

# Saint Dunstan's Church

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**Pastor:** Rev. Jeffrey Masterson  
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**Office Hours:** Tuesday – Friday  
Call to make an appointment.

## Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

## Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday/Solemnities 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday/Civic Holidays 10:00 a.m.  
First Friday 12:10 noon 7:00 p.m.

## Confessions:

Saturday 9:15-9:45 a.m., 4:15-4:45 p.m.

## Eucharistic Adoration:

First Fridays 12:30 - 7:00 p.m.

## Perpetual Help Novena:

Saturday Mass 10:00 a.m.

## 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.

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



## First Sunday in Advent

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.



### 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.

### PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

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



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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Very few parents have registered their children for First Holy Communion so far. Accordingly, a second opportunity for parents to enrol their children will be held Sunday, December 11 following the 12:00 noon Mass. Registration Forms are available at the Reception Desk. Children preparing for First Communion should be in the habit of attending Sunday Mass like all Catholics.

**CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION**

Letters with Registration Forms have been distributed to eligible students at St. Dunstan's School in Grades 7 and 8. Letters are available from the receptionist 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 4 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.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S CATHOLIC  
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For more information or to reserve your seat contact:

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**Masses For The Week**

- Monday 28 November  
9:00 a.m. The repose of Josephine Countinho  
Req.by Joana & Lawrian
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- Tuesday 29 November  
9:00 a.m. The repose of Anthony Cajetan Franco  
Req.by Jay Franco & Family
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- Wednesday 30 November  
**SAINT ANDREW, apostle**  
7:00 p.m. Deceased relatives & friends of  
all parishioners
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- Thursday 1 December  
9:00 a.m. Rev. Ralph Paonessa
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- Friday 2 December *First Friday*  
*Friday is a day of penitential observance*  
**12:10 noon** For the Protection of Unborn Children  
Req.by Masses for Life Project  
**7:00 p.m.** The repose of Nathaline Fernandes  
Req.by Gwen McCoy
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- Saturday 3 December *First Saturday*  
**Saint Francis Xavier, priest**  
10:00 a.m. Helen & Fred Halloran, deceased  
relatives & friends  
Req.by Tardif Family  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
5:00p.m. Maria Estelita & Nazareno Fernandes  
Req.by Pio & Sally
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- Sunday 4 December  
10:00 a.m. Intentions of All Parishioners  
12:00noon. The repose of Felix V. Gomes  
Req.by his Family
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