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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 9:00 am  
Wednesday/Solemnities 7:00 pm  
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  
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## St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Helpline: 416-698-0044

## Legion of Mary

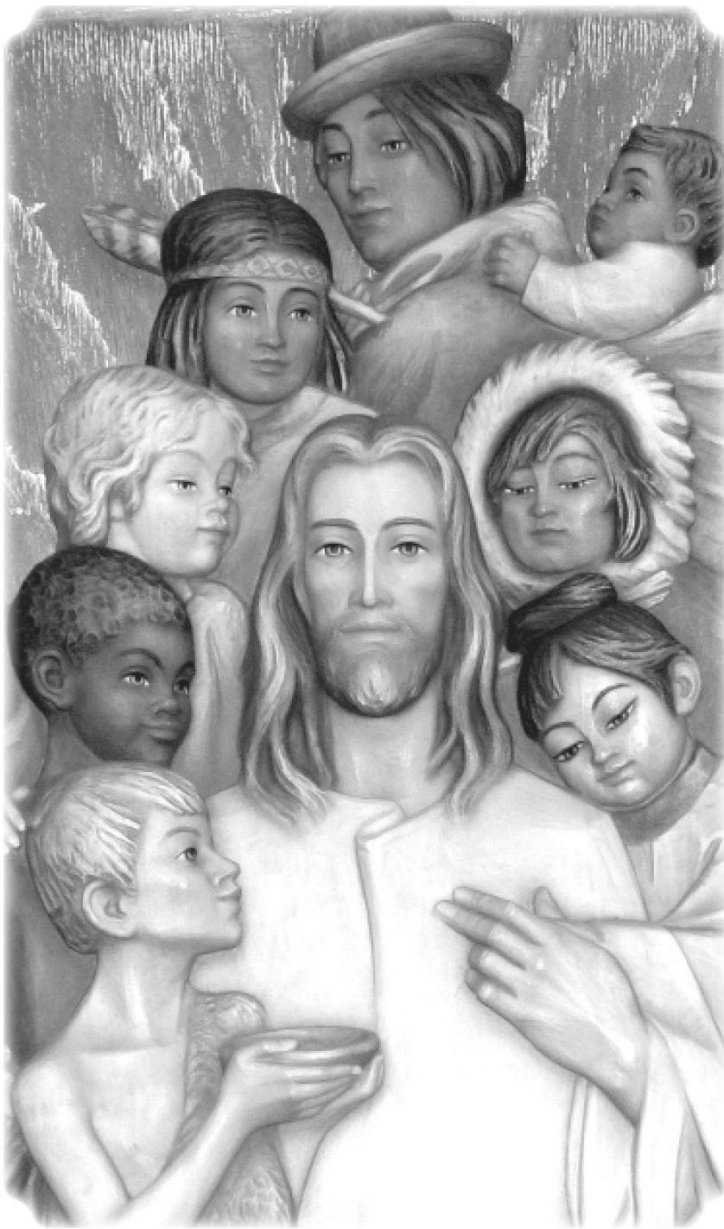
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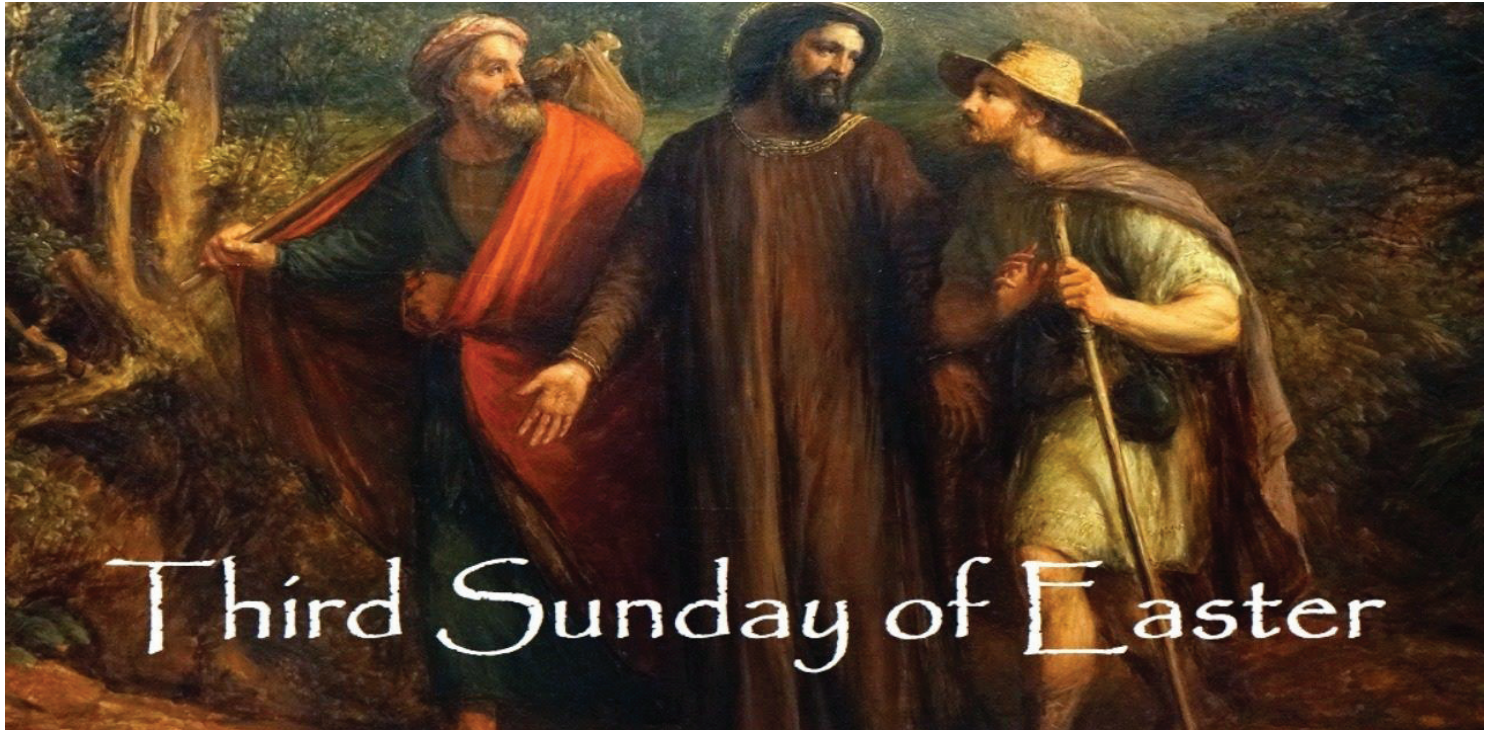
## Baptism:

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.





**THEN HE OPENED THEIR MINDS TO UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES (Luke 24:45)**

If you read through the resurrection accounts in Luke's Gospel, you might be surprised at how often the risen Jesus explains the Scriptures to his disciples. All of the disciples ~ from the two on the road to Emmaus to the ones gathered in the upper room ~ seemed to be "slow of heart to believe" (Luke 24:25). But the disciples' lack of understanding was not a problem for Jesus. He was happy to help them understand the Scriptures. And when he did, it was as if a light had turned on for them. Recent confusing events began to make sense. They had joy and hope; they knew they could trust God.

Jesus wants to do that for you too. He knows the questions you have and the ways your hope and joy need a lift. And he is ready to do something about it. So the best thing you can do is spend time reading the Bible. Hearing the readings at Mass is a great start. The more time you spend with the Scriptures, the more Jesus can bring them to life for you.

For instance, when you read "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I lack" (Psalm 23:1). Jesus might help you see that, as your Good Shepherd, he will take care of the worrisome details of your life. Or when you read "I go and prepare a place for you" (John 14:3), Jesus might lift some of your sadness and give you hope for a departed loved one. You might even start to find joy as you look forward to heaven!

Every time you open your Bible, Jesus is ready to help you know him better. As he opened the minds of his disciples after his resurrection, he can speak to you through his word. Let him "turn the light on" for you. Let him lift your hope and give you joy.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR OUR CLASS OF 2020**

To those parents and young people who were registered to receive their First Holy Communion last year we are happy to announce that a date has been set for them to receive Jesus for the first time. **Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**

**Note:** this is only for those who are registered and have completed the catechism classes last year. Our Class of 2021 will receive their First Holy Communion in the next few weeks.



APRIL 18, 2021

### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

This week of April 19-24, let us all join, as a community, in prayer for vocations to the priesthood, religious or consecrated life. We also ask that you pray for our six soon-to-be priests, along with all who are discerning and who are currently in formation at St. Augustine's Seminary.

Thank you for your continued support as we work and pray together to the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers into His vineyard. For more information, please email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

*O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, St. Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.*

### **SAFE WORSHIP**

As you know the Government of Ontario launched a province-wide stay-at-home order starting on Thursday, April 8, 2021. Ontarians were asked to stay-at-home except for essential matters. Acknowledging that religious practice is essential in the lives of many Ontarians, the provincial government has not changed the current 15 % capacity limit for places of worship, while maintaining six feet of physical distance between households. We will continue to celebrate daily and weekend Mass as we have done over the past several weeks. Funeral Masses and services remain limited to 50 people, including the priest and those assisting him (but not including funeral home staff). In-person meetings in parishes remain cancelled. Parish staff are working remotely.

Stay Safe ~ this is a very serious time in the pandemic. The province is running out of hospital beds and that jeopardizes the lives of not just COVID-19 patients, but also those who get into accidents or who are sick from other illnesses.

Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto will continue to strictly enforce the WorshipSafe protocols that has kept our parishioners safe while attending Mass. We ask that parishioners do not congregate in or around the church before or after Mass. The Archdiocese of Toronto strongly encourages those who are at an increased risk of COVID-19 to stay at home. Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, continues his dispensation of the faithful's Sunday obligation at this time.

Today is our parish's first ShareLife collection

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**

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.



### **EASTER PRAISE CONCERT**

The Easter Concert was an enormous success! Many thanks to all the presenters and all of our viewers. So much thanks to our parishioners and beyond who have helped us to be able to render such beautiful programs by supporting our virtual project. Thank you!

If you missed the live presentation of the Easter Concert, please visit St. Dunstan's YouTube Channel it is posted there for everyone to enjoy.



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