

Saint Dunstan's Church

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NEW SANCTUARY FLOORING

The installation of the new ceramic tile flooring in the sanctuary has now been completed by Ishmael Aldana and his team from Rocky General Contractors. This project is financed by the Family of Faith funds allocated to St. Dunstan's. Many thanks to parishioners who supported the Family of Faith campaign and made the new flooring possible, just in time for our 100th anniversary celebration. We also thank our daily Massgoers for their patience the last three weeks when the weekday Masses were celebrated in the parish lounge.

PARISH CENTENNIAL

As you know the New Year 2023 will mark the 100th Anniversary of St. Dunstan's Parish. The opening celebration of our Centennial year is scheduled for New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at which His Excellency Robert Kasun, CSB, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto will be the principal celebrant with a guest choir followed by a festive reception. Mark your calendar!

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.

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 Thursday, December 8 with a Solemn Mass at 7:00 p.m.

ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH DEDICATION

Monday, December 5 is the Solemnity of the Dedication of St. Dunstan's Church, marking the 40th anniversary of the dedication of our parish church by Cardinal Carter in 1982. Parishioners are invited to celebrate this milestone at the 9:00 a.m. Mass tomorrow.

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*).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents who have not yet registered their children for First Holy Communion will have another opportunity to do so next 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 this 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.



Christmas Eve ~ Saturday, December 24
7:00 p.m. ~ 12:00 Midnight
Christmas Day ~ Sunday, December 25
10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon

Mary the Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 31 ~ 5:00 p.m.
(Opening celebration of our Parish Centennial)

Sunday, January 1
10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon

Please note: *Christmas and 1 January are Holydays of Obligation in Canada.*

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.



Masses For The Week

Monday 5 December
DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH
9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Tuesday 6 December
Saint Nicholas, bishop
9:00 a.m. The repose of Otto Vignali
Req.by Alba Vignali & Family

Wednesday 7 December
Saint Ambrose, bishop & doctor
7:00 p.m. The repose of Brian Nathaniel
Req.by Cyril Yvonne & Family

Thursday 8 December
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving for
Immaculate Conception
Req.by Owen & Joana Vaz

Friday 9 December
Friday is a day of penitential observance
9:00 a.m. The repose of Perla Lim
Req.by the Noronha Family

Saturday 10 December
10:00 a.m. The repose of Isabella D'Souza
Req.by Owen, Joana & Lawrian
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:00p.m. Jenny Relojas & the deceased family
Req.by Marieta Renacido

Sunday 11 December
10:00 a.m. Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00noon. The repose of Santan Fernandes
Req.by Margaret & Santan Lobo





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