

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Vocation Seeds

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will “lay down their lives for their friends”. If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious, or deacon for His Church, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997

email: vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

ShareLife

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign.

Everyday young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Our parish goal this year is **\$63,200.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate.

Holy Week Schedule

The times for the Holy Triduum are the following:

Holy Thursday, March 28 - (no morning Mass) 7:30 pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 29 - Good Friday Services 12:00 noon & 3:00 pm
Station of the Cross - 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday, March 30 - Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

St Anthony's Novena Masses

St. Anthony's Tuesday Novena Masses will start on Tuesday March 19 at 7:30pm followed by Novena Prayers to St. Anthony and Benediction. You are welcome to write your intentions on a slip of paper and leave it in the basket by St. Anthony's statue. The intentions will be blessed and offered up every Tuesday during the Novena Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 16:

5:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Isabella Ng
Birthday Blessings for Robert Cano
Birthday Blessings for Joseph Patrick
Buensuceso
+Herminia & Felisa Tan
+Anthony Vaz
+Rolando Lomboy
+Philip Chan
+Jason Tolentino

Sunday March 17:

9:00 am +Antonio & Giovanna Saniscale

10:30 am +Teresa Koon Lai Wah Leung

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday March 18:

9:00 am In thanksgiving of Ferrao Family

Tuesday March 19:

9:00 am Pearl Radcliffe & Family

7:30 pm St. Anthony Novena

Wednesday March 20:

7:30 pm Birthday Blessings for Bernard Dizon
Debbie Cybuskie
+Helen Sunter

Thursday March 21:

9:00 am Birthday Blessings for Nancy Ocampo

Friday March 22:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm Birthday Blessings for Carlos Lacuna

Saturday Mar 23:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

Improving Marital Relationship

Give yourself the gift of a joyful marriage by learning the tools of healthy communication. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-origin program, welcoming couples of all faiths to help get their relationships back on track. Join us from April 5-7, in Mississauga. For more information, call 437-234-5610 or visit torontoretrouvaille.com or helpourmarriage.org.

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Movie Night

Thanks to the efforts of our CWL and Knights of Columbus our next Movie Night will be on Saturday March 23, right after the 5:00 pm Mass, starting at 6:15. We will be showing the movie A Hidden Life. This stunning movie is based on a true story about a man who refuses to fight for the Nazis despite tremendous pressure and persecution of himself and his family. His heroism, conviction to his beliefs and his love are truly inspirational. We will have discussions during and after the movie. We will discuss the influence of propaganda, peer pressure and mind control, as well as pondering the question, "How much are you willing to suffer for our faith?" This movie is an ideal lead up to Holy Week. The St. Aidan Movie Nights are free! We will be selling pizza and popcorn with water for \$5. Everyone is welcome. If you know you will be attending, please register in advance at our Gift Shop so we know how much pizza to order. Thank you.

Palliative Care Postcard Campaign

The Catholic Women's League of our parish is distributing pre-printed postcards after all weekend Masses so parishioners can write to our Members of Parliament/Provincial Parliament asking for their urgent action to direct more resources to Palliative Care in our health-care system.

As a comprehensive approach to end-of-life challenges, Palliative Care combines pain management with efforts to attend to a patient's psychological, emotional, social, and spiritual needs. Palliative Care also attends to the practical, emotional, and pastoral need of caregivers, both professional and patient-identified, to ensure they receive proper support as they journey with the patient through his or her illness as well as after the patient's death.

The Catholic Church remains strongly opposed to euthanasia and assisted suicide referred to as Assistance in Dying (MAID). Let us make our voices heard and show our support for Palliative Care as a means of accompanying someone who is extremely vulnerable and significantly (if not entirely) dependent on others for care. To learn more, visit www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues.

Please pick up a pre-printed post card, add your return address and drop in the mail (no postage necessary).

St. Aidan Book Club

The Book Club is meeting on Tuesday, April 2 at 5:30 pm at St. Aidan's to discuss the book, "The Spirit of the Liturgy" by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger. The book discusses fundamental misunderstandings of the Second Vatican Council's intentions for liturgical renewal, especially about the priest's orientation of prayer to the Father, the placement of the tabernacle in churches, and the posture of kneeling. Learn about the relationship of the liturgy to time and space, sacred art and music, and the active participation of the faithful in the Mass. To register, please contact Rosario Dizon at 416-731-0484.

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In the matter of piety, poverty serves us better than wealth, and work better than idleness, especially since wealth becomes an obstacle even for those who do not devote themselves to it. Yet, when we must put aside our wrath, quench our envy, soften our anger, offer our prayers, and show a disposition that is reasonable, mild, kindly, and loving, how could poverty stand in our way? For we accomplish these things not by spending money but by making the correct choice. Almsgiving above all else requires money, but even this shines with a brighter luster when the alms are given from our poverty. The widow who paid in the two mites was poorer than any human, but she outdid them all. - St. John Chrysostom

May God Bless you. We greatly appreciate your kind generosity in helping to make a difference..

Our Lady wants to visit your home.

St. Aidan's parish has a small replica pilgrim statue of Our Lady of the Cape that parishioners can request to visit their home for a one or two week period. If you would like to have the pilgrim statue visit your home and have your family and friends gather to pray and obtain more of Our Lady's intercessory blessings, please contact: Naomi Patterson 647-380-4942 or Gwen Faustin 647 772 1319

Prayer is, therefore, the source and origin of every upward journey toward God. Let us each, then, turn to prayer and say to our Lord God: "Lead me, O Lord, on your path, that I may walk in your truth". - St. Bonaventure