

Saint Dunstan's Parish

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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

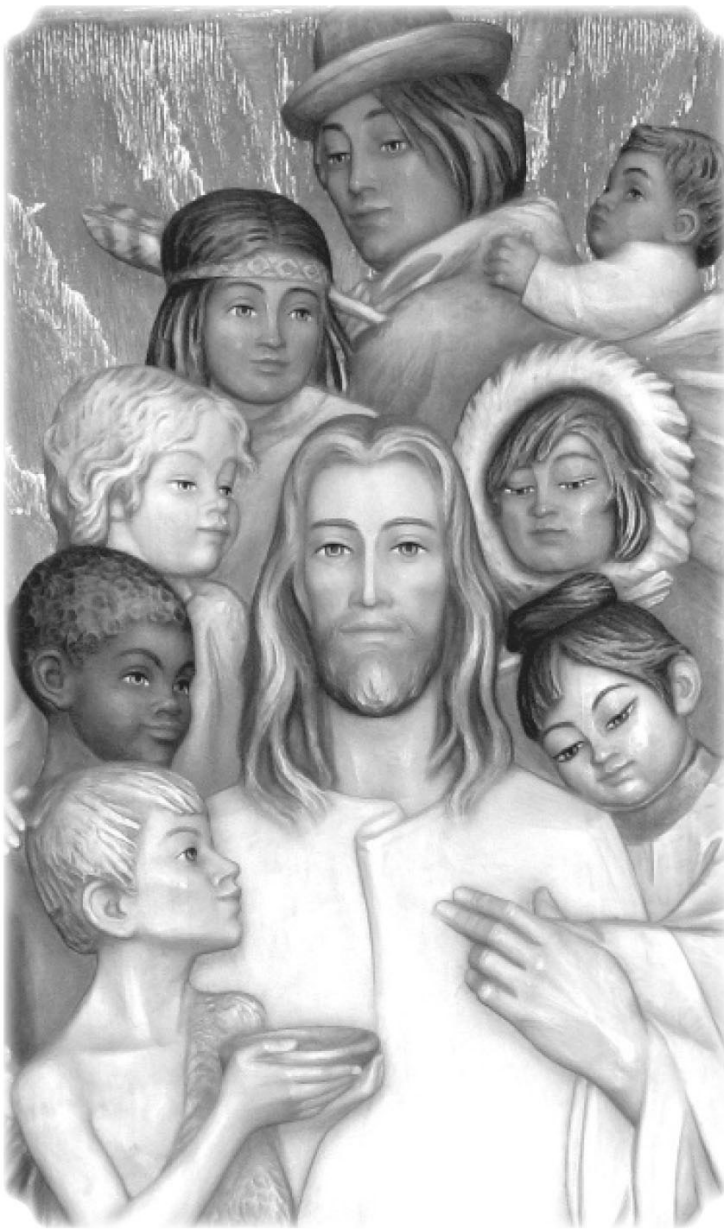
Catholic Women's League

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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This feast celebrates Our Lady, “full of grace” from her conception. It was fitting that God should preserve Mary free from all stain of original sin, since from her the Son of God was to take His human nature. By a unique grace and privilege, the Blessed Virgin was redeemed in a more exalted fashion by reason of the foreseen merits of her Son. Moreover, fully co-operating with God’s grace and obedient to His will, Mary remained sinless throughout her life. We ask our Mother and Queen to intercede for us that we too may serve God with blameless lives. Our parish will observe this feast Wednesday, December 8 with a Solemn Mass at 7:00 p.m.

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.

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 today 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.

ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH DEDICATION

December 5 is the Solemnity of the Dedication of St. Dunstan’s Church, marking the 39th anniversary of the dedication of our parish church by Cardinal Carter in 1982. As this Solemnity falls on Sunday this year, its celebration is transferred to Monday December 6. Parishioners are invited to celebrate this milestone at the 9:00 a.m. Mass tomorrow.



**Christmas Eve ~ Friday, December 24
7:00 p.m. ~ 12:00 Midnight**

**Christmas Day ~ Saturday, December 25
10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon**

**Feast of the Holy Family ~ Sunday, December 26
10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon**

**Please note: there will be no 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
on December 25 or January 1**

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

During Advent, the Church calls all her children to return to their Father’s house with repentant and contrite hearts by approaching the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The Liturgy repeats the cry of John the Baptist, “Repent, for the Kingdom of God is near”. Amidst all our Christmas preparations the most important preparation takes place in our own heart to welcome Christ the Saviour. Let us heed the Church’s invitation to seek and find God’s forgiveness by making a good confession. Special times for Confessions the week before Christmas are as follows:

**Saturday 18 December 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.
4:15 - 4:45 p.m.**

**Tuesday 21 December 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday 22 December 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Thursday 23 December 9:45 - 11:00 a.m.

PLEASE SIGN UP!

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers are asked to volunteer for the Christmas and January 1 liturgies by signing the schedules in the sacristy or in the Ushers Room.



THE TRADITION OF THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

Following a beautiful and firmly-rooted tradition, many families set up their crib immediately after the feast of the Immaculate Conception, as if to relive with Mary those days full of trepidation that preceded the birth of Jesus.



Putting up the crib at home can be a simple but effective way of presenting faith, to pass it on to one's children. The crib helps us contemplate the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem Grotto. Saint Francis of Assisi was so taken by the mystery of the Incarnation that he wanted to

present it anew at Greccio in the living nativity scene, thus beginning an old, popular tradition that still retains its value for evangelization today. Indeed, the crib can help us understand the secret of the true Christmas because it speaks of the humility and merciful goodness of Christ, who "though he was rich he made himself poor" for us (2Cor 8:9). His poverty enriches those who embrace it and Christmas brings joy and peace to those who, like the shepherds in Bethlehem, accept the Angel's words: "Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes" (Lk 2:12). This is still the sign for us too, men and women of the third millennium. (Pope emeritus Benedict XVI).

**500th ANNIVERSARY OF CHRISTIANITY
IN THE PHILIPPINES**

This year marked the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in the Philippines. Because of the pandemic this special milestone was commemorated virtually through a variety of events here in the Archdiocese and finally with a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Collins this past Wednesday at Our Lady of the Assumption Church. The Archdiocese is grateful to the Filipino faithful for their important contribution to the life of the local Church in Toronto.

Christianity first came to the Philippines on March 16, 1521, and thereafter, the faith spread throughout the archipelago, making it the only predominantly Catholic nation in Asia. The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto are in unity with Filipinos worldwide as we celebrate this significant moment in the history of the Church in the Philippines.



Masses For The Week

Monday	6 December	<i>DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH</i> <i>(transferred from 5 December)</i>
9:00 a.m.		
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Tuesday	7 December	Saint Ambrose, bishop & doctor
9:00 a.m.		
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Wednesday	8 December	<i>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>
7:00 p.m.	The repose of Cajetan & Justin D'Souza Req.by Family	
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Thursday	9 December	
9:00 a.m.		
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Friday	10 December	<i>Friday is a day of penitential observance</i> <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>
9:00 a.m.		
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Saturday	11 December	
10:00 a.m.	The repose of Lazarinho Vaz Req.by Owen & Joanna	
	<i>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	
5:00 p.m.	The repose of Cajetan & Justina D'Souza Req.by Michael, Loretta & Raphael	
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Sunday	12 December	
10:00 a.m.	The Intentions of Carole Walsh Req.by Trac Ba Luu	
12:00 noon.	The repose of Santan Fernandes Req.by Margaret & Santan Lobo	

SUNDAY MISSALS 2021-22

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.



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