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Office Hours: Parish Office is closed during the pandemic, essential appointments only.

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Tuesday - Thursday - Friday:
Mass is at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Mass is at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday morning: Mass is at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Liturgy:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m.

12:00 noon

Confessions:

By appointment, call the parish office.

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

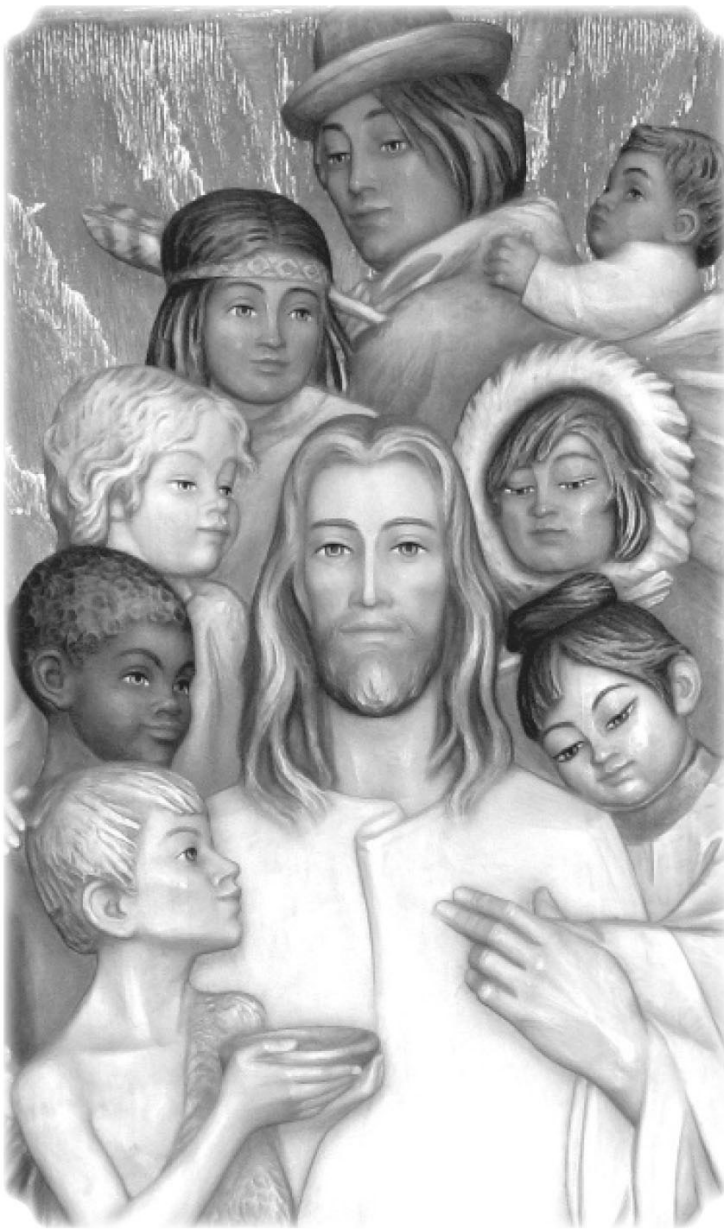
Catholic Women's League

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.



Today the Church begins a new liturgical year in which we will once again relive with Christ the saving events of



First Sunday in Advent

His earthly life. The season of Advent is a time of prayer and penance, of vigil and longing for the coming of the Lord. In our materialistic age, Christians must strive ever more valiantly to maintain the spiritual nature of the Christmas celebration. The true spirit of Christmas is one of giving and sharing, remembering God’s gift of His own Son. At this time of the year especially, the Church appeals for reconciliation and welcomes home those who have strayed. Advent is a season of waiting and expectation for the coming of the Lord (from the Latin *adventus* meaning “coming”). In the first part of Advent, continuing the theme of the last weeks of Ordinary Time, we look forward to His coming in glory at the end of time, the *parousia*. The season’s message of repentance calls us to prepare our hearts to welcome Christ who comes to us now in grace and mystery. The second part of Advent, from December 17 to 24 is a direct preparation for Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus who “by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man” (Nicene Creed). The three great figures of the Advent season are Isaiah who, together with the other prophets, foretold the coming of the messianic kingdom, John the Baptist who announced the appearance of the Messiah and called the people to repent, and

the Virgin Mary who bore the Saviour of the world in her womb “with love beyond all telling” (Advent Preface II). The Advent liturgy reflects a certain austerity: the violet vestments, the Gloria is not sung at seasonal Masses, and the moderation in floral decoration of the sanctuary and solo instrumentation. As we recall how our ancestors in faith, the People of Israel, walked in the darkness of a world “in sin and error pining” (carol ‘O Holy Night’), let us prepare our hearts to greet and adore Christ the Light (see Isaiah 9:2).

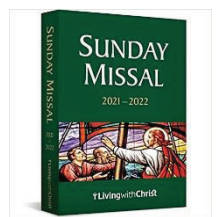
ADVENT WREATH

A popular Advent tradition which has found its place in the church and home is the custom of the Advent wreath. The circle of the wreath symbolizes the eternity of God (no beginning or end). The evergreen branches which may form the wreath remind us that God does not change; His love for us is constant. The red berries of the holly that may be used to decorate the wreath remind us of the blood Christ shed to save us. The four candles stand for the four Sundays and weeks of the season. Violet is the colour of penance and preparation (echoed by John the Baptist, one of the great figures of Advent). The rose-coloured candle lit on the Third Sunday of Advent is a sign of our joy at the nearness of our salvation. The growing light, as each week another candle is lit, signifies that Jesus whose birth we are preparing to celebrate at Christmas is the Light of the World.



SUNDAY MISSALS 2021-22

A new liturgical year begins today, the First Sunday of Advent. Sunday Missals are available after Mass at the Information Desk at a cost of \$5.00 each. We encourage everyone to have their own copy. The complete Mass for each Sunday with readings is found in this missal, as well as a selection of private prayers and hymns. It is ideal for those who would like to prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the scripture passages ahead of time.



Those who purchase a personal missal should write their name inside the cover for easy identification.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA

Novena Prayers in preparation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be recited before the weekday Masses from November 29 to December 7.

FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Parents who wish their children in Grade 2 (or higher grades) to receive, for the first time, the sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist during this school year, are asked to observe the following registration procedure. Letters with Registration Forms have been sent home with eligible children attending St. Dunstan's School. Letters are available from Father Jeff after Sunday Mass for parents of children in other schools. **Registration and meeting for parents will take place this Sunday afternoon, November 28 following the 12:00 noon Mass.** Completed Registration Forms along with a copy of the child's baptismal certificate and \$30 to cover the cost of catechetical materials should be submitted at this time. Children preparing for the sacraments, like all Catholics, should be in the habit of attending Sunday Mass regularly.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated next year on the Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, June 2, 2022 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Letters with Registration Forms have been distributed to eligible students at St. Dunstan's School in Grades 7 and 8. Letters are available from Father Jeff after Sunday Mass for students in other schools or adults who wish to be confirmed. **Registration and meeting for parents and candidates will take place Sunday, December 5 following the 12:00 noon Mass.** Completed Registration Forms should be submitted at this meeting along with a copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate and \$20 to cover the cost of catechetical materials. Candidates should be in the habit of attending Sunday Mass regularly.

SIGN OF PEACE

During the pandemic, the shaking of hands was prohibited for obvious reasons. As we continue to adjust to the constantly changing protocols, the faithful are asked to give the sign of peace to those near them with a bow of the head and refrain from shaking hands. Shaking hands is also to be avoided when greeting others, including the priest, before or after Mass. As some are already suggesting, perhaps handshaking should be avoided even after the pandemic is over, and permanently replaced by a bow as a safer option.



Masses For The Week

Monday 9:00 a.m.	29 November The repose of Russ Shurig Req.by Ruoy Borja
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	30 November SAINT ANDREW, apostle The repose of Rosita Soropia Req.by Lisa Soropia
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	1 December <i>Votive Mass of Saint Joseph</i>
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	2 December
Friday 12:10 noon 7:00 p.m.	3 December <i>First Friday</i> <i>Friday is a day of penitential observance</i> Saint Francis Xavier, priest The repose of Maria Virdiramo Req.by Anna Marie Paananen
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	4 December <i>First Saturday</i> The repose of Helen & Fred Halloran, deceased relatives & friends Req.by Family
5:00 p.m.	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT The repose of Maria Estelita & Nazareno Fernandes Req.by Sally & Pio
Sunday 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon.	5 December The repose of Jose D'Souza Req.by Raposo Family

**PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR
DECEMBER**

Parishioners are encouraged to keep the Holy Father's intention in their daily prayers throughout the month.

For catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



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