

Saint Dunstan's Church

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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

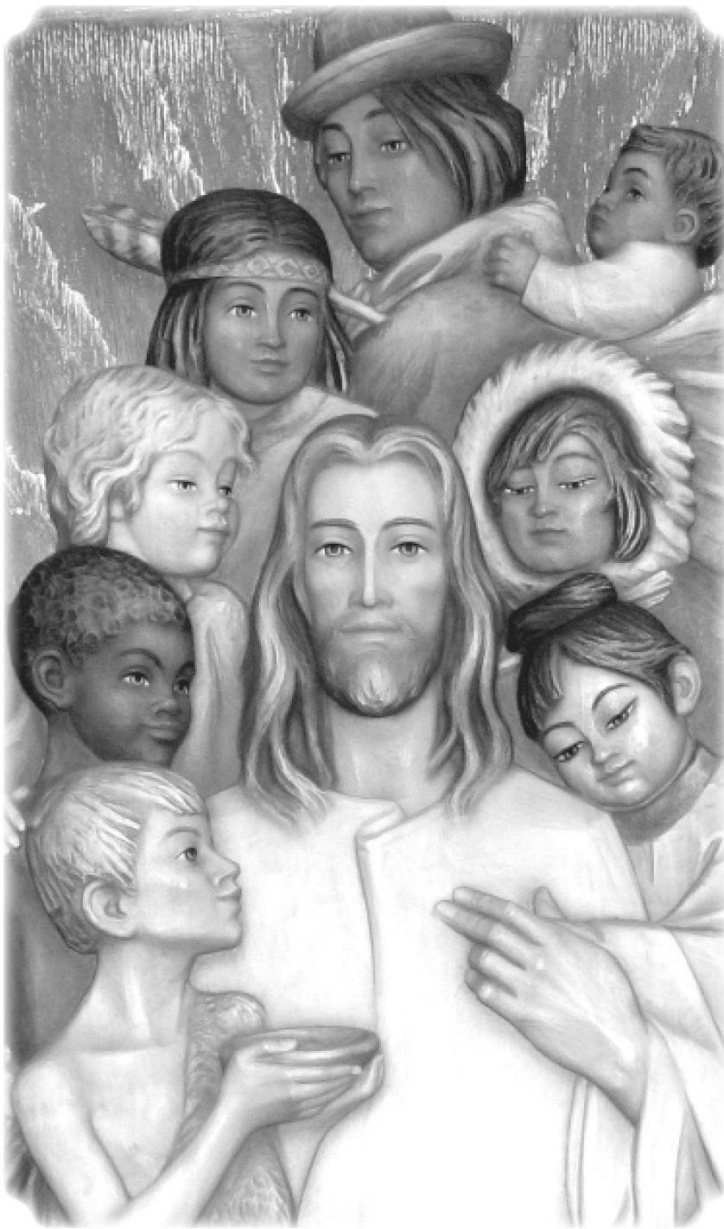
Catholic Women's League

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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



First Sunday in Advent

Lord. In our materialistic age, Christians must strive ever more valiantly to maintain the spiritual nature of the 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

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA

Novena Prayers in preparation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be recited before weekday Masses from November 29 to December 7.

ADVENT MOVIE SERIES

Again this year, several inspirational movies will be screened during the Advent Season on the First, Second and Third Sundays at **4:00 p.m.** when the church is dark enough. The first movie “**Amazing Grace**” will be shown next **Sunday, December 3.** This film tells the true story of englishman William Wilberforce who worked tirelessly for many years for the end to the slave trade until he was finally successful when Parliament abolished slavery throughout the British Empire, including Canada. The Act to Abolish Slavery was given Royal Assent on 28 August 1833 and came into effect 1 August 1834 which is now observed as Emancipation Day in Commonwealth countries. The movie is named after the hymn composed by John Newton, a former slave-ship captain who had been a slavetrader for much of his life, transporting slaves from Africa across the sea in deplorable, inhuman conditions to work in plantations in the Caribbean. After undergoing a conversion, he repented of his cruelty and spent his last years as a penitent, dressed in sackcloth and never leaving the church. In reparation for his past, Newton encouraged William Wilberforce in his campaign to abolish slavery. This year marks the 200th anniversary of his hymn “Amazing Grace” one of the most famous and beloved hymns of all time. *Next Sunday, December 10 a film about John Bosco.*

**PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR
DECEMBER**

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

That people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation



**ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH
DEDICATION**

Tuesday, December 5 is the Solemnity of the Dedication of St. Dunstan’s Church, marking the 41st 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.

CHRISTMAS 50/50 FUNDRAISING DRAW

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is hosting a 50/50 Draw this Sunday, Dec 3 to raise funds to help our neighbours in need. Tickets are available after Mass. Please support this for your chance to win a early Christmas bonus!

ANNOUNCED MASSES THIS WEEK

- Monday:** 4 December
9:00 a.m. The repose of Teofila Katigbak
Req.by daughter Val
- Tuesday:** 5 December
DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH
9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving
Req.by Babul Lazarus & Beuty
- Wednesday:** 6 December
Saint Nicholas, bishop
7:00 p.m. Special Intention
Req.by Rupasinghe Family
- Thursday:** 7 December
Saint Ambrose, bishop & doctor
9:00 a.m. The repose of Peter & Amabile Ruggeri
Req.by Alba Vignali
- Friday** 8 December
***IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY***
7:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving
Req.by Owen & Joana Vaz
- Saturday:** 9 December
10:00 a.m. For the Protection of Unborn Children
Req.by Masses for Life Project
- SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT***
5:00 p.m. The repose of Cajetan & Justina D’Souza
Req.by Michael & Loretta D’Souza
- Sunday:** 10 December
10:00 a.m. Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00 noon The repose of Felix V. Gomes
Req.by Family





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