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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

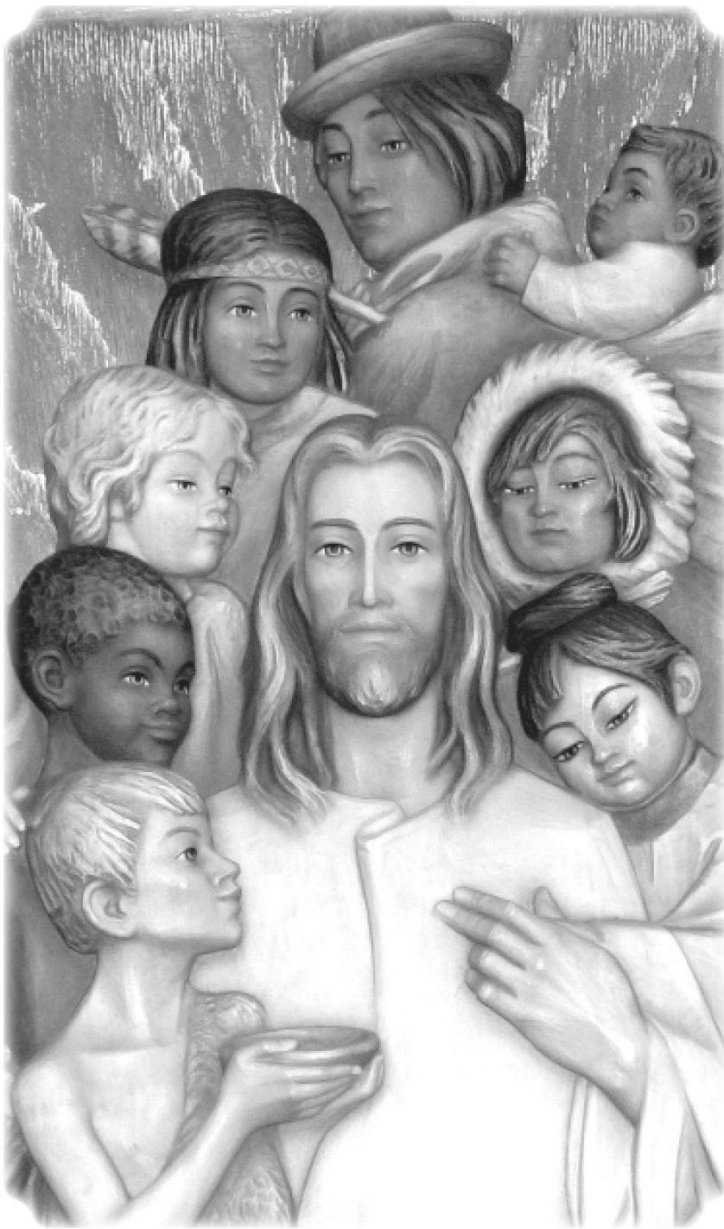
Catholic Women's League

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.



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

I DO WILL IT. BE MADE CLEAN. (Mark 1:41)

If you suffered from a disease that rotted your flesh and deadened your nerves, as the leper did, you wouldn't deny your need for healing, would you? No, the problem would be obvious. You'd almost instinctively cry out to the Lord for help. But what about other kinds of wounds that may not be so obvious?



For example, if you tend to overreact or become extremely anxious, even over minor issues, you might need to reach out to Jesus for an emotional healing, perhaps with the help of a trained counsellor. Maybe you find you are in a difficult relationship, one filled with tension and stress. Jesus could heal that relationship by showing you how to love that person better. Or if you're harboring unforgiveness and resentment, you may need God's grace to help you forgive. We might be stuck in a sin pattern that you don't want to face, and so you avoid bringing it into the light and receiving God's mercy in confession.

It's tempting to think that we can handle such situations on our own. Or we might not even recognize that these are things that Jesus can heal. But what Jesus said to the man in this story, he says to us: "I do will it. Be made clean".

He wants to heal us of anything that doesn't reflect his will for our lives. Today, ask the Holy Spirit to help you become aware of just one area of your life in which you need His healing touch, how might unhealed wounds be holding you back or causing pain to yourself or someone around you? How might they be leading you away from God and into sin? We all accumulate wounds as we go through life, so don't get discouraged. Like this man with leprosy, just believe that Jesus has the will ~ and the power ~ to heal whatever ails you.

ASH WEDNESDAY THE BEGINNING OF LENT

The holy season of Lent begins this week on Wednesday, February 17th (Ash Wednesday) and is a time of penitential observance, expressed especially in prayer, self-denial and almsgiving. Repentance is a time for a fuller conversion to God and working with His help and grace to change attitudes and behaviours not pleasing to Him. During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to sacrifice self-denial through fasting.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-sacrifice and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts, not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time, treasures, and talents.

Even though this year with the pandemic things will be a little different here in St. Dunstan's, Ash Wednesday together with Communion Service will be observed all through the day with different time slots when ashes will be distributed. Please call the parish office 416-694-2811 to reserve your time between 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. later times have already been reserved. We will also Live-stream the Mass at 7:00 p.m.



FASTING AND ABSTINENCE – CODE OF CANON LAW

Canon 1251: Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the Conference of Bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Canon 1252: All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fasting up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income Tax receipts for 2020 contributions to St. Dunstan’s Church are available for pick-up if you are coming for the Communion Service this weekend or the Service on Ash Wednesday. To ensure privacy, we ask that you only pick-up your own receipt, or if you would like to give permission for someone to pick-up your receipt please call Jean in the parish office, this can be arranged. For those of you who contributed on-lined through the Archdiocese your tax receipt will come from them directly. The same with the St. Vincent de Paul Society their receipt is separate from your parish donations. If you are unable to pick-up your receipt please call the parish office and we can put it into the mail for you. There are still a good number of Offertory boxes for this year that have not been picked-up. If you are unable to come to the church but would like to have your Offertory box please call the parish office and we can arrange to have it dropped off at your door. We thank everyone who gave so generously throughout the past year and hope for your continued support in 2021.



TODAY IS MARRIAGE SUNDAY

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 **10:00 am today, Sunday February 14** at our Livestreamed Virtual Mass as Fr. Victor will offer a 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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