

# Saint Dunstan's Church

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**Pastor:** Rev. Jeffrey Masterson  
**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Philip Allard  
**Secretary:** Mrs. Jean Walsh  
**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.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN 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 Thursday, January 18 and continues until the following Thursday, 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 “You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself” (Lk 10:27) 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 Archbishop Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity next Sunday, January 21 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, 455 Ferrier Street, Markham.

*The Mass for Christian Unity will be celebrated here at St. Dunstan’s this Thursday, 18 January*

### ARCHBISHOP’S PASTORAL LETTER

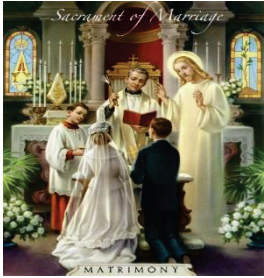
Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, “Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things”. This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout the Archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

### 2024 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 2024 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.

**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.

**350<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

From December 8, 2023 to December 8, 2024, the Catholic Church in Quebec City will celebrate the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of its Diocese! The oldest diocese north of Mexico, the cradle of faith in our country, has given birth to more than 150 dioceses over the years. Its community has lived, celebrated and shared the faith, met social needs, founded organizations that are still vibrant, and helped give life to the culture we inherit today. The fundamental importance of this legacy will be celebrated in a program that also takes a look at the life of today's community. The Catholic community of the Diocese of Quebec opens wide its arms to you. Cross the threshold of the only Holy Door in the Americas, at Notre Dame Cathedral in Quebec City. Experience a pilgrimage in the footsteps of the founding saints of the Church in Canada. Rediscover our shared history through activities for all: visits to rarely accessible heritage sites, "Founders' Fortnight," exhibitions, concerts... All the details are available on the website: [fetes350.ca](http://fetes350.ca).



**Masses For The Week**

**Monday:** 15 January  
 9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for the Gift of  
 Therese Schaub  
 Req.by her husband Michael Schaub

**Tuesday:** 16 January  
 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday:** 17 January  
**Saint Anthony, abbot**  
 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday:** 18 January  
*Mass for the Unity of Christians*  
 9:00 a.m. The repose of Angus Campbell  
 Req.by Isabel Campbell

**Friday** 19 January  
*Friday is a day of penitential observance*  
 9:00 a.m. The repose of Salvador del Mundo Sr.  
 Req.by Amy Bacani

**Saturday:** 20 January  
*Our Lady's Saturday*

10:00 a.m.  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Sunday of the Word of God**  
 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 21 January  
 10:00 a.m. Intentions of All Parishioners  
 12:00 noon The repose of Paulina Balisi Corpuz  
 Req.by Ben Corpuz

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

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.





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