

Saint Dunstan's Church

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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.



Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. The ceremonies of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum are the most important and impressive of the liturgical year. We encourage our parishioners to enter fully into the spirit of these sacred days by participating in the Church's liturgy. We hope families will attend together, although we remind parents with babies and very young children that the Holy Week rites are longer than the average Sunday Mass.

EASTER TRIDUUM

The greatest mysteries of the Redemption are celebrated yearly by the Church on the three days from the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until Vespers on Easter Sunday. This time is called the "triduum of the crucified, buried and risen One"; it is also called the "Easter Triduum" because it celebrates the Paschal Mystery, that is, the passing of the Lord from this world to His Father. The Church, by the celebration of this mystery is united to Christ, her Spouse, in intimate communion.

The major celebrations of the Triduum are the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 8:00 p.m., the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday at 3:00 p.m., and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 9:00 p.m.

PASCHAL FAST

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence

According to the law of the Church, all Catholics aged 18-59 inclusive may eat only one full meal on Good Friday; the other two meals together are not to equal another full meal. In addition, all Catholics aged 14 and over are to abstain from meat. This paschal fast should be continued on Holy Saturday so that the People of God will receive the joy of the Lord's resurrection with uplifted and responsive hearts.

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. If possible, it would be appreciated if food could be brought to the parish lounge by 2:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday, March 30.

HOLY WEEK INDULGENCES

In her mercy and solicitude for the salvation of souls, Holy Church offers several opportunities to obtain a plenary indulgence during the Easter Triduum: to those who devoutly sing the Tantum ergo "Down in adoration falling" at the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday; to those who spend at least half an hour in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose; to those who devoutly take part in the adoration of the cross during the solemn liturgy of Good Friday; and to those who renew their baptismal promises during the celebration of the Easter Vigil. These indulgences are granted under the usual conditions of sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father (at least one Our Father and one Hail Mary).

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Each year, the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land is taken up on Good Friday in Catholic churches around the world. This collection reminds us that, spiritually, the Church of Jerusalem is the Mother of all churches, since it was here that the Son of God established a new covenant in His blood by the Paschal Mystery of His death and resurrection. For many centuries, on behalf of the entire Church, the Franciscans have ministered to the Catholics of the Holy Land and maintained the holy sites. Please give generously to the Good Friday collection and show your solidarity with our brothers and sisters and the Church in the land of Jesus. For information on the Good Friday collection and the Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada visit www.commissariat.ca. For information on the Custody of the Holy Land and the mission of the Franciscans in the Middle East visit www.custodia.org.

ATTENTION: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for Holy Week are asked to check their respective bulletin boards for the Triduum liturgies.

EASTER DUTY

The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church lists five precepts “which are meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer, the sacramental life, moral commitment and growth in love of God and neighbour”(#431). All Catholics are bound in conscience to observe these precepts which are considered “necessary for salvation” (#430). Among these precepts are the following two which constitute our “Easter Duty”: “to confess one’s sins, receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year” and “receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season” (#432). To obey these precepts is a serious obligation for all Catholics. The time for fulfilling our Easter duty annually is from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday.

Jesus founded the Church and instituted the sacraments to convey His grace to the faithful. We should, therefore, always remember that we cannot bypass the Church and her sacraments. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that “Individual and integral confession of grave sins followed by absolution remains the only ordinary means of reconciliation with God and with the Church”(#1497). Saint John Paul II entreated: “*To those who have been far away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation and forgiving love, I make this appeal: come back to this source of grace, do not be afraid! Christ himself is waiting for you. He will heal you, and you will be at peace with God.*”

LENTEN FILM SERIES

The fourth and final movie of our Lenten Film Series will be shown today (Palm Sunday) at 6:00 p.m. : “Miracle of Marcelino” from 1955. Winning the Grand Prize at the Cannes Film Festival, this movie has warmed the hearts of millions around the world. It has been described as “one of the most beautiful pictures of all time.” It begins with a baby being abandoned at the doors of a Franciscan friary. The friars take him in and raise him, but the boy yearns for a mother’s love. Then Marcelino befriends the Man on the Cross who alone can answer his prayer. The movie has a running time of 1 ½ hours. May we too unite ourselves to the Man on the Cross whose Passion we are commemorating on this Palm Sunday and who alone can fulfil all our hopes and desires.



Monday 25 March
 9:00 a.m. For the Protection of Unborn Children
 Req.by Masses for Life Project

Tuesday 26 March
 9:00 a.m. The Intentions of Neil Campbell
 Req.by Isabel Campbell

Wednesday 27 March
Confessions 6:00 p.m. ~ 8:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m. The repose of Allen Baring
 Req.by Heidi Baring & Family

Thursday 28 March
HOLY THURSDAY
Confessions 11:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon
8:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord’s Supper
 Adoration until Midnight

Friday 29 March
GOOD FRIDAY
Universal day of fasting and abstinence
3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross with homily and
 Veneration of the Cross

Saturday 30 March
HOLY SATURDAY
Confessions 4:00 p.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday 31 March
EASTER SUNDAY
 10:00 a.m. Intentions of All Parishioners
 12:00 noon Intentions of All Parishioners

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



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