

Saint Dunstan's Church

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday
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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today the Church begins a new liturgical year in which we will once again relive with Christ the saving events of His earthly life. The season of Advent is a time of prayer and penance, of vigil and longing for the coming of the



First Sunday in Advent

Lord. In our materialistic age, Christians must strive ever more valiantly to maintain the spiritual nature of the Christmas celebration. The true spirit of Christmas is one of giving and sharing, remembering God's gift of His own Son. At this time of the year especially, the Church appeals for reconciliation and welcomes home those who have strayed. Advent is a season of waiting and expectation for the coming of the Lord (from the Latin *adventus* meaning "coming"). In the first part of Advent, continuing the theme of the last weeks of Ordinary Time, we look forward to His coming in glory at the end of time, the *parousia*. The season's message of repentance calls us to prepare our hearts to welcome Christ who comes to us now in grace and mystery. The second part of Advent, from December 17 to 24 is a direct preparation for Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus who "by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man" (Nicene Creed). The three great figures of the Advent season are Isaiah who, together with the other prophets, foretold the coming of the messianic kingdom, John the Baptist who announced the appearance of the Messiah and called the people to repent, and the Virgin Mary who bore the Saviour of the world in her womb "with love beyond all telling" (Advent Preface II). The Advent liturgy reflects a certain austerity: the violet vestments, the Gloria is not sung at seasonal Masses, and the moderation in floral decoration of the sanctuary and solo instrumentation. As we recall how our ancestors in faith, the People of Israel, walked in the darkness of a world "in sin and error pining" (carol 'O Holy Night'), let us prepare our hearts to greet and adore Christ the Light (see Isaiah 9:2).

ADVENT WREATH

A popular Advent tradition which has found its place in the church and home is the custom of the Advent wreath. The circle of the wreath symbolizes the eternity of God (no beginning or end). The evergreen branches which may form the wreath remind us that God does not change; His love for us is constant. The red berries of the holly that may be used to decorate the wreath remind us of the blood Christ shed to save us. The four candles stand for the four Sundays and weeks of the season. Violet is the colour of penance and preparation (echoed by John the Baptist, one of the great figures of Advent). The rose-coloured candle lit on the Third Sunday of Advent is a sign of our joy at the nearness of our salvation. The growing light, as each week another candle is lit, signifies that Jesus whose birth we are preparing to celebrate at Christmas is the Light of the World.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This feast celebrates Our Lady, "full of grace" from her conception. It was fitting that God should preserve Mary free from all stain of original sin, since from her the Son of God was to take His human nature. By a unique grace and privilege, the Blessed Virgin was redeemed in a more exalted fashion by reason of the foreseen merits of her Son. Moreover, fully co-operating with God's grace and obedient to His will, Mary remained sinless throughout her life. We ask our Mother and Queen to intercede for us that we too may serve God with blameless lives. Since December 8 falls on the Second Sunday of Advent this year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9 with the Solemn Mass at 7:00 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA

Novena Prayers in preparation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be recited before the weekday Masses from November 30 to December 8.

**ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH
DEDICATION**

Thursday, December 5 is the Solemnity of the Dedication of St. Dunstan's Church, marking the 42nd anniversary of the dedication of our parish church by Cardinal Carter in 1982. Parishioners are invited to celebrate this milestone at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

NEW SUNDAY MISSAL

Sunday Missals for the coming liturgical year which begins today are now on sale at the Information Desk for \$5.00 each. Parishioners purchasing their personal missal are encouraged to write their name inside the cover for easy identification.

RAFFLE

The Catholic Women's League is selling raffle tickets in the vestibule after Mass for their Christmas draw which will take place on Sunday, December 15.

BUNDLE SUNDAY

This weekend is Bundle Sunday here at St. Dunstan's sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The SVP truck will be in the parking lot to receive your donations of clothes, shoes, textiles and fabrics, and new toys, before and after the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Please see the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

ADVENT MOVIE SERIES

Our Advent movie series begins today with "Mary of Nazareth", a beautiful and epic film made in 2013 which follows the life of Our Lady from her childhood to the Resurrection of Jesus. This movie is, of course free, and begins at 4:00 p.m. It has a running time of 2 and a half hours.

**PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR
DECEMBER**

Parishioners are encouraged to keep the Holy Father's intention in their daily prayers throughout the month.

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



Masses For The Week

Monday 9:00 a.m.	2 December The repose of Ottavio Vignalli Req. by Alba Vignalli
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	3 December Saint Francis Xavier, priest The repose of Dolce Anilo Req. by Alba Vignalli
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	4 December The repose of Richard Vaz Req. by The Adult Choir
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	5 December DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH The repose of Patroqnio Req. by Leomila Juloya
Friday 12:10 noon 7:00 p.m.	6 December <i>First Friday</i> <i>Friday is a day of penitential observance</i> Saint Nicholas, bishop The Protection of Unborn Children Req. by Masses for Life Project Richard Vaz & all deceased members of the family Req. by Family
Saturday 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	7 December <i>First Saturday</i> St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor Helen & Fred Halloran, deceased relatives & friends Req. by Tardif Family SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Nazareno & Maria Estelita Fernandes Req. by Sally & Pio
Sunday 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	8 December Intentions of All Parishioners Immaculate Conception Req. by Joana & Owen Vaz





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