

# Saint Dunstan's Church

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## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



### CHRISTMAS APPRECIATION

Our pastor wishes to acknowledge the generous support of so many parishioners and friends who helped our parish prepare for and celebrate the feast of our Saviour's birth. Thanks to all who contributed to the parish, and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society this Christmas. Bless you for making Christmas happier for those in need.



We must also thank all those who made our church and liturgy so beautiful this Christmas. Fr. Jeff and our secretary Jean wish to thank those who brought or sent cards, gifts or Christmas greetings, and to all parishioners and friends who expressed in many different ways their warm support and best wishes. Once again may the commemoration of our Saviour's nativity fill your lives and homes with joy. As our parish's Centennial comes to a close, may God continue to bless St. Dunstan's and form all of us into His family of love and faith. Like Mary, let us welcome Jesus, our Saviour and carry Him in our hearts to all we meet.

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and we pray that God will bless all families with His peace and love. Our faith urges us to defend the stability of the family, the true meaning of marriage and the sanctity of human

life at every stage which the family must nourish. A special blessing will be given to families at all the Sunday Masses.

### 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.

### INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND

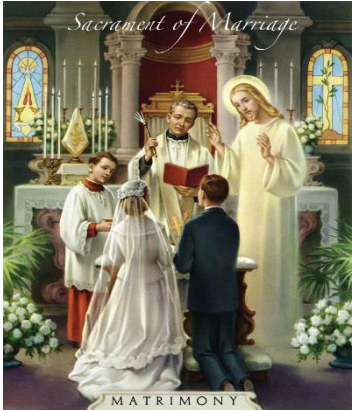
On December 12, the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the allocation of more than \$2.7 million to fund 8 different projects that will assist in the healing and reconciliation journey with First Nation, Inuit and Metis people. The projects range in scope from mental health support to legal services to education assistance for Indigenous people in the Greater Toronto Area and beyond.

The Archdiocese of Toronto remains committed to answer the call of Pope Francis in walking together on the journey of healing, reconciliation and hope with Indigenous Peoples. Those interested in learning more about the Archdiocese of Toronto's support of the IRF or to submit a project for consideration are ask to contact John Ecker at [jecker@archtoronto.org](mailto:jecker@archtoronto.org) or 416-934-0606 ext. 805



**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take



place at 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, February 11, 2024** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St. Toronto.

All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend.

Couples celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60 + anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage). For questions, please email [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.



**Masses For The Week**

**Monday:** 1 January  
**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
*World Day of Peace*  
**10:00 a.m.** Intentions of All Parishioners  
**12:00 noon** Intentions of All Parishioners

**Tuesday:** 2 January  
**Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**  
 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday:** 3 January  
**Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday:** 4 January  
 9:00 a.m. The Intentions of Annica Ferrer  
 Req.by Eliza & Jay Ferrer

**Friday** 5 January *First Friday*  
*Friday is a day of penitential observance*  
**12:10 noon**  
**7:00 p.m.** The repose of Emelita Hamdan-Cox  
 Req.by Cruz & Cox Family

**Saturday:** 6 January *First Saturday*  
 10:00 a.m. Helen & Fred Halloran, deceased  
 relatives & friends  
 Req.by Tardif Family  
**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
 5:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of  
 Perpetual Help

**Sunday:** 7 January  
 10:00 a.m. Intentions of All Parishioners  
 12:00 noon The repose of Pascual & Leonedes  
 Caprecho Req.by Teresa Enero



**FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2024**  
**Theme:** “You shall Love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself.” (Luke 10:27)  
 High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25.  
 Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at <https://rb.gy/wajo9> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the [poster@https://bit.ly/3GoI4zT](https://bit.ly/3GoI4zT) and submit their entries by January 15 at, <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>  
 Contact: [ecumenical@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenical@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 for more information or questions.



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