Saint Dunstan's Parish

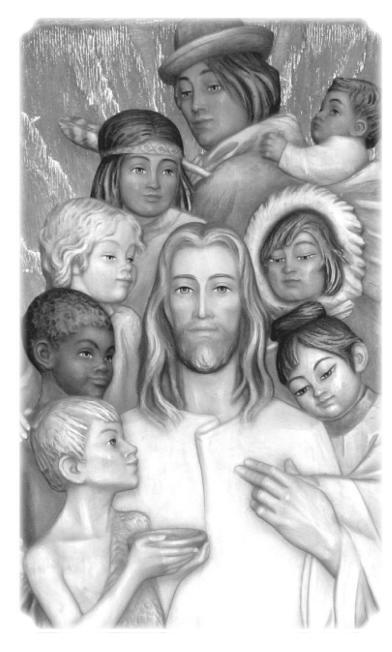
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Administrator: Fr. Victor Amole

- 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.

GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD. (John 3:14-21)



Do you think of Jesus as a divine accountant? You know, someone who has a ledger and checks to see if you measure up to his exacting rigorous standards? In today's Gospel, Saint John reminds us that Jesus was sent into the world not to condemn but to save us. He didn't come to tally up our good deeds and our bad deeds. He came to heal, protect, and rescue us. How can that be?

John3:14-15 gives us a clue. Yes, we do fall short of God's commands and his vision for our lives. But rather than justly condemning us, God sent Jesus to be "lifted up" and to give "eternal life" to all who believe in him. That refers to the story in the Book of Exodus, when the Israelites were bitten by poisonous snakes for complaining against God. God directed Moses to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole so that

anyone who looked at it was healed. Like the Israelites, our first step is to acknowledge our need for salvation, even though that may mean facing all the ways we fall short. After all, what could be more convicting than knowing that Jesus bore our own sins on the cross? But like the Israelites, we can look to the answer God gave us: the cross of Jesus. The salvation Jesus offers us is far greater than the Israelites' physical healing from snakebites. He heals us spiritually. He forgives us and strengthens us to live differently. He restores us to a right relationship with God. And he gives us a real hope of heaven. So don't fall into the trap of thinking of Jesus as an accountant. He is not in the business of condemning but of offering salvation. Today, gaze at him, lifted up on the cross. Bring your neediness to him, and let him heal and restore you.

LAETARE SUNDAY

Today the Fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as Laetare Sunday after first word in Latin of the entrance antiphon "Rejoice". We rejoice today at the nearness of Easter, the great feast of our Redemption. On this day, there is a certain relaxation of our Lenten austerity – the rose-coloured vestments and the unrestricted use of solo instrumentation.

SAINT JOSEPH

Saint Joseph's feast day, Friday, March 19 will be celebrated with a Live-streamed Mass at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited to celebrate the Patron of the Universal Church and Patron of Canada. Canada was first



consecrated to Saint Joseph by the Franciscan Recollet Fathers in 1624. Devotion to Saint Joseph was brought to our area by the Jesuit missionaries who dedicated the land of Huronia to the foster-father of the Saviour. The church at the mission of Sainte-Marie near Midland, where the bodies of Saints Jean de Brebeuf and Gabriel Lalement were first interred is named after Saint Joseph as is the present Martyrs' Shrine church. The largest church in the world dedicated to Saint Joseph is here in Canada: St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, founded by Saint André Bessette. Let us pray to our great Patron, Saint Joseph, for the people of Canada, our government and national institutions, and that our society may protect and defend the sanctity of human life, marriage and the family. May our country remain true to the Christian

values and foundation on which it was built and to which the Catholic Church has been an important contributor. As the solemnity of St. Joseph approaches (March 19th), let us unite in prayer as the community of St. Dunstan to pray his novena in our homes at 8:00 p.m. daily from March 11th to March 19th. You will find the words to a special prayer on our website stdunstanssc.archtoronto.org



DAYS OF CONFESSION

Since the beginning of the lock-down restrictions we have always given an opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession on request. For our special Lenten Confessions, are from Tuesday March 16th to Friday March 19th. **Please call the parish office to book an appointment time. Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. and 4:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m.**

<u>SCHOOL MASS</u> ~ <u>EVERYONE IS INVITED</u>

Join us on Wednesday, March 24th for one of our School Masses which will be live-streamed at 9:30 a.m. Let's worship together with the little ones.

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.

FREE WEBINAR!!! ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 10:00 am

Join this webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share: - How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will

- How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected

- About Powers of Attorney

- Estate Trustee selection

- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors

- Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral

An estate planning guide will be mailed to all attendees at no cost.

To register, send an email to: development@archtoronto.org

Please include 'webinar Mar 27' in the subject line and provide your name and mailing address in the body of a message (otherwise they won't be able to send you your copy of the Estate Planning guide!). Also, they would be grateful if, for the sake of statistics, you could let them know whether you are planning to watch this webinar alone or together with a family member. You will receive a link to the webinar on March 22nd, and in a couple of reminders closer to the date of the presentation.

Virtual Come & See Friday, March 26 at 7 p.m. to Saturday, March 27 at 5 p.m. A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men who are 17+ years of age, via Zoom from Friday, March 26 (7 p.m.) to Saturday, March 27 (5:00 p.m.).

This event is designed to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest.

For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations by email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

