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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.

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Legion of Mary

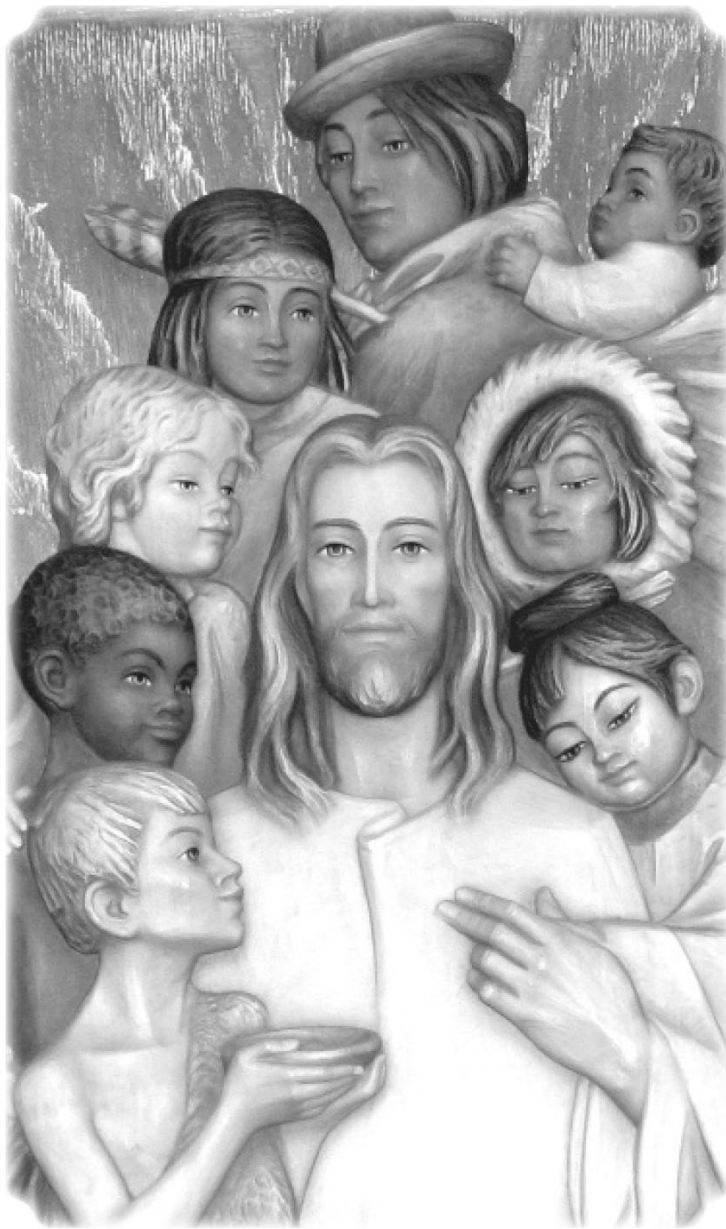
Catholic Women's League

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.



PLEASE REMEMBER GOD'S CHURCH AMONGST YOUR BLESSINGS AND IN YOUR WILL.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR? (John 1:38)

Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist, but he knew that John wasn't the Messiah, and that's who he was looking for. Today, let's reflect on this Gospel passage to give us insight into our own searching and finding.

"What are you looking for?" (John 1:38) Have you ever asked yourself that question? We all experience a longing at times, and we might not even know why. We may try to satisfy that inner ache with something fleeting, and it



may satisfy us for a time. But the longing always returns, because what we are looking for can't be found outside of us. We are searching for God. "Come, and you will see" (John 1:39) we have to be willing to take a step in faith and accept this invitation from Jesus to spend some time with him. Jesus might be inviting us to speak with him in Eucharistic Adoration or to delve more deeply into the Scriptures. He might want us to find a brother or sister in Christ to guide and accompany us. But if we don't take the first step, we won't be able to "see" him.

"We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41). Andrew was so excited when he met Jesus that he found his brother Simon, and told him the good news. That's the joy we too feel when we turn to Jesus and experience his love and mercy. We realize, once again, that only he can truly fulfill us. We will all experience longings from time to time and feel tempted to satisfy them in all the wrong places. What "wrong places" do you tend to go to? Do these quick fixes really satisfy? Today, ask the Holy Spirit

to prompt you to go to the Lord when you are feeling those yearnings. Only by making a conscious effort to "come and see" Jesus will you finally find what you have been looking for all along.

The Word of God Sunday

The Holy Father Francis has declared the 24 January 2021 the "Word of God" Sunday.

The Scripture is the word of God which enlightens our path. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that in the Sacred Scripture, "the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength". (CCC104) It is the case also for the domestic church, the family.

Next Sunday, 24 of January, we shall have a short rite of the enthronement of the Word of God during the Mass.

Fr. Victor asks all families of Saint Dunstan to do same in your homes: have a special place like a table or bookstand prepared. Place an open bible on the prepared surface. You may also

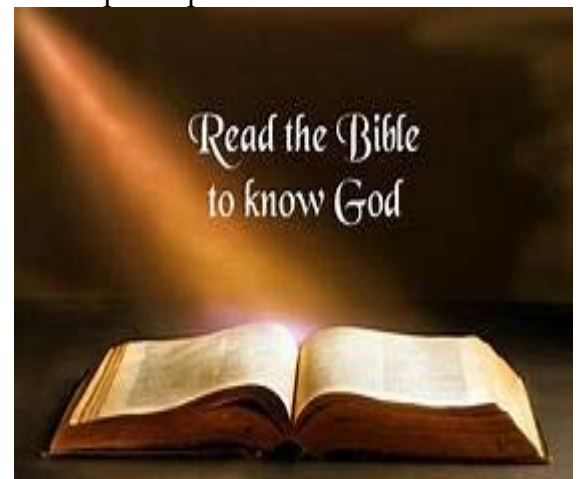
add other sacramentals such as a candle, crucifix, icon, flowers or plants. This enthronement of the Word of God is meant to inspire us to study it throughout the year and make it a focal point of our family life. Thus, though the enthronement is a one-time event, the treasuring of the word of God should be continuous and permanent in our lives.

Before next Sunday, we shall make available on our website a text that we shall use together to do the enthronement of the word of God on the 24 January. It also contains extra readings to help you deepen your reflections.

There are many excellent tools you can use to study the bible. They include:

- (1.) <https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/online-studies/> - a free online resource by Saint Paul Centre
- (2.) A fuller list of study aids as curated by Scott Hann, a foremost Catholic Scripture scholar, can be found on <http://www.scotthahn.com/tools-for-bible-study>

May the Word of God enlighten our path as we make it the centre of our lives.



JANUARY 17, 2021

FORMED: A WEALTH OF INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Our parish has now subscribed to Formed.org.

Many thanks to the generous parishioner who graciously helped us to achieve this. This is an excellent platform of Catholic resources for learning and formation.

Avail of this opportunity by clicking on <https://formed.org/> to subscribe. Search for Saint Dunstan, Danforth Ave., and signup! It's free. You will get to enjoy many formation programs, write-ups, countless hours of good movies, great cartoons for the children, etc. Please make good use of it. In the near future, we will have an interactive session on how to best use Formed. It contains a wealth of information and resources for everyone!

COMMUNION SERVICES

Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, has given special permission for parishes to continue to offer Communion Services during this period of lockdown. That being said we must follow Worship Safe Protocols and ensure this can be done safely, with no more than 10 people inside the church at a given time, including the priest and usher.

Communion Services will be offered Saturdays from 4:00-6:00p.m. and Sundays 11:00-1:00p.m.

Like the services over Christmas you must register your time for the communion service with the parish office (416-694-2811). Jean, will give you your time slot and we ask that you are on time as we want things to run smoothly and efficiently. Please note we are not able to bulk book you for every week at the same time, so as to give everyone the chance to receive communion. Please call weekly for availability. We hope these opportunities provide spiritual comfort to our parish family during this difficult lockdown. Note: Mass will not be Live-streamed on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. but will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. www.stdunstanssc.archtoronto.org

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

JANUARY 18 – JANUARY 25, 2021

We are celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from tomorrow, Monday January 18 to Monday, January 25. The theme this year is: *Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit* (John 15:5-9).

This calls on us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation.

CATECHISM CLASSES

As indicated last week, we are working on beginning our Catechism programmes again for this year. In spite of the restriction, we shall do all possible to make the children avail of the programmes so that when the church is open the sacraments can be duly celebrated.

We now have the google forms available on site <https://stdunstanssc.archtoronto.org/>. Parishioners with children in grades 2 (First Holy Communion) and 7 (Confirmation) should kindly look this up, fill in the forms. The registration is open for two weeks from January 17 to Feb. 1, 2021. **Registration closes on Feb. 1.** On receipt of the forms we shall get in touch with you on or by Feb. 4th.

Parents of the Confirmation candidates who started the programme last year but could not finish it are requested to also sign up so we can duly finish this course and get ready for its celebration when possible.

Initial meeting with parents shall be communicated soon on our site and personally to the parents too after receiving your applications. Catechism shall start in the 2nd week of February, *Deo Volente*.

Activity & Date	First Holy Communion	Confirmation
Registration online	Jan 17 th to Feb 1, 2021	until Feb 1, 2021
Feedback from us	On or before Feb 4, 2021	On or before Feb 4, 2021
Meeting with parents (zoom)	Feb 8, 2021	Feb 9, 2021

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