

Saint Dunstan's Church

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Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey Masterson
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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	16 December	9:15-9:45 a.m., 4:15-4:45 p.m.
Tuesday	19 December	12:00-1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	20 December	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Friday	22 December	9:45-11:00 a.m.
Saturday	23 December	9:15-9:45 a.m., 4:15-4:45 p.m.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

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

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 greatly 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. 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.*



ADVENT MOVIE SERIES

Our movie series concludes this Sunday, December 17 with the film *Clare and Francis* at 4:00 p.m. in the church. This movie chronicles the lives of these two great Franciscans who have had such a marvellous impact on the Church and the world. Saint John XXIII called Assisi a “New Bethlehem” because of its two most renowned citizens, Saints Francis and Clare whose lives imitated Jesus and Mary. We hope these inspirational movies have edified viewers and helped them to open their hearts to the Saviour this Advent. These heroes of faith challenge us to live our faith and show us that sanctity is possible, and is, in fact, the vocation of us all. We thank our parishioners and friends who came to these movies and especially Nigel Alphonso who screened the movies for us.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelope boxes are available for pick up for all parishioners who used them this past year. If you would like to start using Offertory envelopes in 2024, please fill out a registration form at the Information Desk and box will be available for you to pick up next weekend.



REQUESTING ANNOUNCED MASSES 2024

We now have available the 2024 Mass Book. If you would like to book your special Mass Intentions for 2024, 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.

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.



MASSES For The Week

Monday: 18 December
9:00 a.m.

Tuesday: 19 December
9:00 a.m.

Wednesday: 20 December
7:00 p.m.

Thursday: 21 December
9:00 a.m.

Friday 22 December
Friday is a day of penitential observance
9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving
Req.by Edna & Dennis Solancho

Saturday: 23 December
10:00 a.m. The repose of Abelardo & Martina Cruz
Req.by Christine & Ramon Cruz & Family
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:00 p.m. The repose of Benito Salvador
Req.by Esperanza Salvador & Family

Sunday: 24 December
10:00 a.m. Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00 noon Special Intention
NATIVITY OF THE LORD
7:00 p.m. All Parishioners
12:00 Midnight All Parishioners





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