

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday after the first word in Latin of the entrance antiphon “*gaudete*” meaning “rejoice”: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” Halfway through the season of Advent, we rejoice at the nearness of Our Saviour. The penitential violet is replaced by the joyful rose-coloured vestments and flowers. The Mass texts for Gaudete Sunday express joy, encouragement, and the need for vigilance and preparation to welcome Christ into our hearts and lives. The liturgy challenges us to be witnesses to the coming of the Messiah. Like the prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist and Our Lady, we too are called to bear joyful witness to what God has done and will do for His people.



Third Sunday of Advent

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	17 December	9:15-9:45 a.m., 4:15-4:45 p.m.
Tuesday	20 December	12:00 -1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	21 December	6:00 -8:00 p.m.
Friday	23 December	9:45-11:00 a.m.
Saturday	24 December	9:15-9:45 a.m. only



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!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

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.



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.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS MOVIES

Now that, hopefully, the worst of the pandemic is behind us, we will once again show several FREE family Christmas movies on **Sunday, December 11 and next Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m.** This Sunday, the film "A Time To Remember" tells the story of a boy who is bullied and misunderstood even by his own father for wanting to be a singer and who is helped by his grandmother and his parish priest to realize his dream. Although it is not a well-known movie, it is a touching story set at Christmas and well-received when we showed it several years ago. It was a favourite of Mother Angelica. Running time is 80 minutes and the movie is suitable for all ages. Also this Sunday the veil will be removed, giving parishioners a glimpse of what happens when the Mass is celebrated. **Next Sunday, December 18,** we will show "It's a Wonderful Life" which is arguably the most popular Christmas movie ever produced. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the film, by one of Hollywood's most famous and prolific directors, Frank Capra who considered it his best and favourite work. This heart-warming film, beautifully illustrates how each life is unique, precious and irreplaceable, affecting and making a difference in many other lives.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Novena prayers in preparation for Christmas will be recited before the weekday Masses December.16-24.

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelope boxes will be available for pick-up next weekend for all parishioners who used them this past year. If you would like to start using Offertory envelopes in 2023 please fill out a registration form at the Information Desk or call the parish office.



REQUESTING ANNOUNCED MASSES - 2023

We now have available the 2023 Mass Book. If you would like to book your special Mass Intentions for 2023, please see the receptionist at the Information Desk after Mass on the weekend or call Jean in the parish office 416-694-2811 ext.2. Please book your special dates early so as not to be disappointed.



Masses For The Week

Monday	12 December	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Patroness of the Americas
9:00 a.m.		Special Intention

Tuesday	13 December	Saint Lucy, virgin & martyr
9:00 a.m.		The repose of Violeta Carino Req.by Family

Wednesday	14 December	Saint John of the Cross, priest & doctor
7:00 p.m.		The repose of Nathaline Fernades Req.by Owen, Joana & Lawrian

Thursday	15 December	
9:00 a.m		William & Margaret Hotchkiss Req.by Trac Ba Luu

Friday	16 December	
		<i>Friday is a day of penitential observance</i>
9:00 a.m.		Pedro & Amabile Ruggery Req.by Alba Vignali

Saturday	17 December	
10:00 a.m.		The repose of Revelina & Leonardo Copruz Req.by Paulina & Ben Corpuz
		FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:00p.m.		The repose of Frank, Francis & Peggy Andrew Req.by Grace & Family

Sunday	18 December	
10:00 a.m.		Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00noon.		Cajetan & Justina D'Souza Req.by Michael & Loretta D'Souza





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