your star will need to be submitted by December 16, by 11am. The wooden sticks used to make the stars are available for pick up after Sunday Masses. Families are encouraged to be creative in decorating their own lanterns. The lanterns will be hung in the Parish Hall and can be brought home on December 24th. Three prizes will be awarded for the best lanterns. The winners will be announced on December 18th.

Saint Aidan Book Club

We are meeting on Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 pm at St. Aidan's to discuss the book, "Confessions" by Saint Augustine, where he narrates how he came to turn away from his youthful ideas and licentious lifestyle to become one of Christianity's most influential thinkers and saints. Come join the St. Aidan book club. To register, contact Rosario Dizon at 416-731-0484.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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Give something, however small, to one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God if we have given what we could. - St. Gregory Nazianzen

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Envelopes

will be at the back of the church and in the stand-alone poor boxes. Your generosity is greatly appreciated; let us give joy and hope to our neighbours in need during this holy and glorious season.

Sayings of the Saints

I believe, O my Saviour, that you know just what is best for me. - St. John Henry Newman

Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to him. That is all the doing you have to worry about. - St. Jane Francis de Chantel