

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all parishioners and friends who spent time in adoration during our annual Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament November 26-29, especially parishioners who brought their children to pray with them, thus exposing them to this venerable tradition of the Church.

ADVENT MOVIE SERIES

Last weekend a good number of parishioners came to see the first of our three films in our Advent Movie Series, "Amazing Grace" which told the story of english parliamentarian who laboured for many years to finally achieve the abolition of slavery throughout the British Empire. He was encouraged in his quest by John Newton, a former slavetrader who in later life, experienced a conversion and turned away from his former occupation and spent his last years doing penance for his sins. He is the composer of the well-known hymn, "Amazing Grace", one of the most beloved hymns of all time. This year is the 200th anniversary of "Amazing Grace".

This week we are showing a film on the life of Saint John Bosco, Apostle of Youth who gave his life to the service of the youth of Turin, Italy during the time of the Industrial Revolution and political turmoil. He is the founder of the Salesians who continue his work with children and youth to this day. This FREE movie will be shown at 4:00 p.m. this Sunday, December 10. As the running time of this movie is almost 3 1/2 hours, there will be a short break in the middle. Next Sunday, December 17: "Clare and Francis" a film about the two great Franciscans, Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi.

SSVP CHRISTMAS 50/50 DRAW

Thank you to all our parishioners who supported the Saint Vincent de Paul Society's 50/50 Christmas fundraising. The winner was Matt Petro, ticket #260889. The full total of \$497 raised will go towards helping our neighbours-in-need since Matt generously donated his 50% share of the prize back to the SSVP.

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.

SOCKS, GLOVES, SCARVES DRIVE

Once again this Christmas, The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Sock/Glove/Mitts Drive to help provide some warmth especially to men living on the street, clients of Good Shepherd Ministries. Donations of socks, gloves, mittens and scarves can be dropped off in the box in the vestibule. Also this year they are requesting donations of canned non-perishable food items, which will help Good Shepherd Ministries gratefully as they feed the hundreds of needy people who look to them for help daily.

CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT CHRIST

You will notice the large banner over the church entrance. We thank Ernie & Linda Febria & Santan Lobo for their generous donation of the signs. Along with the banner we have lawn signs that are available for \$10.00 each so you too can display "Christmas is all about Christ" at your home. 50% of money raised from the sale of the lawn signs will be given to St. Dunstan's, with the remaining going to the Knights of Columbus.



**Christmas Eve ~ Sunday, December 24
7:00 p.m. ~ 12:00 Midnight**

**Christmas Day ~ Monday, December 25
10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon**

**Mary the Holy Mother of God
Sunday, December 31 ~ 5:00 p.m.**

**Monday, 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

THE TRADITION OF THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

The origin of the tradition of setting up an image representing the blessed event of Christ's birth can be traced back to Saint Francis of Assisi who in 1223 caused a replica of the manger to be arranged for Midnight Mass in the Italian town of Greccio. Saint Francis desired to bring to life the memory of that babe born in Bethlehem and to set before the eyes of the faithful the poverty and simplicity of that first Christmas night. This Christmas is the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis' crib. We are told by Francis' first biographer, Thomas of Celano, that:

The gifts of the Almighty were multiplied there, and a wonderful vision was seen by a certain virtuous man. For he saw a little child lying in the manger lifeless, and he saw the holy man of God



go up to it and rouse the child as from a deep sleep. This vision was not unfitting, for the Child Jesus had been forgotten in the hearts of many; but, by the working of his grace, he was brought to life again through his servant Saint Francis and stamped upon their fervent memory. At length the solemn night celebration was brought to a close, and each one returned to his home with holy joy (1 Celano 86).

Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Letter *Admirabile Signum* wrote that "the enchanting image of the Christmas Crib, so dear to the Christian people, never ceases to arouse amazement and wonder. The depiction of Jesus' birth is itself a simple and joyful proclamation of the mystery of Incarnation of the Son of God. The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of Sacred Scripture....with this Letter, I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas...It is my hope that this custom will never be lost ...The crib allows us to see and touch this unique and unparalleled event that changed the course of history...As we contemplate the nativity scene, we are called to reflect on the responsibility of every Christian to spread the Gospel...The Christmas Crib speaks to us of the love of God who became a child in order to make us know how close he is to every man, woman, and child...Like Saint Francis, may we open our hearts to this simple grace, so that from our wonderment a humble prayer may arise : a prayer of thanksgiving to God (*Admirabile Signum*, 1,8, 9, 10).



Masses For The Week

Monday: 11 December
9:00 a.m. The repose of Marie Vignali
Req.by Alba Vignali

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

Wednesday: 13 December
Saint Lucy, virgin & martyr
7:00 p.m.

Thursday: 14 December
Saint John of the Cross, priest & doctor
9:00 a.m.

Friday 15 December
Friday is a day of penitential observance
9:00 a.m.

Saturday: 16 December
10:00 a.m.
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:00 p.m. The repose of Paulina Corpuz
Req.by Ben Corpuz

Sunday: 17 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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