

# Saint Dunstan's Church

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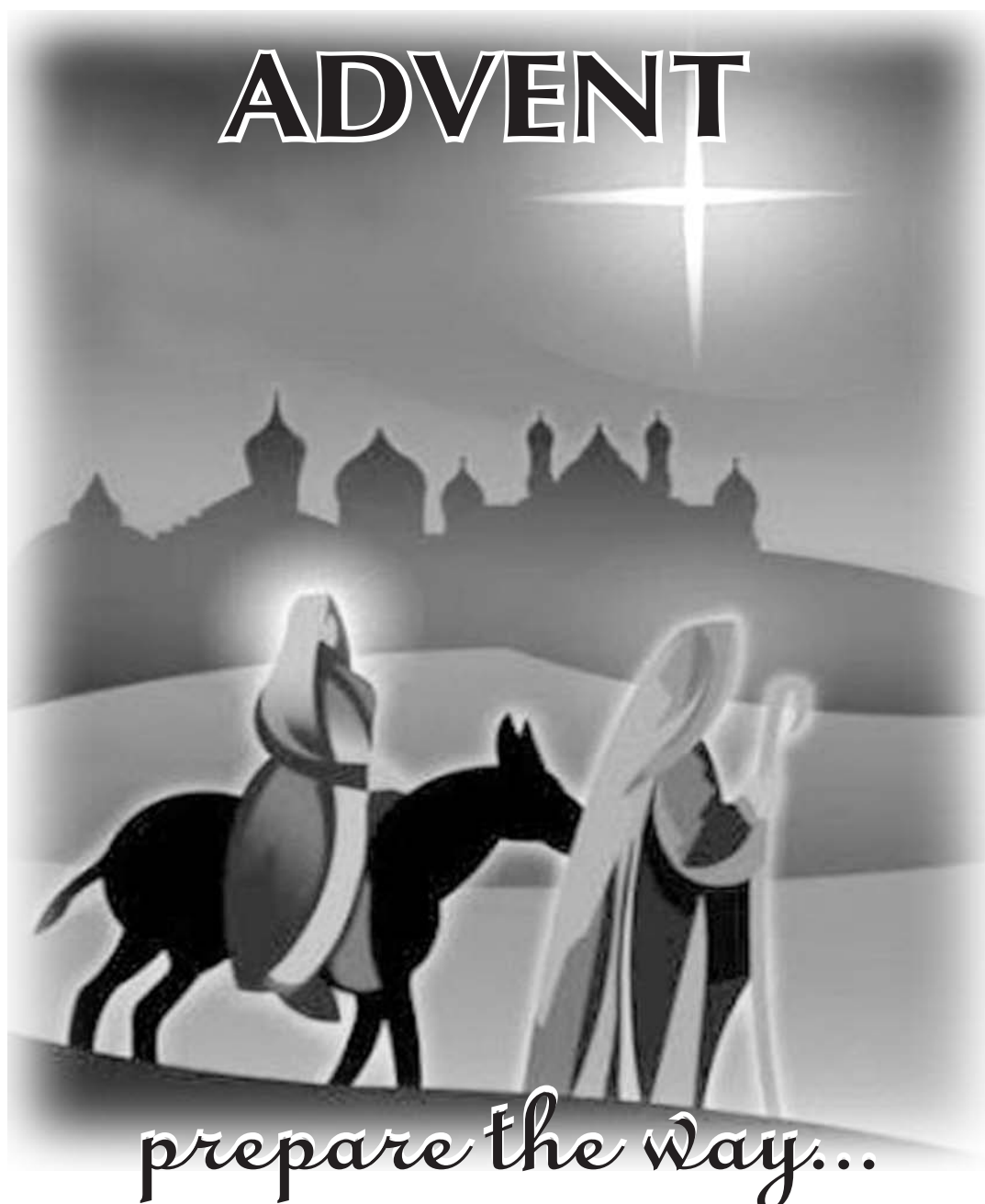
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*prepare the way...*



**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.***

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

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

**CHRISTMAS PRAYERS**

O Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father, who for love of us did assume our lowly nature and dwell among us the least of the children of men: graciously grant that we, aided by Your grace and inspired by Your example, may become truly poor in spirit and humble of heart, and renouncing the vanities of the world, strive ever more earnestly for the things that are above, where You sit at the right hand of God, always living to make intercession for us. Amen.

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Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of heaven and earth, who revealed Yourself to little ones, grant, we beg of You, that we who venerate with due honour the sacred mysteries of Your Son, the Child Jesus, and imitate His example, may enter the kingdom of heaven which You have promised to children. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THANK YOU**

Father Jeff recently received a letter from Good Shepherd Ministries addressed to parishioners:

Dear Father and Parishioners:

I want to tell you how much it means to all of us at Good Shepherd Ministries that you participated in our annual Thanksgiving food drive. With your generous collection of non-perishable food items, you are helping to provide meals to individuals who are homeless and at risk...Our work is far from done, but together we have made great strides in making a difference in the lives of those who are vulnerable, marginalized and who need our support. Thank you!

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS**

Children preparing for First Communion and candidates for Confirmation are reminded to see Father Jeff after Sunday Mass every week, to assure him of their presence.

**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:

**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**



**FAMILY CHRISTMAS MOVIE**

Our second FREE Family Christmas Movie will be shown this afternoon Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m. "It's a Wonderful Life" is the world's favourite Christmas movie. This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the film by one of Hollywood's most famous and prolific directors, Frank Capra who regarded it as his best and favourite work. This heart-warming film has an important message that each human life is unique, precious and irreplaceable, impacting the lives of many others. The movie's protagonist George Bailey (played by Jimmy Stewart) is considering suicide one Christmas Eve, convinced that his life has been a failure and that it would have been better if he had never been born. His guardian angel Clarence comes to show him what life would be like if he had never existed and reveals all the good he has accomplished to help others. Parishioners who subscribe to the monthly edition of Living with Christ will find an article in the December issue (p 172-175) on the movie as an Advent Parable. The American Film Institute voted "It's a Wonderful Life" the **Most Inspiring Film of All Time**. Come and be inspired! Running time 2 hours.

**2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Envelope boxes are available for pick 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.

**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	19 December
9:00 a.m.	Special Intention
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Tuesday	20 December
9:00 a.m.	The repose of Maria & Salvadori Vignali Req.by Alba Vignali
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Wednesday	21 December
7:00 p.m.	The repose of Felix Gomes Req.by Bridget, Felix & Andrew
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Thursday	22 December
9:00 a.m.	The repose of Paulina Corpuz Req.by Ed Parayno & Family
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Friday	23 December
	<i>Friday is a day of penitential observance</i>
9:00 a.m.	The repose of Darryl, Kenyon, Joshua & Phyllis Bush Req.by Belina Sabarillo-Bush
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Saturday	24 December
10:00 a.m.	Special Intention
	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>
7:00 p.m.	The Intentions of
12:00 midnight	All Parishioners
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Sunday	25 December
10:00 a.m.	Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00noon.	Special Intention
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**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!



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