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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.

Helpline: 416-698-0044

Legion of Mary

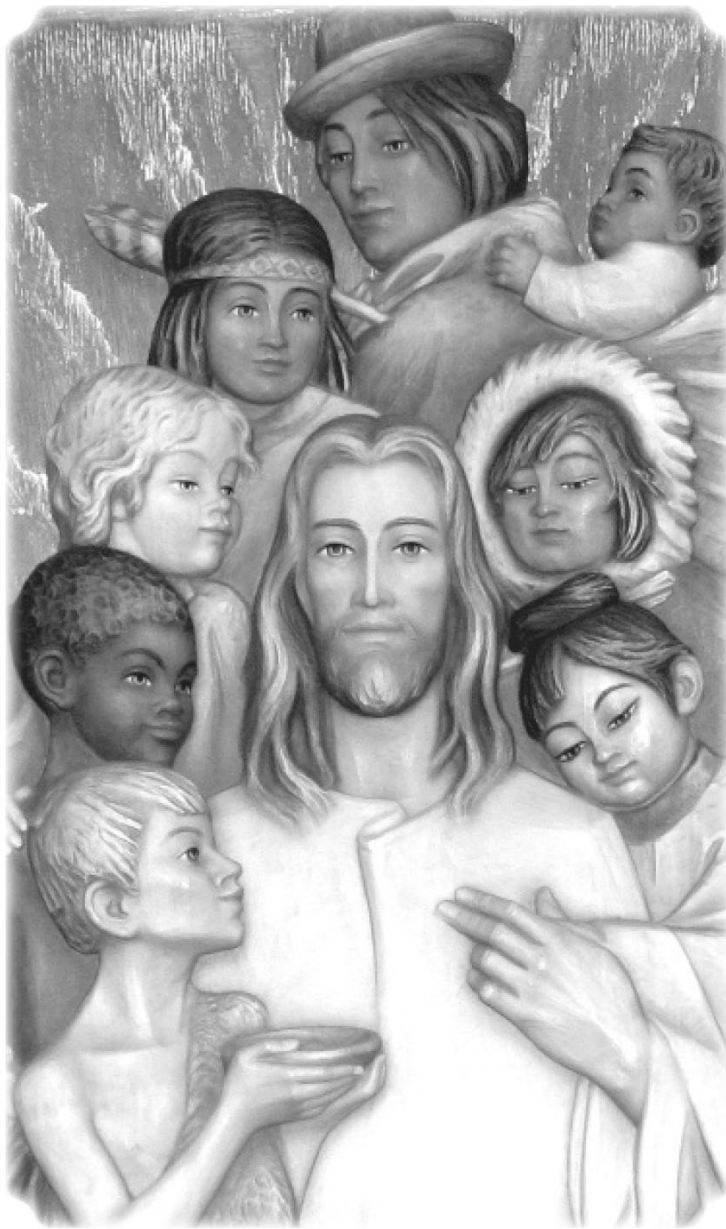
Catholic Women's League

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.



What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 1:24)

Talk about bursting onto the scene! Of course the demon possessing this man couldn't tolerate being around Jesus. But wouldn't it have been wiser to slink away rather than draw attention to himself?

It happened a lot, in fact. Jesus would show up somewhere or reveal his glory in some way, and his presence would



prompt resistance and sometimes even violent outbursts. This wasn't true just of demons. At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus' announcement of the good news enraged enough people that they tried to push him off a cliff (Luke 4:24-30). Then, after only a few weeks of preaching and performing miracles, Jesus upset some Pharisees enough that they began plotting his murder (Mark 3:6). Not even his closest disciples were immune. Jesus' revelation of God's plan to save us through his cross upset Peter enough that he rebuked Jesus. In one way or another, we have all reacted strongly against Jesus and his message of salvation. We all have pockets of darkness still lingering in our hearts. Maybe you refused to forgive someone. Maybe you knowingly chose

sin in a tempting situation. Or maybe you denigrated a fellow believer who thinks differently than you do. Still, Jesus continues to love you and offer the grace you need to change. What was true in that synagogue in Capernaum is still true today: the darkness of sin can never over-power the light of Christ.

Don't be surprised if you experience some form of opposition to Jesus in your heart today, maybe in prayer or as you are trying to focus or as an opportunity to serve your family arises. Instead, take comfort from it. Trust that the light of Christ will not only expose your darkness; it can expel it as well.

BLESSING OF THROATS

Wednesday, February 3 is the memorial of the martyr-bishop Saint Blaise who is invoked against diseases of the throat. Fr. Victor will give a special Blessing of Throats during our Live-streamed Virtual Mass on **Wednesday, evening at 7:00 p.m.** The celebration of blessings holds a privileged place among all the sacramentals introduced by the Church for the pastoral benefit of the People of God. Blessings of the sick originate in the practice of Christ Himself and His apostles. The annual Blessing of Throats indicates the continual struggle against illness which marks life in this world. Saint Blaise was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia in the fourth century who is believed to have saved a boy from choking on a fishbone lodged in his throat.



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11 is also observed as the World Day of the Sick. Our parish will celebrate this occasion on **Wednesday February 10 during our Live-streamed Virtual Mass at 7:00 p.m.** This Mass will include special prayers and blessing for the sick. Accordingly, parishioners who are sick, with disability or in advanced age are invited to receive this blessing of God's mercy and consolation.

CATECHISM CLASSES

You only have a couple of days to go before registration closes for First Communion and Confirmation. If you wish your child to be a part of this year's celebrations please register today.

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 until February. 1, 2021. 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

ACTIVITY & DATE

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CONFIRMATION

Registration online

January 17 to February 1, 2021

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Feedback from us

on or before February 4, 2021

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(Zoom) Meeting with Parents

February 8, 2021- 8pm

February 9, 2021 – 8pm

(Zoom)Catechism Classes start

February 13, 2021- 11:00a.m.

February 12, 2021 – 5:00p.m.



MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2021 ~ THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 14

Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the Sacrament of Marriage and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. Please join us at our **10:00 am Sunday February 14** at our Livestreamed Virtual Mass as Fr. Victor will offer a special blessing for all couples on this special occasion.

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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