

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 9:00 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

Please call the Rectory well in advance for general instruction.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:50 pm and 20 minutes
before every Mass, except Friday evening.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to be married should 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.

BULLETIN

Notices must be handed in by Tuesday morning.
Please contact Office.

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.

We welcome all new parishioners!

Please register at the Gift Shop after all the weekend Masses.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Steven Szakaczki - *Pastor*
Deacon Peter Lee - *Deacon Assistant*
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 7:30 pm
(before the 7:30 pm Ad Orientem Mass).

MINISTRIES

Altar Servers - Brenda Fernandes - 647-352-2756
Altar Society - Marie Saldanha - 416-491-9876
Baptism - Fr. Steven Szakaczki - 416-494-2704
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 & Olyn Alphonso - 416-564-6471
First Holy Communion/Confirmation - Fr. Steven Szakaczki - 416-494-2704
Hospitality - George Fernandes - 416-493-0016
Lectors - Delba Lewis-Noronha - 416-492-7245
Marriage Preparation - Aggie & Wilfred 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
Sunday Bible Study - Maurino & Olyn Alphonso - 416-564-6471
Twelve Noon Choir - Franz Braganza - 647-273-0495
Volunteers' Screening - Bettina Geniza - 416-493-0701

SOCIETY LEADERS

Knights of Columbus - Aris Dometita, GK - 647-961-2449
Catholic Women's League - Patricia Lobo - 416-895-4621
Legion of Mary - Marie J. Wo Kai Sang - 647-248-1762
Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Savio Ferrao - 647-772-1319

We invite you to become involved in our Parish Ministries.

(NOTE: CLICKABLE LINKS provided in the Bulletin graphics.)

St. Aidan Roman Catholic Church

The Nativity of The Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

December 25, 2022

Saturday December 24:

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

12:00 Midnight Christmas Mass **No 5:00 pm Mass**

Sunday December 25:

9:00 am Christmas Mass

10:30 am Christmas Mass

12:00 Noon Christmas Mass

Monday December 26:

9:00 am + Carmelle Harrison

Tuesday December 27:

9:00 am + David Ebaló

Wednesday December 28:

7:30 pm + Florentino Protacio

Thursday December 29:

9:00 am + Edilberto Acheron

Friday December 30:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm + Sydney Noronha

Saturday December 31:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intentions



A new way to donate online to St. Aidan's for our parishioners and regularly attend our Masses to donate to our parish.

Just scan the **QR Code** with your cell phone.



Christmas Message

As we continue to return to more normal circumstances let us be ever grateful for the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us. His greatest gift to us His Divine Son, Jesus Christ. He came into the world to save us from our sins, to open the gates of heaven, to give us an example, and to invite us into a personal, familial relationship with God; with all three Persons of the Blessed Trinity. God the Son humbled Himself by assuming human nature and becoming man for all of us. He humbled Himself further by giving Himself to us in the most Holy Eucharist, so that we can have His life, His love, and His strength in us. May the losses and restrictions of the past two years teach us to appreciate more fully the good things in our lives, especially our faith and the presence of Jesus in our midst in the Eucharist. We pray for better times to come and that God helps us through all difficulties and challenges. May the Baby Jesus, His love and His peace, reign in our hearts. May we all have a joyous and blessed Christmas!



2023 Donation Envelopes

Please pick up your **2023 Donation Envelopes** arranged in numerical order. If you cannot remember your number, one of us from the gift shop will gladly help you. Please start to use these envelopes in the New Year. New parishioners who wish to use donation envelopes please register in the gift shop or [from our website](#).



A Reminder about Reception of Holy Communion

The Catholic Church welcomes greater numbers of people at Christmas time, including those who have been away from the Sacraments. **Reception of Holy Communion is reserved for those who are baptized Catholics in a state of grace, having observed the one hour Eucharistic fast before receiving Holy Communion. Anyone conscious of having committed a mortal sin since their last confession must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession before coming to Communion.**



Vocation Seeds

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be 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/>



We wish you peace and happiness
at this holy time of year,
as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour,
our Light and our Hope in all seasons.

Merry Christmas!

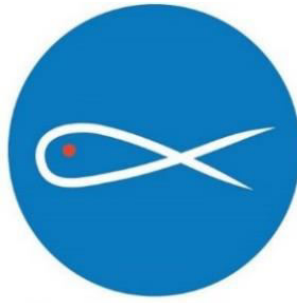
Christmas and New Year's Schedule

Catholics are required to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Christmas and New Year's Day are Holy Days of Obligation. Attending the 5 pm Vigil Mass of New Year's on December 31st also fulfills your obligation for New Year's. ***Note that there is no longer a dispensation for not coming to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.***



Grade 7/8 Students' Confirmation Program

We finally have some information available for those students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this School Year. **Enrolment Ceremony will be the weekend of January 21/22 and Classes will start on Sunday January 29th.** [Please see our website for more information](#) and for the [registration form.](#)



St. Vincent de Paul

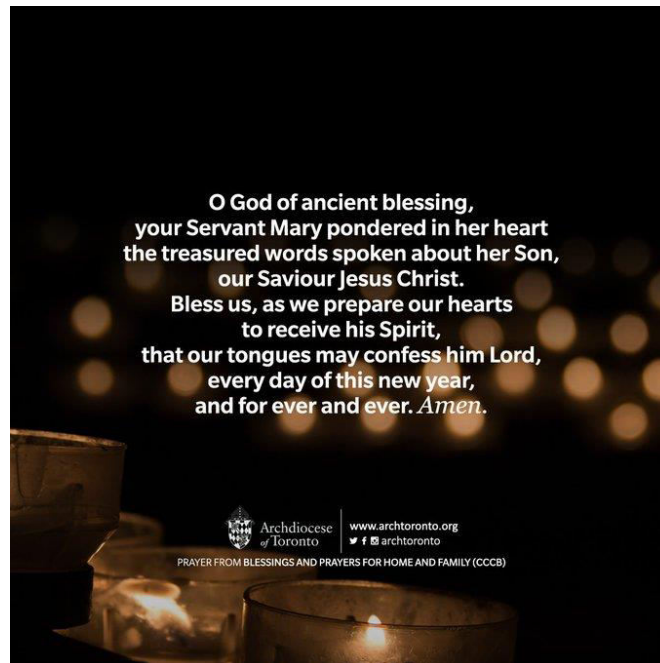
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Christmas is a special time of the year. We are called by Christ to be a light for others. It is more special for us at St. Aidan's, because through simple acts of letting go and following Christ's teaching, we share our love and blessings with our neighbour-in-need and be the light! The light that shines and those who see it can give glory to God.

By your concern, thoughtfulness and generosity, you give the less fortunate in our Parish, the peace and joy of Christmas. May the Baby Jesus bless all of you and all that you do for our community.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes all our Parishioners' a Christmas filled with the love, peace and joy of Baby Jesus. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

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New Year Schedules

- **Saturday December 31 - New Year's Eve Mass: 5:00 pm**
- **Sunday January 1 - New Year's Day Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 noon**

Annual GTA Prayer Service Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023

“Do good; seek justice”
(Isaiah 1:17)

The Annual Week of Prayer Service for the Greater Toronto Area will be held at:
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
73 Simcoe St. (@ King St. W.),
Toronto, ON M5J 1W9
on Sunday, January 22, 2023
at 4:00 p.m.

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church.

The homilist is The Rev. Dr. Robert Faris
(Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.)

This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto's Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.



**Office for Promoting Christian Unity
& Religious Relations with Judaism**
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto

[Promoting Christian Unity](#)

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representative of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St. at King St. W. in Toronto) on **Sunday January 22, 2023, at 4 pm**. This event is jointly organized by the [Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches](#).



ShareLife

Let us say yes to living the Gospel New: Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until the end of 2022, your contribution to our parish's [ShareLife](#) campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million.

"Our faith community has always responded heroically to the needs around us, particularly through our enthusiastic support of ShareLife. We can help alleviate the suffering of those whose lives have been upended by the pandemic. Let us say yes to Jesus' call to live The Gospel by providing for those in need." - Cardinal Thomas Collins

Our goal this year is \$48,000. To date we have achieved \$50,874.45. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, [online through our parish website](#), or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for helping end hunger by donating generously to ShareLife today.



Simbang Gabi: Thank You

Thank you to the organizers of the 6 am Novena Masses leading to Christmas. A lot of hard work went into the food preparation and ensuring that things ran smoothly. Thank you to all the Mass sponsors and your generous contributions.



Christmas Lantern (Parol) Making Contest Winners

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Parol-making contest. The winners' names will be published on our website. You can pick up your Parol on December 24th or later.

Missal Reflections

Reflections on Weekly Missal Readings by J. Luis Dizon

December 25, 2022 – The Child King (Christmas) - By J. Luis Dizon

[Click here for the reading](#)

The readings from the book of Isaiah continue past the Advent season into Christmas. This reading directly relates to the Nativity, as the prophet declares that a great light would come upon the people (v. 2). The Gospel of Matthew directly relates this to the coming of Jesus, whose ministry fulfills this prophecy (**Matthew 4:14-16**).

Further on in the reading, we have a direct prophecy of the Incarnation. In verse 6, a child is born, who is said to bear the government on his shoulders. Jewish tradition regards this as a Messianic prophecy. The titles given to the child are significant. In the ancient world, rulers acquired royal titles upon their accession to the throne, which reflected something about themselves. Here, we see four titles given to the child, which are:

1. *Wonderful Counselor (Pele Yo'etz)* – This title points to the fact that the Messiah is one who dispenses wisdom and counsel to His followers. We see Jesus doing precisely that many times in the Gospels, most especially in the Sermon on the Mount.
2. *Mighty God (El Gibbor)* – This title is especially significant because it only appears one other time in Scripture. In **Isaiah 10:20-21**, we see this title applied to Yahweh. This leaves zero doubt that by calling the child “Mighty God,” Isaiah intends for us to understand that child to be Yahweh Himself.
3. *Everlasting Father (Avi Yad)* – One should not confuse the use of the word “father” here with the person of God the Father. Rather, it points to Jesus taking on a fatherly role in the sense of being the originator of all that exists (cf. **John 1:3**, **Colossians 1:16**).
4. *Prince of Peace (Sar Shalom)* – This relates to the fact that through faith in Jesus, we have peace with God. The Angels who appear at the birth of Christ point to Him as the source of peace when they sing, “*Peace on earth to men of goodwill*” (**Luke 2:14**).

Finally, we are told that the increase of His Kingdom will never end (v. 7). This reflects Jesus’ parables where He talk of the Kingdom as something that grows ever larger (e.g. **Matthew 13:31-35**). The birth of Christ signals the coming of God’s Kingdom on earth, which we will one day see fully realized when He returns in glory at the Second Coming. As we reflect on the Christ child this Christmas, we remember that He who was born is no mere child, but the King of the nations.



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