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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.

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Legion of Mary

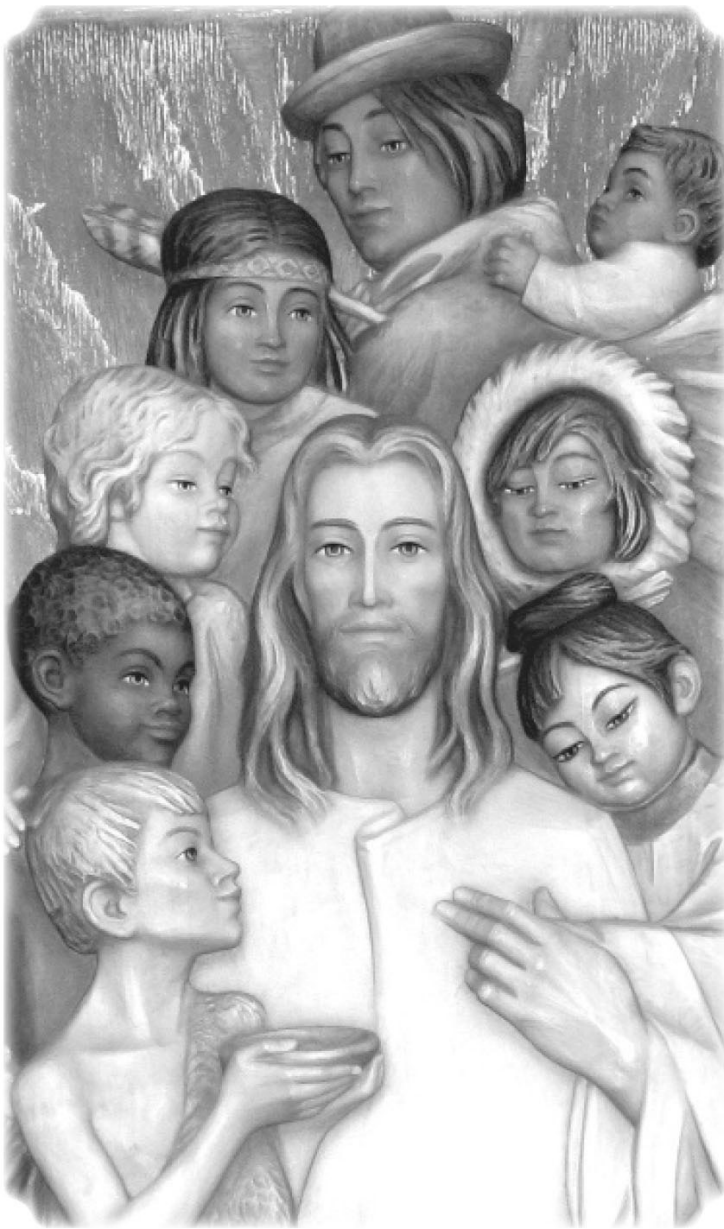
Catholic Women's League

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.





AS THEY WERE LOOKING ON, HE WAS LIFTED UP
(Acts 1:1-11)

There is so much mystery surrounding Jesus' ascension into heaven. For example, why did the risen Christ leave the earth after forty days (Acts 1:3)? How was he lifted up physically into the sky? Did it happen instantaneously or over a period of time?

We may never know the answers to these questions this side of heaven. But we can understand something of God's great love for us as we meditate on this feast.

First, the ascension tells us that when Jesus took on our human nature in the Incarnation, he didn't do it temporarily. The Word became flesh, not just for thirty-three years Jesus walked the earth, but forever, The Incarnation of Christ was an act of great humility, God stooping down to become a creature. But it was more than God stooping down. He was

also lifting us up because Jesus, as much man as he is God, has taken his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:19). Now our own human nature is caught up in the life of the Trinity. That's how much God loves us!

Second, because we are praying to a God who is still both human and divine, our relationship with Jesus is very personal. As we pray, we can picture a real human being standing before us, looking into our eyes and comforting us with a warm embrace. Not only that, but we know that in heaven, Jesus in his human body is physically interceding for us. How reassuring it is to know that he understands our human condition! He has experienced it himself and so sympathizes with our weaknesses. Today, spend some time reflecting on the great wonder of a God who loves us so much that he would become one of us, not just for a short time, but forever.

A MESSAGE FROM FR.VICTOR



Blessings and grace of Jesus the Lord be with you all.

Happy celebration of the Ascension of the Lord. The Lord indeed ascends with shouts of joy, the Lord ascends with trumpet blasts!

This week is the feast day of **Saint Dunstan: May 19th.**

Congratulations to all of us and all lovers of Saint Dunstan's parish. We beseech

his intercession at this precarious time and seek his paternal protection. We shall celebrate our Wednesday, May 19th Mass as that of Saint Dunstan's memorial. On behalf of Fr. Jeff, I wish all of us a blessed celebration albeit simple this year, and pray the protection and intercession of our patron saint on us and all our families.

Our Marian Devotion continues, together with the Holy Spirit Novena incorporated. As suggested, please do both privately on Saturday and Sunday when we do not meet online.

Hoping and praying we all keep safe and well. The Lord of host is our strength, the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Have a blessed Sunday. *Fr. Victor Amole*

MAY 16, 2021



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process whereby individuals explore their relationship with God and enter into a faith journey which takes them to a study and reflection on the Bible, the Trinity, the sacraments and the liturgy. We invite all who are interested to contact the parish office for information. (RCIA) classes start in the Fall.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Due to the limitations caused by the pandemic, many parishioners have not been able to offer their donations to help with the upkeep our Church. Find below a list of a few ways in which you might like to continue supporting Saint Dunstan's Parish. We appreciate your generosity at this difficult time.

ENVELOPES: Envelopes can be dropped off at the church office. Please call ahead: 416-694-2811

MONTHLY WITHDRAWALS: Consider pre-authorized giving for more information:

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ~ CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Parents of children who are registered for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are asked to please check your emails regularly. We are hoping that the Lock-down will be eased soon so kindly get prepared for the celebrations of the sacraments as the restrictions are lifted.

END TO THE PANDEMIC

This year's dedication of the Month 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.**

COMMUNION SERVICE

Here at St. Dunstan's we continue to offer Communion Services during the Stay-at-Home Lockdown 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 or through our website: stdunstanssc.archtoronto.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.



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