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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

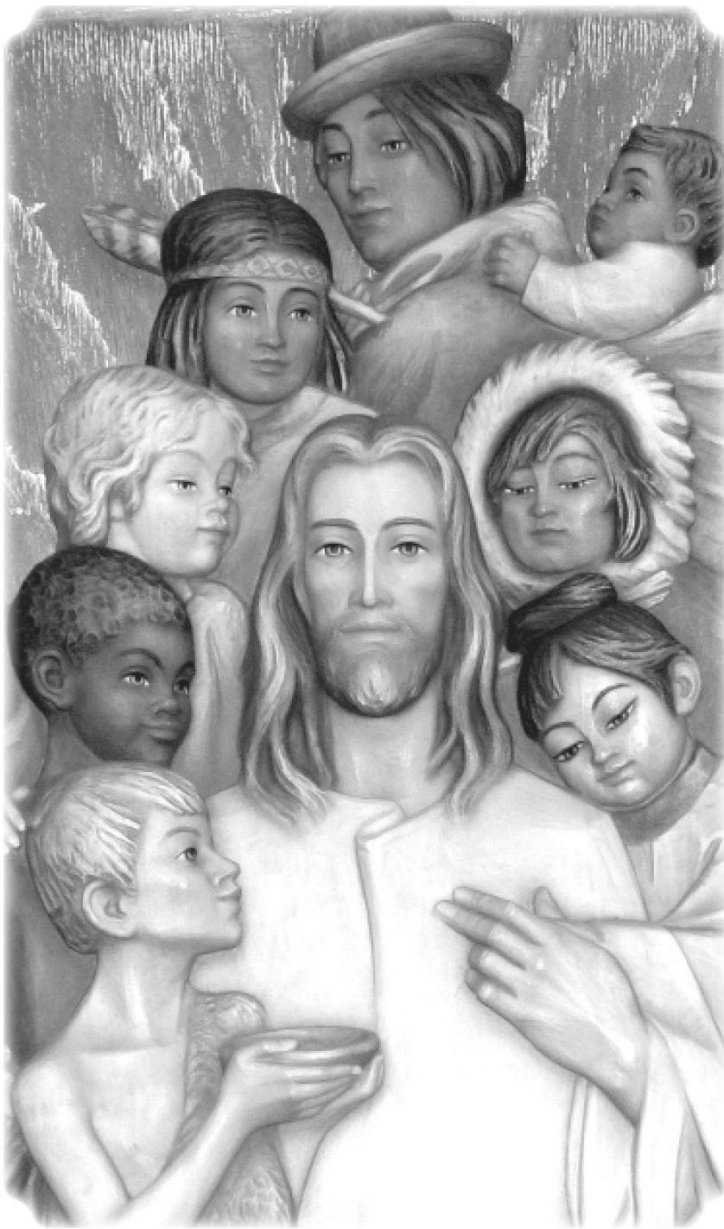
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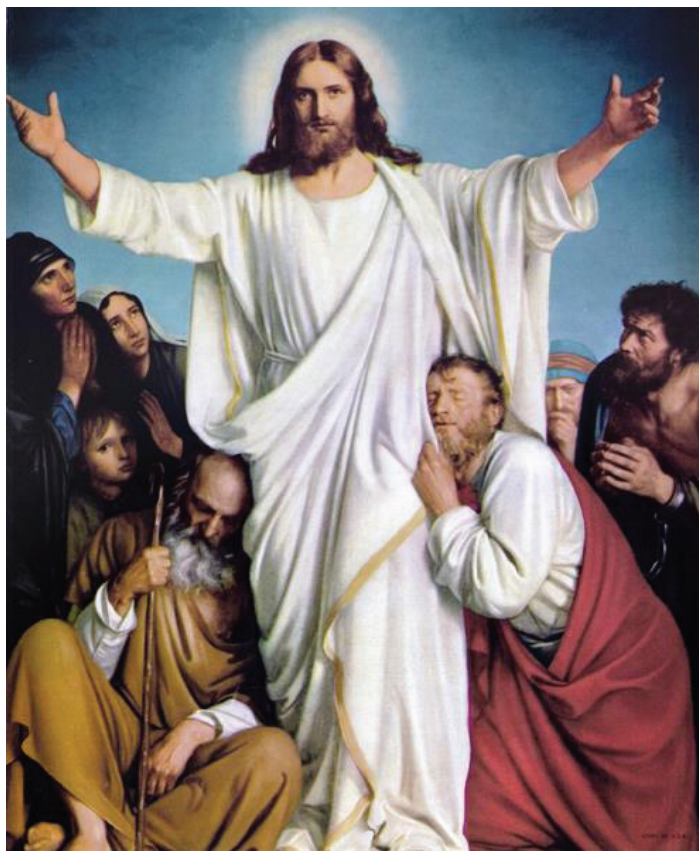
Baptism:

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.





THEY TOOK OFFENSE AT HIM

(Mark 6:3)

The people of Jesus' hometown of Nazareth stood at a crossroads. Having heard Jesus preach and having seen his works of healing and deliverance, they had to choose. Would they let their amazement lead them to faith and acceptance of Jesus? Or would they respond with hardness of heart, skepticism, and rejection?

Mark tells us how the Nazarenes answered, they "took offense" at Jesus (6:3). The Greek word he uses, "*eskandalizonto*" can also be taken to mean that they "fell away", or were "scandalized" by Jesus. Those are pretty harsh words, but they seem to fit the situation. The people's response was so negative that even Jesus was "amazed" at their lack of faith (6:6).

The story of Jesus' return to Nazareth can lead us to our own self-examination. Will we accept Jesus and his will for us today? Or will we take offense at him and turn aside?

This isn't a one-and-done question. Every day, we face numerous situations where we find ourselves at a crossroads. Should I forgive that casual but hurtful remark from a family member? Can I give up some of my free time to help a neighbour in need? Will I say no to harsh,

judgmental thoughts arising in my heart as I read the day's news? Over and over again, Jesus stands before us as he once stood before the people of Nazareth, asking us to accept him and his word.

Today, along with millions of other believers around the world, you will proclaim your faith in Christ as you recite the Creed during Mass. Take this as a new opportunity to place your faith in Jesus. Take it also as a moment of grace as you ask the Holy Spirit to help you uphold your decision to live for Christ in the coming week. Then, when you are ready to receive Jesus in Communion, seal your declaration of faith and surrender with a firm, trusting "Amen".

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY – SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP

We invite parishioners to keep the Holy Father's Intention in their prayers daily during the month
We to pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



CONGRATUALIONS

Our congratulations to all graduates at the elementary, secondary and post-secondary levels. May God continue to bless you along life's journey. We are proud of you.

JULY 4, 2021

STEP 2 OF PROVINCIAL REOPENING

We entered into Stage 2 of the reopening plan for Ontario this past week, June 30th. Our parish continues to ask parishioners to kindly register to attend Sunday Mass (register through Eventbrite.ca). If you have no access to a computer or need help please call the parish office 416-694-2811 and Jean will book it for you. This helps the church manage capacity restrictions and contact tracing. While in Stage 2 the percentage increased from 15% to 25%, our church can only accommodate a limited number of people due to the 6 feet (2m) distance requirements per individual or household. Remember, the pandemic continues to present a serious health threat to members in our community and beyond; the faithful are therefore reminded to still follow the SafeWorship Protocol, wear a mask at all times in the church, sanitize your hands when you enter the lobby, and please do not to congregate in or around the church before or after Mass. Our safety protocol should be observed at all times.

We encourage those who are at an increased risk of COVID-19 to exercise extreme caution when deciding to come to church. For the comfort of fellow parishioners, if you have a cough or are feeling unwell please stay home. The dispensation from Sunday Mass continues at this time. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this new normal.

The Parish office is still closed to the public -limited essential appointments only please. Jean works remotely if you have any questions, concerns or needs please call 416-694-2811 she is available through the parish office phone daily during office hours. **Do we have you email?** Please make sure that your parish registration is updated. Important announcements are sent by email. If you have not registered yet, please visit our website stdunstanssc.archtoronto.org to download the registration form and submit to: stdunstan@rogers.com.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ~ ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Due to the protocols surrounding COVID-19, this year's Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed has unfortunately been cancelled at all seven Catholic cemeteries. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will celebrate a Live-streamed special Mass in honour of our faithful departed on Wednesday, August 18, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The Mass can be viewed at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

BRIEFING ON THE RISING TIDE OF ANTI-SEMITISM ~ With Dr. Michael Berenbaum

A VIRTUAL EVENT RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY AND RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM. Dr. Michael Berenbaum, a world-renowned scholar, historian, and a Professor of Jewish Studies at the American Jewish University, will explore the rising trends of racism and anti-Semitism around the world. This virtual event is scheduled on Wednesday, June 30 at 8 p.m. For more details and to register, <https://bit.ly/DrBerenbaumTalk>.

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