

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.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11 is also observed as the World Day of the Sick, an opportunity to pray for our sick relatives, friends and members of our parish community.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

As we celebrate the World Day of the Sick, it is appropriate to restate the Church’s understanding of the Sacrament of Anointing. Since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has encouraged a wider reception of this sacrament. Anointing should not, therefore, be considered as only for those at the point of death. Rather, all those who are even in a remote danger of death due to serious illness, disability or advanced age may receive this sacrament of God’s mercy and consolation.

Please note that hospitals usually have designated priest chaplains on call for spiritual care and sacraments. Those needing a priest for themselves or their loved ones should contact the nursing station.

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

Dynamic Women of Faith is holding its annual conference for Catholic women on Saturday, March 23 at The Old Mill (Old Mill subway station). Registration 8:00 a.m., Conference 9:00- 4:00 p.m. Opening Mass at 9:00 a.m. celebrated by Cardinal Collins. Keynote speaker Kathleen Beckman on “A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare”. Other speakers include Dr. Anna Boyagoda and Tammy Peterson. Early Bird Registration is \$65 before February 14, \$75 after. Light lunch. Free parking. Door prizes. For more information and to register go to www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or call 416-907-1042. Tickets also available on Eventbrite: dwf2024.eventbrite.ca

THE SEASON OF LENT

The holy season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 14 February. Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of her corporate conversion in Christ. During this season, the liturgy prepares catechumens for their Christian initiation, and prepares the faithful for Easter by encouraging them to do penance as they approach the greatest feast of the year. Lent has two main purposes: it recalls baptism or prepares for it, and it emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God’s word, more fervent prayer, acts of self-denial and charity, believers are prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery of Christ’s death and rising.

SUGGESTED LENTEN PENANCES

Prayer: more regular daily prayer; grace at meals; daily Mass; family rosary; Stations of the Cross; visits to the Blessed Sacrament; spiritual reading.

Self-denial: abstaining from certain foods we enjoy or forms of entertainment; giving up snacks, eating in between meals, dessert; reducing the amount we eat; more careful observance of Friday as a day of abstinence from meat; giving up smoking, alcohol, movies, a favourite television programme, computer games.

Charity: begins at home; visiting the sick; volunteer work at a hospital or nursing home; increased sacrificial giving to the church and ShareLife; help the poor in the community through the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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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 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. next 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 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th 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.

Please email: formation@archtoronto.org

or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

The 2024 Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held Saturday, March 2 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (North Building) 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., with the theme “**Take Heart**” (see **Mark 10:46-52**).

Come experience why thousands return each year. Compelling speakers, testimonials, powerful music, confessions and eucharistic adoration. Archbishop Francis Leo will be the celebrant of the Mass that afternoon. A separate Youth Rally will be held nearby at the John W.H. Bassett Theatre for those aged 13-18. Adult rally \$30, youth rally \$15. For tickets and information, visit

www.ljhr.ca or email contact@ljhr.ca

or call 647-873-1753

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Classes for Public School children preparing for First Communion began last week and will continue every Wednesday (except for March Break) 4:00-4:30 p.m. in the church.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

First Confessions for children registered for First Communion will be Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Parents are asked to help their children at home to get ready for this important event in their spiritual life.



Masses For The Week

Monday: 5 February
Saint Agatha, virgin & martyr
 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday: 6 February
Saint Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs
 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday: 7 February
 7:00 p.m. The repose of Ricardo Diaz Samayog
 Req.by Granddaughter

Thursday: 8 February
 9:00 a.m. The repose of Clancy Paul Mendez
 Req.by Family

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

Saturday: 10 February
Saint Scholastica, virgin
 10:00 a.m. Intentions of Isadore
 Req.by Patience
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
World Day of the Sick
 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 11 February
 10:00 a.m. Intentions of All Parishioners
 12:00 noon Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes
 Req.by Owen & Joana Vaz

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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training sessions for children who submitted applications for altar servers, which began last week will continue for the next three weeks on Thursdays, February 8, 15, and 22, 4:00-4:30 p.m. in the church.



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