

# 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  
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## 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  
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Children's Program - Phillip Francis - 416-754-8417  
Counters - Gwen Faustin - 647-300-9551  
Eucharistic Ministers - Aggie Gomez - 416-292-5707  
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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  
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Twelve Noon Choir - Franz Braganza - 647-273-0495  
Volunteers' Screening - Bettina Geniza - 416-493-0701

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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**  
**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**January 1, 2023**

**Saturday December 31:**

**5:00 pm** New Year's Eve Mass

**Sunday January 1 2023:**

**9:00 am** New Year's Day Mass

**10:30 am** New Year's Day Mass

**12:00 Noon** New Year's Day Mass

**Monday January 2:**

**9:00 am** + Jozefina, Karol, Eleonora & Ladislav

**Tuesday January 3:**

**9:00 am** + Savari Francis

**Wednesday January 4:**

**7:30 pm** In Thanksgiving of Campbell & Rosie Noranho Family

In Thanksgiving of Barnales-Pacampara Family

Steve Cheng & Family

+ Gilbert D'Souza

+ Mary Catharine Staples

+ Doreen Giroux

+ Norma Rosal

**Thursday January 5:**

**9:00 am** In Thanksgiving of Jimmy Leong

**Friday January 6:**

**9:30 am** Celebrant's Intention

**7:30 pm** Aceron-Vasquez Family

**Saturday January 7:**

**9:00 am** Celebrant's Intentions



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### ***New Year's Message from Father Steven***

During the past few years we have lived through some difficult times. We may wonder, "What does the New Year have in store for us?" New Year's celebrations are usually occasions to hope for better things to come. Many, however, may be struggling because of financial or health related difficulties and may lack hope for the future. There are many things that can bring us down but we have to remember that we need to hope in God and not just our own efforts to improve our situation. Our hope in God should not just be for a better worldly life here and now. Our earthly existence is just a steppingstone towards eternal life. It is our close relationship with God that can truly sustain us through present and future difficult times. Whether we are rich or poor, healthy or sick, young or old what is most important is our relationship with God. If we are good with God, it doesn't matter what the future holds, He will sustain us and He will help us to secure our place in Heaven. Perhaps a good New Year's resolution should be focused on strengthening our spiritual life; our relationship with God.



### ***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***

Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/>



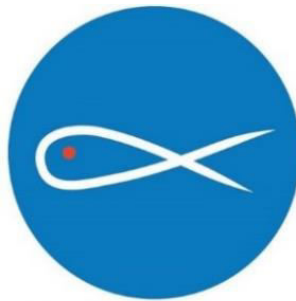
### ***First Friday is January 6***

**We will again have our All Night Vigil of Adoration after the Friday evening 7:30 pm Mass.** Our Eucharistic Lord will be placed on our altar for adoration. Various communal prayers will be recited during the night. Coffee and snacks will be available in the parish hall. Adoration will conclude just before the 9:00 am Saturday morning Mass with Benediction. Every one is welcome to attend.



### ***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***

***“God loves you for what YOU do for JESUS in the distressing disguise of the POOR” - St. Teresa of Calcutta.***

As we usher in the New Year, let us begin it by imploring the intercession of Mary, who gave us Jesus, a gift for hearts, homes and the world.

We thank you for your support given to us and we look forward to your continued support in the New Year 2023.

**Just a friendly reminder: The Thunder & Lightning casseroles will be picked up on Friday, January 6th.** For those preparing the “Thunder & Lightning” casseroles, **please fill-in all details as requested on the label.**

We wish you and your family ...A Blessed Year, filled with love, peace, joy and prosperity ...  
**Happy New Year 2023!!!**

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### ***First Friday Devotions***

At the end of the 17th century Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and asked her to spread devotion to His Most Sacred Heart by promoting the First Friday devotions. Our Lord made these promises to St. Mary Alacoque regarding those who practice the Nine First Fridays. These are only 6 of the 12 promises.

- 1. I will give them all of the graces necessary for their state of life.***
- 2. I will establish peace in their homes.***
- 3. I will comfort them in all their affliction.***
- 4. I will be their strength during life and above all during death.***
- 5. I will bestow a large blessing upon all their undertakings.***
- 6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.***

To meet the requirements for the First Friday Devotion a person must, on each First Friday for nine consecutive months: Attend Holy Mass, Receive Communion, Go to Confession within a period of 8 days before or after the First Friday. The communicant should have the intention, at least implicitly, of making reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for all the sinfulness and ingratitude of men.



### ***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.

PAROL NUMBER	RANKING	WINNERS
27	1	Marilyn Tibayan
25	2	Riza Cantos
26	3	Winnie Caballero
4	4	Nadine Aquino
9	5	Isabel Reyes
20	6	(???)
23	7	Judith Villaroza
17	8	Melvin Lat

***Christmas Lantern (Parol) Making Contest Winners***

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Parol making contest. The winners for the best submissions are:



**1st place - Marilyn Tibayan**

**2nd place - Riza Cantos**

**3rd place - Winnie Caballer**

There are 5 consolation prize winners: **Nadine Aquino, Isabel Reyes, Judith Villaroza, Melvin Lat,** and one Parol we don't know the owner of. You can claim your prizes in the Gift Shop and you can retrieve your Parol from the parish Hall.



# Missal Reflections

Reflections on Weekly Missal Readings by J. Luis Dizon

**January 1, 2023 – The Aaronic Blessing (Solemnity of the Mother of God) - By J. Luis Dizon**

[Click here for the reading](#)

The “Aaronic Blessing,” as it is traditionally called, is a prayer which the Levitical priests prayed over the people of Israel in the Old Covenant. It was an invocation wherein God’s blessings are declared over the people. Even though it is usually declared over a whole group, the blessing is worded in such a way that it is as though each individual is personally receiving the blessing (the word “you” in Hebrew is in the singular). This teaches us that God desires to bless each of His children personally, since our relationship with Him is personal.

Included in the words of the blessing is the petition that God would shine His face upon His people. This metaphor is common in ancient near eastern texts, and can be found in numerous places in Scripture. For example, Psalm 44:3 states, *“for not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm save them, but your right hand and your arm, and the light of your face, for you delighted in them.”* Likewise, Psalm 80:3 reads: *“Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!”*

Finally, we read in verse 27 that the Lord’s name is to be invoked by the Israelites. God’s name (YHWH) is very important. This is why His name appears three times in the blessing, for it reminds the people to whom they belong and who is the source of all their provision. This is the same name which Jesus taught us to pray that it should be kept holy in the Lord’s Prayer (**Matthew 6:9**).

As we enter the New Year and celebrate the solemnity of the Mother of God, this reading reminds us of the blessings that God has poured out upon us in the past year, and continues to do so in the year ahead. We trust in Him to continue blessing us, and ask Him for an ever greater measure of His grace.





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