

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

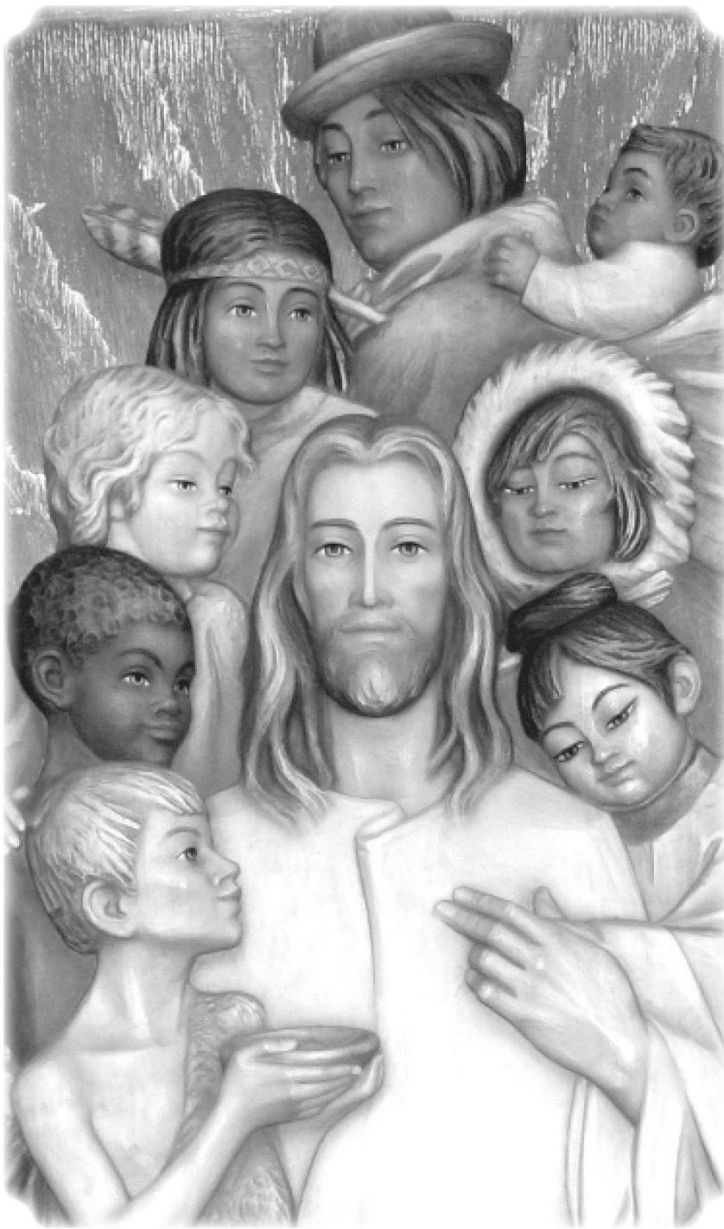
Catholic Women's League

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:

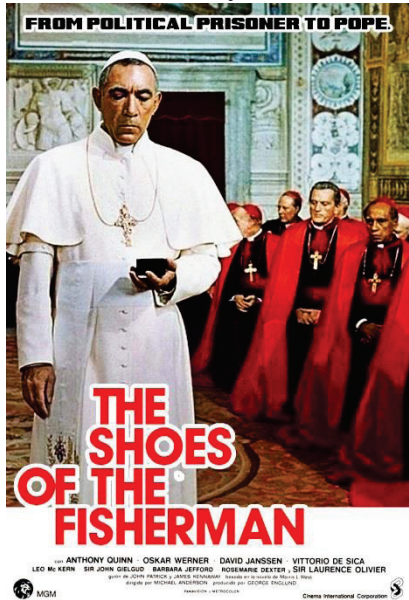
The Church asks all couples, whether they are to be married here or overseas, to contact the parish 1 year in advance of their planned date of marriage. Couples are also expected to attend and complete a Marriage Preparation Course. If either party has previously gone through any form of marriage, civil 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.

LENTEN FILM SERIES

Today, “The Shoes of the Fisherman” a 1968 movie based on the bestselling novel by Morris L. West. This film tells the story of a Russian bishop, a newly freed



political prisoner who is elected the first Slavic pope and the first non-Italian in several centuries. The new pontiff is elected at a critical time when the world is on the brink of a nuclear catastrophe. Although a work of fiction, this film, with its various subplots, is inspiring with a relevant message for every age. This story was

considered “prophetic” when ten years after the movie, Pope John Paul II was elected the first Slavic pope and the first non-Italian in modern history. Running time is approximately 2 hours, 40 minutes. Please note, the movies in the Lenten Film Series are free and showtime is 6:00 p.m.

SHARELIFE APPEAL 2024

The first collection for ShareLife is scheduled for the weekend of March 16-17. Recently Archbishop Leo sent a letter to parishes (see copy on the bulletin board), thanking everyone for the response to last year’s appeal which raised a record \$14.2 million. This amazing result will help agencies of Catholic Charities throughout the Archdiocese as well as missionary endeavours and developing countries around the world. The Archdiocese has set a 2024 goal for St. Dunstan’s of \$28,800. Your generosity is appreciated.

EASTER VIGIL REFRESHMENTS

Those planning to attend the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, the Church’s greatest liturgical celebration, are asked to consider helping with the refreshments for the reception following the Vigil. Food for the reception can be brought to the parish lounge before the Vigil begins at 9:00 p.m. Saturday, March 30.

LAETARE SUNDAY

The fourth Sunday of lent is also known as Laetare Sunday after the first word in Latin of the entrance antiphon “Rejoice”. We rejoice today at the nearness of Easter, the great feast of our Redemption. On this Day, there is a certain relaxation of our Lenten austerity ~ the rose coloured vestments and flowers, and the unrestricted use of solo instrumentation.

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers are asked to volunteer using the schedules in the Sacristy and Ushers Room.

SCRUTINIES

During the season of Lent, as the whole Church prepares by penance to celebrate the Paschal Mystery, our catechumens preparing for Baptism, enter a more intense period of purification and enlightenment. This is the final stage of their journey before receiving the sacraments of Christian initiation at the Easter Vigil. On three consecutive Sundays, we celebrate the Scrutinies and pray that those chosen souls may be delivered “from the power of sin and Satan,” protected against temptation, and given “strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life” (Ritual. 128). In the Scrutinies, we pray God to give these elect sorrow for their sins, a purpose of amendment and desire for salvation. They are asked to scrutinize their lives so that, acknowledging their sinfulness and need of redemption, they may be healed by Christ who comes to enlighten them with His truth and guide them into the path of righteousness. In the prayer of exorcism, we beseech God to set them free from the darkness of sin, and make them children of the light. All of us can benefit from the Scrutinies by taking this opportunity to examine our own life in the light of the Gospel and pray for deliverance from our sins. Let us all search our hearts purified by penance, and unite ourselves to our crucified Saviour. May Christ be for each of us “the Resurrection and the Life” (Jn 11:25).

SAINT JOSEPH NOVENA

Novena prayers in preparation for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph will be recited before weekday Masses leading up to the feast on 19 March.

WARNING

In recent days, a Facebook account and email communication claiming to come from Archbishop Leo has been circulating through the Catholic community. Archbishop Leo **does not** have a Facebook account and any official e-mail correspondence would come from an archtoronto.org e-mail address. If you receive fraudulent correspondence, please delete the content from your inbox. Sadly, we have seen this type of fraudulent activity target priests and bishops on a regular basis. Please review the e-mail address on your correspondence and be mindful of these impersonation accounts.

AID TO WOMEN

This Lent, please consider giving to *Aid to Women*. For over 35 years, *Aid to Women* has operated as a Christian, volunteer-based charity that offers pro-life options and practical help to pregnant women, enabling them to choose life for their unborn children. They provide counselling, material items, emotional, spiritual, and financial support for mothers in need. They are currently in need of people to pray, volunteer, help financially, or offer material donations (infant car seats, strollers, diapers, wipes and clothes (newborn to 2 years). Donations can be made online at www.aidtowomen.ca For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact 416-921-6016 or at info@aidtowomen.ca

YOUTH INTERFAITH VIDEO CONTEST

Sponsored by the Dominican Friars for High School students. Deadline April 15 at 3:00 p.m.

For theme, contest rules go to:

www.catholicregister.org/videocontest

BEST WISHES to the children of the parish who made their first confession on 5 March. Let us pray for them now as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.

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.

BUNDLE SUNDAY

This weekend is Bundle Sunday here in St. Dunstan's. The St. Vincent de Paul Society truck is in the parking lot to receive your donations of clothing, shoes, bedding, linens and fabrics of all sorts and new toys.



Masses For The Week

- Monday:** 11 March
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Trevor Hendricks
Req.by Maria Bautista
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- Tuesday:** 12 March
9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for the gift of life of Jose Borja ~ Req.by Rudy
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- Wednesday:** 13 March
7:00 p.m. The repose of Sobine Fernandes
Req.by Margaret & Santan Lobo
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- Thursday:** 14 March
9:00 a.m. The repose of Ernest & Helen Ricketts
Req.by Helen Ricketts
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- Friday** 15 March
Friday is a day of penitential observance
9:00 a.m. The repose of Alex Libiran
Req.by Cruz & Cortez Families
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- Saturday:** 16 March
10:00 a.m. The repose of Jovencia (Jovy) Alo
Req.by Alo Family
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
5:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving
Req.by D'Silva Family
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- Sunday:** 17 March
10:00 a.m. Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00 noon The repose of Patricia de Rushe
Req.by Paula Quintal



REMEMBER

Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent
at 7:00 p.m.



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