# 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.

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

#### **ORDINARY TIME**

In our liturgical calendar, we have now entered the weeks called Ordinary Time. During Ordinary Time, rather than commemorating particular events in the life of Christ, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. The period of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent has sometimes been understood to represent the "hidden life" of Christ in Nazareth before beginning His public ministry.

On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles His beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions. Sunday is the original Christian feast day, following the tradition handed down from the apostles' time, for this was the day of the Lord's resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.

Sunday is the Christian Sabbath which, following its Jewish antecedent, is observed as a day of worship and rest from work. In his 1998 Apostolic Letter *Dies Domini*, Saint John Paul II described Sunday as the Day of the Lord, celebrating the Creator's work; as the Day of Christ, day of Jesus' resurrection and the Gift of the Holy Spirit; as the Day of the Church, day of the Eucharistic Assembly which is the heart of Sunday; as the Day of man, day of joy, rest and solidarity; and finally as the Day of Days, the primordial feast revealing the meaning of time. The observance of Sunday is crucial for the life and identity of the Church. In recent years, the Pope, bishops and priests have called upon Catholics to rediscover the centrality of Sunday and the Sunday Eucharist. Sunday can never be, for us, just another day of the week. Even on the natural level, a common day of rest has important social value. The introduction of Sunday shopping has, unfortunately but predictably, had a detrimental effect on families' ability to spend the day together, and compromised the special character of Sunday in our society. On Sundays, Catholics should avoid shopping, non-essential work and any activity incompatible with the nature of the Lord's Day.

#### THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins this Wednesday, January 18 and continues until the following Wednesday, January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. It is an opportunity for all Christians to pray for the restoration of unity among all Christ's followers according to His desire expressed at the Last Supper, "that they may all be one" (John 20:21). The Catholic Church is committed to ecumenical dialogue and this observance reminds Catholics of their responsibility to pray and work for Christian unity. The theme for this years' observance is "Do good; seek justice (Is 1:17) inspiring us to pray and work together for the unity willed by God for the Church. As the Second Vatican Council taught: "change of heart and holiness of life, along with public and private prayer for the unity of Christians, should be regarded as the soul of the whole ecumenical movement, and merits the name, 'spiritual ecumenism', " (*Unitatis redintegratio, 8*). Everyone is invited to join Cardinal Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity next Sunday, January 22 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 73 Simcoe Street at King Street West.

The Mass for Christian Unity will be celebrated here at St. Dunstan's this Wednesday, 18 January

#### FAREWELL TO BENEDICT XXI

The Catholic Church was saddened by the death, on 31 December, of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI at the age of 95. Since resigning the papal office in 2013, the former pope had been living a life of prayer, study and seclusion in Vatican City. Pope Benedict, the first German pope in 1000 years was born Josef Ratzinger in Bavaria in 1927 and ordained in 1951 with his older brother Georg. For most of his priestly life he taught theology, and was a *peritus* (theological expert) at the Second Vatican Council. He became Archbishop of Munich in 1977 and was named Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith by Saint John Paul II in 1981. He was elected the 265<sup>th</sup> Pope in April 2005 following the death of John Paul II, and, in 2013, he became the first pope in over 400 years to resign, citing health concerns and advanced age. He is especially remembered for his teaching ministry expressed in his many books, encyclicals, weekly catechesis at his general audiences and his trilogy on the Life of Jesus. The Parish Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated 7 January.

#### **2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

We still have a number of Offertory Envelopes that have not been picked up. Maybe you haven't had the chance, or people have moved and not informed us ~ if you have not had the chance to pick up your 2023 Offertory Envelopes yet, please do as soon as possible. If you are new to the parish and would like to start using Offertory Envelopes please see the receptionist at the Information on Sunday or call the secretary in the parish office 416-694-2811 x 2.

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## PARISH CENTENNIAL

Our Parish Centennial was off to a great start with a beautiful liturgy on New Year's Eve at the 5:00 p.m. Mass with Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto as the principal celebrant and homilist. Bishop Kasun has responsibility for the Central Region of the Archdiocese. Concelebrating along with Father Jeff were former pastors Monsignor Thomas Kalarathil and Father Michael Hughes. The liturgy was enhanced by the wonderful and stirring music by a guest choir and brass ensemble arranged and conducted by Nathan Jeffery. The Ordinary of the Mass (Kyrie, Gloria, and Agnus Dei) were from the sublime Missa Papae Marcelli by the great Renaissance composer Palestrina, with a magnificent motet at the Offertory, Ave Maria by Anton Bruckner. In his homily for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Bishop Kasun, reflecting on Mary's title Theotokos, meaning God-bearer, explained that every follower of Jesus, is called to be a God-bearer and bring Christ to others. Following the Mass, a catered reception was enjoyed by all, compliments of a generous supporter.

## CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH BISHOP VINCENT NGUYEN

Sunday, February 12 ~ 2:30 p.m. St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica 65 Bond Street, Toronto

As part of Marriage Sunday, 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries  $(25^{th}, 40^{th}, 50^{th}, 60^{+})$  in 2023. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here:

https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/ The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Registration is now open please visit: www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources.



Monday 9:00 a.m.	16 January The repose of Russell Acedillo Req.by Family
Tuesday	17 January
	Saint Anthony, abbot
9:00 a.m.	The repose of Angus Campbell
	Req. by Isabel Campbell
	y 18 January
	Mass for the Unity of Christians
7:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving (Wedding Anniversary)
	Req.by Sherin Thomas & Alwyn Raju
Thursday	19 January
9:00 a.m.	The repose of Helen & Ernest Ricketts
	Req.by Helen Ricketts
Friday	20 January
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9:00 a.m.	The repose of Dorothy LeFur
	Req.by Jacinta Ramdail
Saturday	21 January
	Saint Agnes, virgin & martyr
10:00 a.m	
<b>THIR</b> 5;00 p.m.	<b>RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>Sunday of the Word of God</b> The repose of Erlinda Concepcion Req.by Marietta Renado

Sunday	22 January
10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners
12:00 noon	The repose of Paskin & Dominic Lobo
	Req.by Santan & Margaret Lobo



