# Saint Dunstan's Parish

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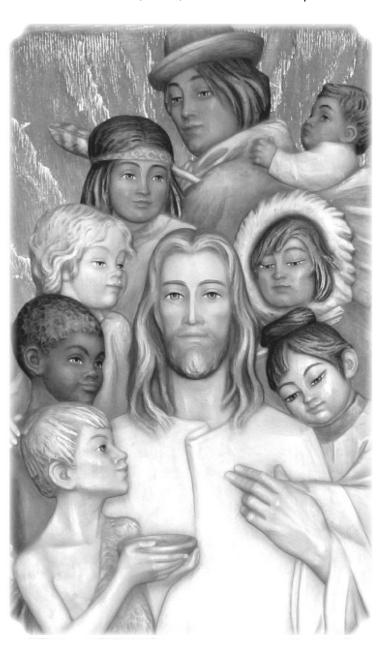
**Administrator:** Fr. Victor Amole

**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.

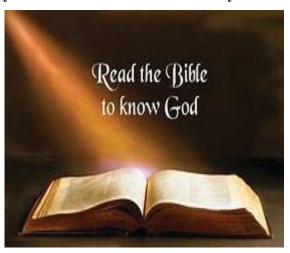
#### The Word of God Sunday

The Holy Father Pope Francis has declared today 24 January 2021 as "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.

Today 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 the 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 sacramental' 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.



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

## JESUS CAME TO GALILEEE PROCLAIMING... "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:14, 15)

Today, as we near the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Church also celebrates the Sunday of God's Word. How fitting, then, that the readings today look at two proclaimers of God's word: Jonah and Jesus. Both proclaimed God's word, and both witnessed the power of that word to unite the people who heard it.

Although Jesus and Jonah were similar, their differences are even more significant. Unlike Jonah, Jesus was no



reluctant prophet. On the contrary, he moved with determination from village to village in his desire to preach God's word (Mark 1:38-39). Also unlike Jonah, Jesus didn't preach only repentance. He also announced that God's time of redemption had finally come, In Jesus, we see the Word of God himself breaking into history and gathering all God's children into one. As Jesus would later say, "Something greater than Jonah (is) here" (Matthew 12:41)

How amazing it must have been to see and hear Jesus, the Word of God, walking this earth! But our celebration of God's word

today reminds us that we have that same powerful Word available to us every time we read the Scriptures or hear them proclaimed at Mass. So, just as God's word touched the hearts of people in Galilee, it can move us to repentance and faith. Just as Jesus' words moved Simon and Andrew to leave their nets and follow him, they can move us to reorder our priorities and follow Jesus more closely. And just as Jesus' words called both Jews and Gentiles into one Church, God's word can bring us to unity with our brothers and sister in Christ. As Pope Francis said when instituting Word of God Sunday, "The Word of God unites believers and makes them one people".



18 - 25 JANUARY



#### **CATECHISM CLASSES**

As indicated last week, we are working on beginning our Catechism Classes again for this year. In spite of the restriction, we shall do all possible to make the children avail of the classes 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 classes 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.

Parents please note: once registration is closed for this year (February 1, 2021) there will be no more intake of candidates. So please register soon if you wish your child to receive their First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year

#### **ACTICITY & DATE**

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

#### **CONFIRMATION**

Registration online Feedback from us (Zoom) Meeting with Parents (Zoom)Catechism Classes start January 17 to February 1, 2021 on or before February 4, 2021 February 8, 2021 February 13, 2021- 11:00a.m. January 17 to February 1, 2021 on or before February 4, 2021 February 9, 2021 February 12, 2021 – 5:00p.m.

### **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.

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#### COMMUNION SERVICES AND LIVE-STREAMED MASS SCHEDULE

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 4:00-5:00p.m. and Sundays 11:00-12:00 noon. Like before 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.

Also, following Archdiocesan mandate and keeping with civil authorities' appeal to restrict activities for now to deal with this pandemic, all public Masses are temporarily suspended. We continue to offer the sacrifice of the Mass daily for your intentions. Temporarily, weekday Masses will be Livestreamed on Monday, and Friday at 9:00 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Sunday Liturgy ~ Mass will be Live-streamed on Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

The Church will be open for private prayers Mondays to Friday but only for 10 people at a given time.

Church Open for Private Prayer: Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.



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