# Saint Dunstan's Parish

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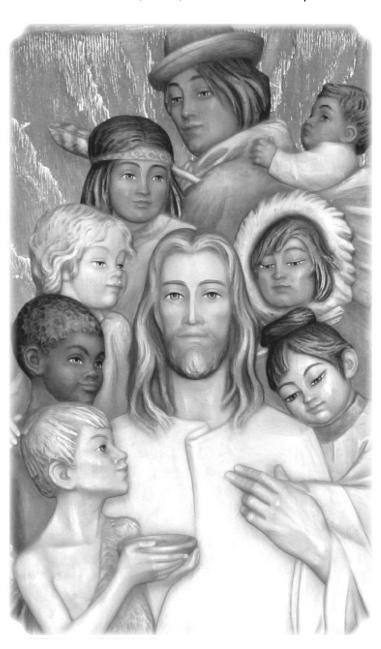
**Administrator:** Fr. Victor Amole

**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.

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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.

#### MY LORD AND MY GOD! (John 20:28)

#### From a homily by Pope Francis for Divine Mercy Sunday (April 7, 2013)

"In today's Gospel, the apostle Thomas personally experiences the mercy of God, which has a concrete face, the face of Jesus, the risen Jesus. Thomas does not believe it when the other apostles tell him, "We have seen the Lord"



(John 20:25). It isn't enough for him that Jesus had foretold it...He wants to see: he wants to put his hand in the place of the nails and in Jesus' side.

"And how does Jesus react? With patience: Jesus does not abandon Thomas in his stubborn unbelief; he gives him a week's time, he does not close the door, he waits. And Thomas acknowledges his own poverty, his little faith.

"My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). With this simple yet faith filled invocation, he responds to Jesus' patience. He lets himself be enveloped by divine mercy; he sees it before his eyes, in the wounds of Christ's hands and feet and in his open side, and he discovers trust: his is a new man, no longer an unbeliever, but a believer...

"Maybe someone among us here is thinking: my sin is so great, I am as far from God as the younger son in the parable, my unbelief is like that of Thomas; I don't have the courage to go back, to believe that God can welcome me and that he is waiting for me, of all people. But God is indeed waiting for you; he asks of you only the courage to go to him....

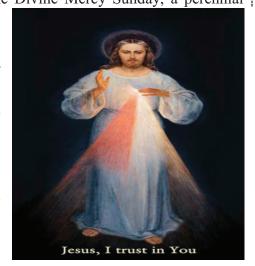
"Let us find the courage to return to his house, to dwell in his loving wounds, allowing ourselves to be loved by him and to encounter his mercy in the sacraments. We will feel his wonderful tenderness, we will feel his embrace, and we too will become more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love."

#### **DIVINE MERCY**

"Throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation...to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that humanity will experience in the years to come". In the Year of the Great Jubilee 2000, Pope John Paul II used these words to inaugurate Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast to be celebrated every year on the Second Sunday of Easter.

The feast came at the urging of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1903-1938), a Polish religious sister and visionary. In her diary, she wrote how Jesus had told her: "I will pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy...Let no one fear to draw near to me, even though their sins be as scarlet" (Diary, 699).

The Divine Mercy Novena which began on Good Friday concluded on Easter Saturday. Today, Mercy Sunday will be observed here in St. Dunstan's with special devotions at **3:00 p.m. today** including the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



#### THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

We encourage all parishioners to add the Holy Father's Intentions to their daily prayers.

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

### A NOTE OF THANKS FOR HOLY WEEK/EASTER

Thank you to all our volunteers for your hard work and support as we prepared for our Holy Week Masses and services. We would also like to thank all our volunteers that helped us with various tasks throughout Lent. Despite the provincial restrictions, we still accomplished so much in order to have a meaningful and memorable Holy Week/Easter. With the co-operation of many everything turned out wonderfully well. Also, thank you to our parishioners and friends of the community for taking part in and supporting us during Holy Week/Easter in person and virtually. May the Risen Saviour bless all of you for your kindness and support.



ShareLife Collection dates for the 2021 Campaign have been moved to the following weekends:

April 17-18 ~ June 19-20 ~ and October 2-3.

LIVING THE GOSPEL BY SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Our parish's first ShareLife collection will be held next week, on the weekend of April 17- 18th. More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are funded through your generous support. Without our support, the 150,000 people who are helped each year would not receive the hope and healing offered through the important work of these agencies.

At Easter we give thanks to Our Lord for the everlasting love He gave us through his life and Resurrection. Thankful for our blessings, in our ShareLife campaign we are asked to live the Gospel by making our own sacrificial gift to support those in need. Please note that the envelopes in your Offertory box will have different dates on them, but we will accept your ShareLife donations at any time. Thank you for your generosity.

# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS APRIL 25, 2021



The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly recognize vocations in all its forms. "It the joy of simplicity, the joy experienced daily by those who care for what truly matters: faithful closeness to God and to our neighbor. How good it would be if the same atmosphere, simple and radiant, sober and hopeful, were to pervade our seminaries, religious houses and presbyteries! I pray that you will experience this same joy, dear brothers and sisters who have generously made God the dream of your lives, serving him in your brothers and sisters through a fidelity that is a powerful testimony in an age of ephemeral choices and emotions that bring no lasting joy. May Saint Joseph, protector of vocations, accompany you with his fatherly heart!" ~ Pope Francis



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