

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

January 15, 2023

Saturday January 14:

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving of Lee Family

In Thanksgiving of Angelo Family

Robin Cheung

+ Luzviminda Astero

+ Mary Catherine Staples

+ Bernard Ho

+ Robert Co

+ June Crocker

Deceased Members of Patterson and Nugara Families

Sunday January 15:

9:00 am + Trevor De Silva

10:30 am + Benson Golong

12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Monday January 16:

9:00 am + Guillerma Rabena

Tuesday January 17:

9:00 am + Jude Anthony

Wednesday January 18:

7:30 pm Krista Zupan

Alex, Mary, Bonnie, Amy Cheng

Bonnie & Dave Weir

Ai Jins Family

+ Joan Simone

+ Elena & Sister

+ Lucia Di Gregorio

Thursday January 19:

9:00 am + Eamon O'Rourke

Friday January 20:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm Myra & Justin

Saturday January 21:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intentions



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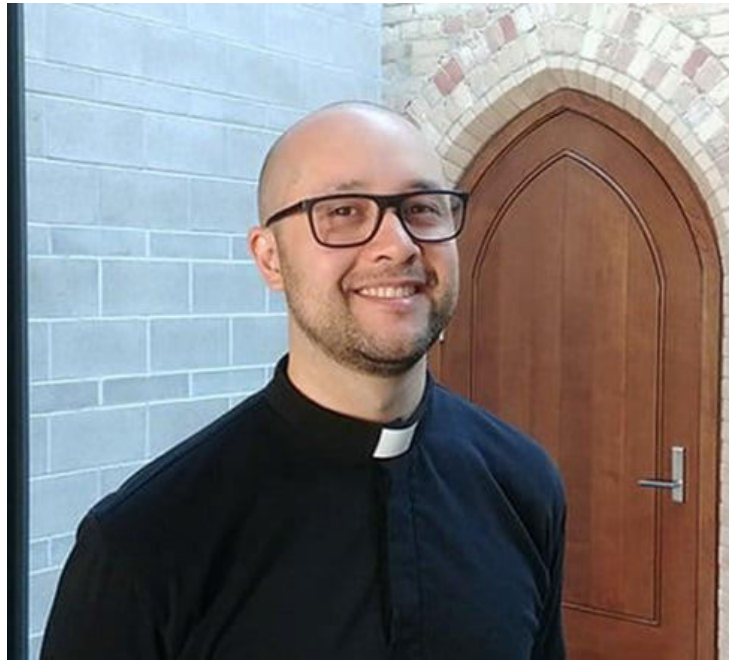
Students' Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony

Enrolment Ceremony will take place on Saturday January 21st at the 5:00 pm Mass and on Sunday January 22nd at the 12 noon Mass. Each confirmation student will receive a wooden cross at these Masses. Confirmation Classes will start on Sunday January 29th, from 2 to 3 pm. **Please see our website for more information** and for the **registration forms**.



Movable Liturgical Dates

Please note that this year **Ash Wednesday is February 22** and **Easter Sunday is on April 9.**



Vocation Seeds

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being 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/>



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. New parishioners who wish to use donation envelopes please register in the gift shop or [from our website](#).

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](#).



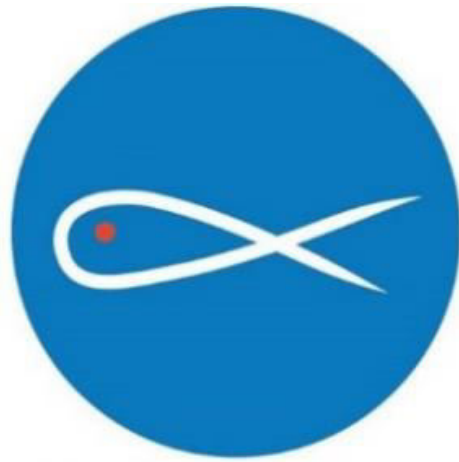
Valentine's Dinner and Dance

St. Aidan's Knights of Columbus are organizing Valentine Dinner & Dance on **Saturday February 11, at 6:30 pm**. Please check information in the foyer, where you can also buy your tickets at \$40.00 per person.



Men Wearing Hats in Church

Please note that out of respect for God men are not permitted to wear hats in church or in the church hall while attending Mass or praying in church. Women are permitted to wear hats, veils or head coverings.



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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

“The reward for Christian charity is the joy that one feels after having performed a good deed”. - Don Bosco. In all the ordinary and extraordinary things that we do to bring comfort, hope and joy to our neighbor-in-need, we give witness and thanks to God’s love and compassion. Thank you very much for your kind and generous contribution to the Poor Box.

Tel: 647-772-1319 www.svdtoronto.org



Movie Night

Thanks to the efforts of our CWL and Knights of Columbus our next Movie Night will be on **Saturday January 28, right after the 5:00 pm Mass, starting at 6:15.** We will be showing the first two episodes of **Season 3** of **The Chosen** series. Even if you have not seen previous episodes you will love these episodes which do an amazing job in depicting the life of Je sus. There is much to learn and discuss regarding these episodes. We encourage you to join us. We will have a group discussion after each episode. Each episode is about an hour long. We will be selling pizza and popcorn with water for \$5. If you know you will be attending, please register in advance at our Gift Shop so they know how much pizza to order.



Newman Centre Faith & Reason Lecture Series: Faith, Reason & Beauty

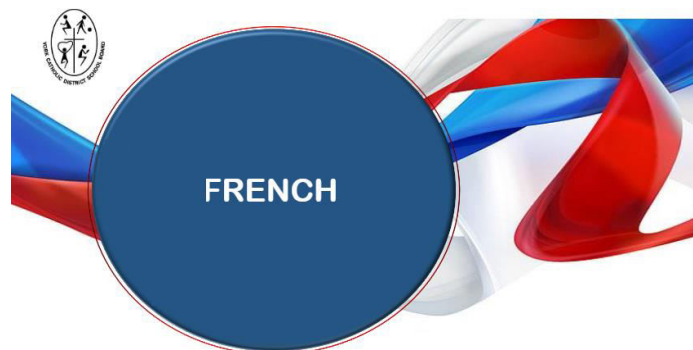
Guest Speaker Prof. Randy Boyagoda **Thursday, January 26th, 7-9 p.m.** Newman Centre Catholic Mission 89 George St., Toronto. In this lecture, Professor Randy Boyagoda (English Department) argues that the great interest, in recent years, in horror movies is indicative of a suppressed but enduring desire for faith and beauty. Situating his discussion in the context of the Catholic intellectual tradition, Professor Boyagoda makes a case for how to best to cultivate an openness to the transcendent in mundane times. **Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for students - in person & \$20 for virtual attendance.**

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Extended French Information Night

Parents of children in Grade 4 who would like their children to extend their development in French at [Our Lady of Grace Catholic School](#) are invited to attend an information session on **Wednesday February 8th, at 6:30 pm**, in Our Lady of Grace school library. **The address of Our Lady of Grace is 121 Brimwood Blvd., Scarborough.**



The Source with the Sisters of Life

Thursday, January 26th, 7-9 p.m. EST St. Peter's Church, 840 Bathurst St., Toronto Central Region Join the Sisters of Life for an evening of prayer and fellowship. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 7 to 8 p.m. in St. Peter's. Confessions will be available. From 8 to 9 p.m., we'll have refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall. We hope to see you there. Contact: The Sisters of Life

Phone: 416-463-2722

Email: toronto@sistersoflife

Web: <https://sistersoflife.org>

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New Beginnings Online

New Beginnings ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement. The next online support session will be on **Wednesday January 25th at 7:00 pm**. Register at <https://nbbd01.eventbrite.ca>.

On **Thursday January 26th at 7:00 pm** there will be a support session for Separated/Divorced individuals. For this you can register at: <https://bsdd01.eventbrite.ca>.

Requiescat in Pace

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Livia Anok** and **Noreen Lobo**.



January 15, 2023 - Light to the Nations (Second Sunday of Ordinary Time) - By J. Luis Dizon

[*Click here for this Sunday's reading*](#)

This Sunday's reading is the second of the "Servant Songs" in Isaiah (the first one is in **Isaiah 42:1-7**). Each successive song adds to the details shared in the previous song(s), and here, we glean something about the identity of the Servant of the Lord.

First, the Servant is referred to as "Israel" (v. 3). Contemporary Judaism, following the medieval interpreter Rashi, uses this as evidence that the Servant metaphorically refers to the Jews as a nation. However, this interpretation conflicts with v. 5, which says that the Servant is

tasked with bringing Israel back to God. How can Israel bring Israel back to God? An alternate interpretation is necessary, which harmonizes these details:

The apparent identification of the Servant with Israel seems to imply that in [verse] 5 Israel has a mission to Israel which is impossible. It must be noted however that Israel is here qualified as the means of the glorification of Yahweh. It was in view of the Messiah that Israel was chosen and by the Messiah that Israel glorified Yahweh. Thus Israel here is not the people but the Messiah. In an analogous sense an absolute monarch can say 'L'Etat, c'est moi'.¹

In other words, the Servant, as the Messiah, represents Israel as its king, and thus may be called "Israel." The Messiah is the true Israel, who fulfills all that is promised to the nation as a whole.

Another important detail regarding the Servant concerns his work. As already stated, He is to bring Israel back to God. This means that even if the Jewish people go astray from God's path, they will not remain astray forever. This accords with what we read in St. Paul, who teaches the eventual salvation of Israel:

And even the others, if they do not persist in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree. Lest you be wise in your own conceits, I want you to understand this mystery, brethren: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles come in, and so all Israel will be saved (Romans 11:23-26a)

Finally, we see the Servant's ministry extending beyond the Jews to the rest of the world, as taught in verse 6. Even in Isaiah, we already see glimpses of the universal mission of God, whom scripture says "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (**1 Timothy 2:4**). Regardless of our nationality or origins, we are the beneficiaries of God's redemption, so long as we cling to faith in His Servant, the Messiah Jesus.

¹ E. Power, "Isaias," in *A Catholic Commentary on Holy Scripture*, ed. Bernard Orchard and Edmund F. Sutcliffe (Toronto, ON: Thomas Nelson, 1953), 566.



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