Saint Dunstan's Parish

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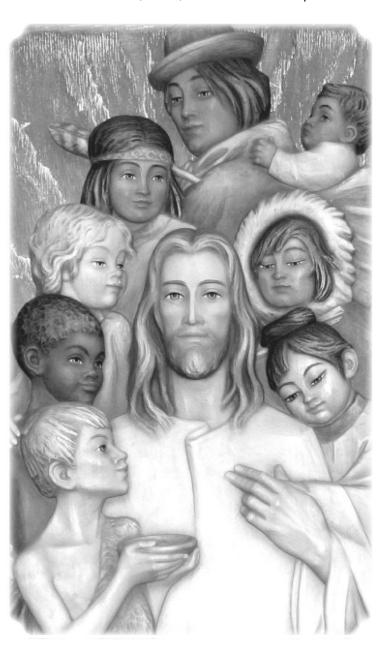
Administrator: Fr. Victor Amole

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Philip Allard

Secretary: Mrs. Jean Walsh

Office Hours: (during pandemic) by appointment

Tues., Thurs, Fri.: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm



Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:15 am

Wednesday/Solemnities 7:00 pm Saturday/Civic Holidays 10:00 am First Friday 12:10 noon 7:00 pm

Confessions:

Saturday 9:15-9:45 am, 4:15-4:45 pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

First Fridays 12:30 - 7:00 pm

Perpetual Help Novena:

Saturday Mass 10:00 am

Communion for the Sick:

Holy Communion will gladly be brought to your home upon request. Please call the parish office.

School:

St. Dunstan's Catholic Elementary School

Telephone: 416-393-5241

St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Helpline: 416-698-0044

Legion of Mary

Catholic Women's League

Baptism:

Second and Fourth Sunday of the Month by appointment only, after completion of a Baptismal Preparation Class. Please pick-up a Baptismal Package from the parish office, read, complete and return same before registering to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. Upon class completion a date will be set for the Baptism.

Marriage:

The Church asks all couples, whether they are to be married here or overseas, to contact the parish 1 year in advance of their planned date of marriage. Couples are also expected to attend and complete a Marriage Preparation Course. If either party has previously gone through any form of marriage, civil or religious, the priest is not to set a date for the wedding until the Archbishop's office has been consulted.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today the Church begins a new liturgical year in which we will once again relive with Christ the saving events of His earthly life. The season of Advent is a time of prayer and penance, of vigil and longing for the coming of the Lord. In our materialistic age, Christians must strive ever more valiantly to maintain the spiritual nature of the



First Sunday in Advent

Christmas celebration. The true spirit of Christmas is one of giving and sharing, remembering God's gift of His own Son. At this time of the year especially, the Church appeals for reconciliation and welcomes home those who have strayed. Advent is a season of waiting and expectation for the coming of the Lord (from the Latin adventus meaning "coming").In the first part of Advent, continuing the theme of the last weeks of Ordinary Time, we look forward to His coming in glory at the end of time, the parousia. The season's message of repentance calls us to prepare our hearts to welcome Christ who comes to us now in grace and mystery. The second part of Advent, from December 17 to 24 is a direct preparation for Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus who "by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man" (Nicene Creed). The three great figures of the Advent season are Isaiah who, together with the other prophets, foretold the coming of the messianic kingdom, John the Baptist who announced the appearance of the Messiah and called the people to repent, and the Virgin Mary who bore the Saviour of the world in her womb "with love beyond all telling" (Advent Preface II). The

Advent liturgy reflects a certain austerity: the violet vestments, the Gloria is not sung at seasonal Masses, and the moderation in floral decoration of the sanctuary and solo instrumentation. As we recall how our ancestors in faith, the People of Israel, walked in the darkness of a world "in sin and error pining" (carol 'O Holy Night'), let us prepare our hearts to greet and adore Christ the Light (see Isaiah 9:2).

COVID-19 CLOSES CHURCHES

The second wave of COVID-19 has hit hard, shutting down Churches and public Masses again. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, public Masses were cancelled effective Nov 23 after the Ontario government limited attendance in churches while in this lockdown to 10 people. This number includes priests and support staff, the rules stay in place for 28 days. In a statement, Cardinal Collins praised first responders and frontline workers in the pandemic fight, and the heroic work that has been done to keep churches safe, noting that more than 1.3 million people have attended Mass in the archdiocese since churches re-opened in June following the last 3 month closure.

During this second wave here in St. Dunstan's, the church will be open for private prayer from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon daily Monday to Friday and from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Sunday. We shall also start live-streaming of Masses privately celebrated by Fr. Victor for your intentions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and at Weekends on Saturday 5pm, Sunday 12.30pm. Monitor our website for any changes.

Please call the parish office to book a time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

FR. VICTOR'S DESK

I wish to thank sincerely all those who have contributed towards helping our parish respond to this novel, urgent need of virtual presence. St. Dunstan community is indeed a community that gets done what it needs to do. Thank you. Even as I write work is being done to set up for our live-streaming. It is challenging since we are starting from the scratch with no prior set-up, but I am hopeful we can begin this Saturday by 5pm. Please monitor our website for developments. You can call the office as to how you can help us or contribute towards this project.

If our live-streaming project goes fine, the sky is the limit! I am planning to have our Advent retreat online and many more initiatives that can keep you close to your parish community and get us going through this difficult time. You are in my constant prayers. God keep and bless you and families.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ~ DECEMBER 8

Tuesday, 8 December is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be live-streamed at 9am. It is the solemnity of our blessed mother. Let us celebrate together!

SUNDAY MISSALS 2020-21

A new liturgical year starts this weekend, on the First Sunday of Advent. As you know, following the Second Vatican Council, the Church adopted a threeyear cycle of Sunday readings from the Bible. This coming liturgical year is designated Year B in the cycle of readings and features the Gospel of Mark. We have a limited supply of new Sunday Missals available through the parish office for those who wish to have their own copy. The cost is \$5 each, please call if you would like a copy. The complete Mass for each Sunday with readings is found in this missal, as well as a selection of private prayers and hymns. It is ideal for those who would like to prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the scripture passages ahead of time. Note, supply is very limited so get your copy early. Also, we have a limited supply of Living With Christ Daily Missals for December available priced at \$3 each.

UP-DATING PARISH DATABASE

Kindly send your email address to us at stdunstan@rogers.com as we are now up-dating our parish database. It does not take anytime, just send a simple email with your name and email, also at this time if you have moved and have not notified us, or have a new phone number, please also include that. With emails it becomes easy, particularly in these very virtual days, to contact you or forward important messages from your St. Dunstan's family. This is absolutely important now as many resources are going virtual, and it is most important to keep our parish registration up-to-date.

REMEMBERING ST. DUNSTAN'S CHURCH THROUGH A BEQUEST

Having a properly made will is one of the best gifts anyone can leave their loved ones in the event of their passing. It also ensures that charities and causes closest to your heart will be sustained. By putting our parish (or favourite Archdiocesan charity) in your will, parishioners can help the Church faithfully carry out the pastoral mission entrusted to her by our Lord, for generations to come. For more information, please call the Development Office of the Archdiocese at:

(416) 934-3411, ext. 519. or call the parish office.

Masses For The Week

Monday November 30

8:15 a.m.

Tuesday December 1 8:15 a.m. Special Intention

Wednesday December 2

7:00 p.m. Benedicta Irene Gomes †

Thursday December 3

8:15 a.m.

Friday December 4

Friday is a day of penitential observance

8:15 a.m. In Thanksgiving Req.by Elaine Lamy

Saturday December 5

10:00 a.m. Helen &Fred Halloran, deceased relatives

& friends † Req.by Family SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00pm Maria Estelita Fernandes †

Req.by Sally & Sheldon D'Silva

Sunday December 6 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving

Req.by Dennis & Edna Rivera

10:30 a.m. Intentions of All Parishioners

12:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving

Req.by Jenny & Michael Manuk

PARISH OFFICES IS CLOSED

The Parish Office is closed to the public, with limited essential appointments only. Our secretary Jean, is working remotely from home, but does come into the office one or two days a week. If you would like to speak to Jean, please do not hesitate to call the parish office at 416-694-2811, all calls are monitored remotely. Please keep safe and well. We hope to see you all back in the church soon.



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