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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  
Telephone: 416-393-5241

## St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Helpline: 416-698-0044

## Legion of Mary

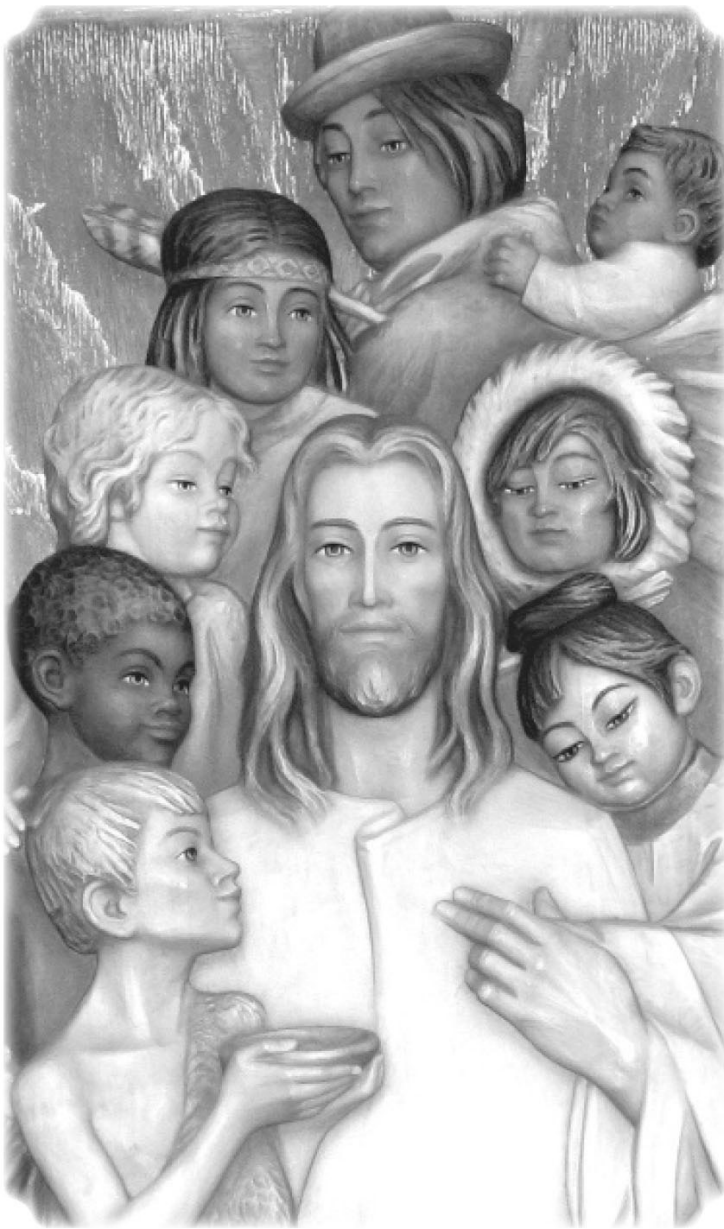
## Catholic Women's League

## 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.



PLEASE REMEMBER GOD'S CHURCH AMONGST YOUR BLESSINGS AND IN YOUR WILL.

# Fifth Sunday of EASTER

## HE TRIED TO JOIN THE DISCIPLES (Acts 9:26)

There's a lot of adventure in today's first reading, isn't there? Paul, fresh from escaping death threats in Damascus, arrives in Jerusalem, where he faces suspicion from Christians and an attempted murder from some Greek-speaking Jews. Why so much drama? Quite possibly God was using all this upheaval to "prune" Paul, to further purify him from remnants of his old life (John 15:1-3).

We are used to talking about the saints as if their holiness were a given, but that's rarely the case. For many of them, the road to holiness was as long and winding as it is for many of us. After all, we know that Paul had a strong, assertive personality. Humility doesn't always come easily!

By his own admission, Paul was "an arrogant man" before his conversion. You can imagine how some of that arrogance might still have been present as he tried to convert people. Maybe the man who had once spent his life "breathing murderous threats" against Christians still needed to learn Jesus' teaching about being poor in spirit (Acts 9:1). So it is possible that God was using the chaos Paul encountered in Jerusalem to help him examine his heart and see where he still needed to change.

Anyone who has lived more than a few decades will tell you how valuable it is to be pruned by the Lord. They probably didn't enjoy it at the time, but looking back, they could appreciate the fruit of such pruning. Come face-to-face with our selfishness or arrogance or resentments can move us to turn to Jesus and ask him to purify us and set us free. So let Jesus prune you from time to time. He promises that if you do, you will bear "more fruit". You'll become more like him, just as Paul did.

**ANYONE WHO DOES NOT LIVE IN ME  
IS LIKE A WITHERED  
BRANCH**



## RESTRICTIONS IN PLACES OF WORSHIP

The new measures have a direct impact on places of worship as part of an extended stay-at-home order, which will be in place until at least 20 May, 2021. Parishes must restrict attendance inside the church to 10 people, including priest, staff member/volunteer required to monitor capacity restrictions. Due to these measures, **public Masses must be temporarily cancelled**. Priests are asked to celebrate private Mass daily for the intentions of parishioners and for those suffering from Covid-19. 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. We will Live-Stream Masses during the week on Monday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. and on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Sunday Mass will be Live-Streamed at 10:00 a.m.

Here at St. Dunstan's we are offering Communion Services every Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please register to attend the Communion Service of your choice by going to [Eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca) or through our website: [stdunstanssc.archtoronnto.org](https://stdunstanssc.archtoronnto.org) if you have no access to book your Communion Service please call Jean in the parish office 416-694-2811 and she will book it for you.

**DONATIONS AND OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES**

We still have a number of Offertory envelope boxes that have not been picked-up. This week Jean will be calling these envelope users to see if you would like us to deliver your envelope boxes. We do realize that some may have moved and not informed us, but we would like to make sure. If you haven't picked-up your envelopes and are able, please do so soon. Talking of Offertory envelopes, even though churches are not open for public Masses, our expenses still remain high, utilities, salaries, host, wine etc. This pandemic has revealed the value of countless things we once took for granted. At the top of this list for many of us is the ability to receive the sacraments. Please when coming to a Communion Service show your appreciation by making a donation, a basket is available on the sanctuary to place your donation envelope or cash. Like all churches in the Archdiocese we are hurting financially. Thank you for your understanding in this matter, we need to keep God's house open and with your help we can. We will get through this together.



**POPE FRANCIS URGES CATHOLICS TO PRAY IN MAY FOR AN END TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization announced the news with a press release last week. It takes place under the theme "the whole Church was fervently praying to God", which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5)



**PRAYER INITIATIVE**

"The initiative will involve all Shrines of the World in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic". Pope Francis will open the Marian month of Prayer on May 1<sup>st</sup> with a Rosary broadcast across the Vatican Media platform. Each day will see Vatican News Broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. Rome time from various Shrines taking part in the initiative. The Pope

will also close the initiative on May 31<sup>st</sup> with another special broadcasted Rosary.

**END TO THE PANDEMIC**

This year's dedication of May to pandemic related prayer recalls a similar occurrence during the first wave in March 2020 (Vatican News). Pope Francis led the world in prayer during that confusing and difficult time, celebrating a live-streamed daily Mass in the Casa Santa Maria. After more than a year, and with the world still in the grips of the pandemic, the Pope and Church around the world are once again leading the way in imploring God for an end to the suffering and loss which so many people are forced to bear (Vatican News).

**HERE IN ST. DUNSTAN'S**

Here in St. Dunstan's we encourage everyone, families and friends to join us at **8:00 p.m. Monday to Friday during the month of May, as we pray and live-stream the Rosary.**

**LIVING THE GOSPEL BY SHARING OUR BLESSINGS**

Thank you to those who have made their first ShareLife donation. So far we have raised \$9,050.00 towards our goal of \$29,000.00. The next ShareLife Collection date is **June 19-20**, but you can make a donation to ShareLife at any time by dropping your donation into the regular Offertory basket.





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