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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

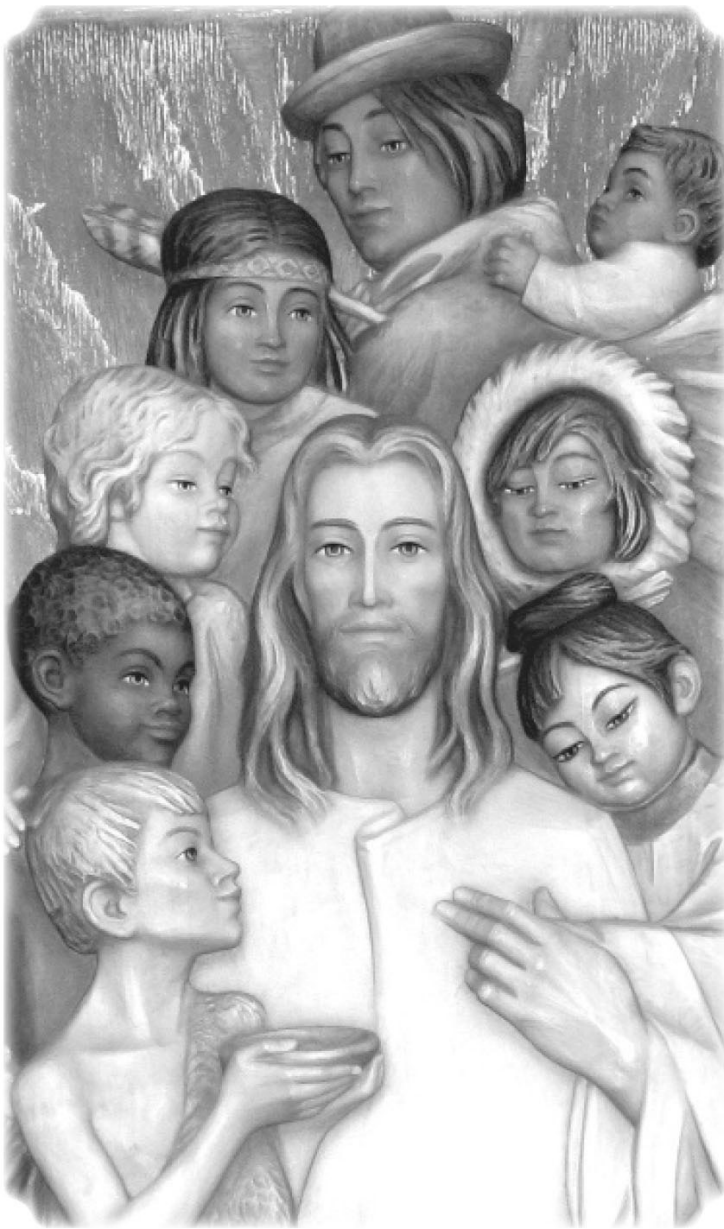
Catholic Women's League

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.

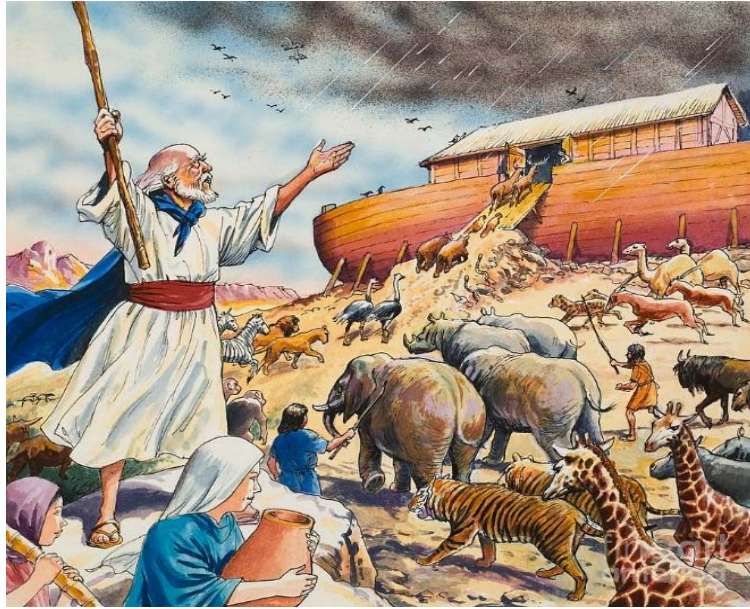
Marriage:

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.



THE WATERS SHALL NEVER AGAIN BECOME A FLOOD (Genesis 9:15)

Doesn't it seem odd to begin Lent with a story of Noah's ark? Could it be because Noah spent forty days riding out a huge flood and Jesus endured forty days "among wild beasts" (mark 1:13)? Well that's part of the reason. But beyond that, there is a promise hidden in God's covenant with Noah. By vowing never again to destroy the earth in



a flood, he pointed toward a better way to overcome sin and evil: Jesus' death and resurrection. And Lent gives us forty days to prepare for it!

In today's second reading St. Peter tells us why Noah and his family are perfect Lenten companions for us. Through the flood, they escaped a sinful environment and entered a new life with God, just as we escape sin and enter new life through the floodwaters of Baptism. If you're preparing for Baptism this Lent, you have a special reason to rejoice. You will be passing through waters into salvation firsthand. But if you are already baptized, you can rejoice too, especially if you spend these forty days renewing your baptismal promises. Renounce the devil and all his temptations. Affirm your faith in the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Recall God's covenant with you. As you dedicate yourself to God this Lent, you'll come to know the Lord better. And that will make you more confident in his love and his

grace. So find extra time to pray this Lent. Give more of your time and money to people in need. Choose to fast, either from food or from negative activity or habit. You might feel like Noah on the ark sometimes, and it might get messy. But the journey is worth it because when you finally reach the joy of Easter Sunday, you'll be stepping into a fuller understanding and experience of God's faithfulness and his salvation. Lent has just begun. Let's get on the boat!

During this sacred season of penance, even the liturgical celebrations are characterised by a certain austerity: in seasonal Masses violet vestments are worn, the hymn Glory to God in the highest is not sung, musical instrumentation is restricted to supporting the singing, nor are flowers used to decorate the sanctuary. The acclamation Alleluia, so closely associated with the Easter joy of Christ's resurrection is no longer heard. The celebration of marriage is discouraged during Lent and even the baptism of children, when possible, is deferred until the Easter season. Adults are preparing for baptism (catechumens) and candidates baptized in other Christian denominations are preparing for their reception into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. With its emphasis on repentance, all Catholics are encouraged to confess their sins in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation during Lent. Lent is the appropriate time for children preparing for First Communion to make their first confession. During the last two weeks of Lent, the church takes on an added expression of mourning as the crucifix and images are covered with purple.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS LIVESTREAMED EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:00 p.m. THROUGHOUT LENT

Please join us every Friday during Lent as we **Livestream the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.** Praying the Stations of the Cross is a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us.



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SHARELIFE IMPACT REPORT

So many of our parishioners gave generously to the ShareLife Campaign in 2020, despite COVID-19 forcing the cancellation of masses for much of the year. The difference you've made through your gift is detailed in ShareLife's 2020 Impact Report. From mental health services, to support for seniors, to assistance for young mothers: the report includes inspiring stories of real people you've helped during the pandemic. The 2020 edition adopts a new interactive format, providing a fresh, engaging way to learn about the work of ShareLife and Catholic Charities agencies. To view the interactive report online, visit sharelife.org/impact. To request a printed copy, please email slife@archtoronto.org. Thank you for living the Gospel!

FORMED: CATHOLIC 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. Please avail of this opportunity by clicking on <https://formed.org/> to subscribe. Search for Saint Dunstan, Danforth Ave., and sign-up!

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. 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.



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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