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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

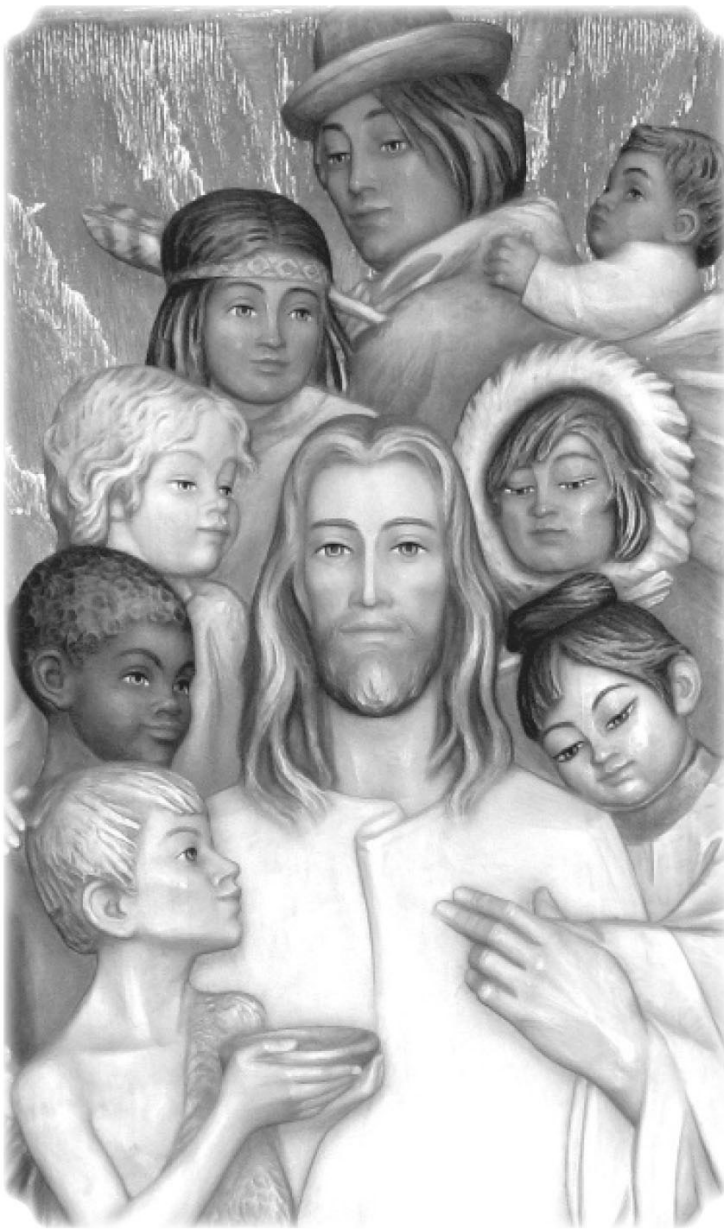
Catholic Women's League

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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



HE....HANDED HIM OVER FOR US ALL (Romans 8:32)

Yes, God loved us so much that he did not spare his Son. But what St. Paul doesn't mention in today's passage is how persistent God was in handing Jesus over to us. Neither does Paul talk about how resistant we can be to this great gift.

At Christmas, God handed over his Son to us as a gift of peace. Mary and Joseph welcomed him openly, and a few shepherds embraced him, but the rest of the world seemed pitted against him. Even Herod and all Jerusalem feared him and trembled at the news of his birth (Matthew 2:3).

Then the Father handed Jesus over to us as a gift of wisdom: "This is my beloved Son," he proclaimed (Matthew 3:17). He sent him to teach us how to live in love with him and each other. But rather than receive Jesus humbly, we questioned his every motive and were hard of heart and slow to believe. On the Mount of Transfiguration, God offered Jesus as a gift of glory: "This is my beloved Son," he said yet again, adding

an impassioned plea: "Listen to him" (Mark 9:7). Still, even Peter misunderstood the gift. He sought to capture Jesus' glory as a static memorial rather than a living presence. God even used Pilate to hand Jesus over to us, this time as a gift of sacrifice: "Behold, the man!...Take him yourselves and crucify him!" Pilate cried. He didn't even know that he was helping fulfill Jesus' mission. But again we rejected the gift: "Take him away!" we replied (John 19:5, 6:15). On Easter Sunday, God gave Jesus to us again, this time as a gift of forgiveness and redemption. And every day since then, he continues to offer Jesus to us in the humble form of bread and wine: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." Jesus is here: Accept him. Let him change your heart.

IS LENT ABOUT "GIVING SOMETHING UP"

Or an invitation to return to a Father longing to be with His children? The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents **Journey through Lent** with the Most Rev Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines. Join Bishop Bergie, as he reflects on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Lent 2021.

WATCH: Journey Through Lent series with Bishop Gerard Bergie. <https://youtu.be/w8uzjz1ryN8>



STATIONS OF THE CROSS LIVESTREAMED EVERY FRIDAY @ 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.

FRAUD ALERT

It has come to our attention that there has been instances of fraudulent emails that have been received by our parish and others in the Archdiocese which appear to be coming from offices or agencies affiliated with the Archdiocese of Toronto. Please be aware that there are many phishing scams and fraudulent emails that are cleverly disguised and may look like they are official. If a supposed "Church" email comes from an address that does not come from our church server ~ stdunstan@rogers.com, please do not open it. If you are at all suspicious, do not open any emails. You can always confirm with the parish if it indeed is a legitimate email. Be aware and keep your information safe and protected.

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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.



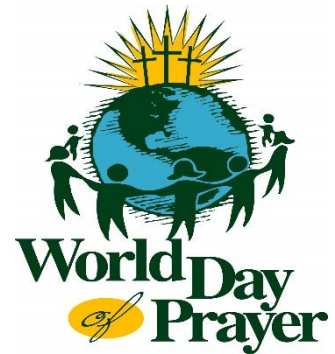
Communion Services will be offered Saturdays from 4:00-5:00p.m. and Sundays 11:00-12:00 noon. Like before you must register your time for the communion service with the parish office (416-694-2811). Jean, will give you your time slot and we ask that you are on time as we want things to run smoothly and 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.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(WDP) has been happening in Canada for almost 100 years! The 2021 service was written by the WDP committee of Vanuatu inspired by the Biblical theme "Build on a Strong Foundation" (Matthew 7; 24-27).

World Day of Prayer has been an important ministry for women as they lead services within their communities for their own denominations and ecumenically year after year. In past years, women received the World Day of Prayer service in the fall, and then gathered to plan, host, and share in coffee and conversation following the service, typically on the first Friday in March. In 2021, service options have expanded. COVID-19 encouraged the production of a full-length World Day of Prayer video service by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada to help keep people safe. Go to wicc.org to watch this free one-hour recording featuring participants from across Canada. There will be a well-marked tab on the website to click. This video will be available for viewing on wicc.org until September 30, 2021. As well, there are many additional resources for World Day of Prayer 2021 – Vanuatu on wicc.org for those who are not using the service video prepared by WICC. Please email wicc@wicc.org or communications@wicc.org



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