

# Saint Dunstan's Church

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**Pastor:** Rev. Jeffrey Masterson  
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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

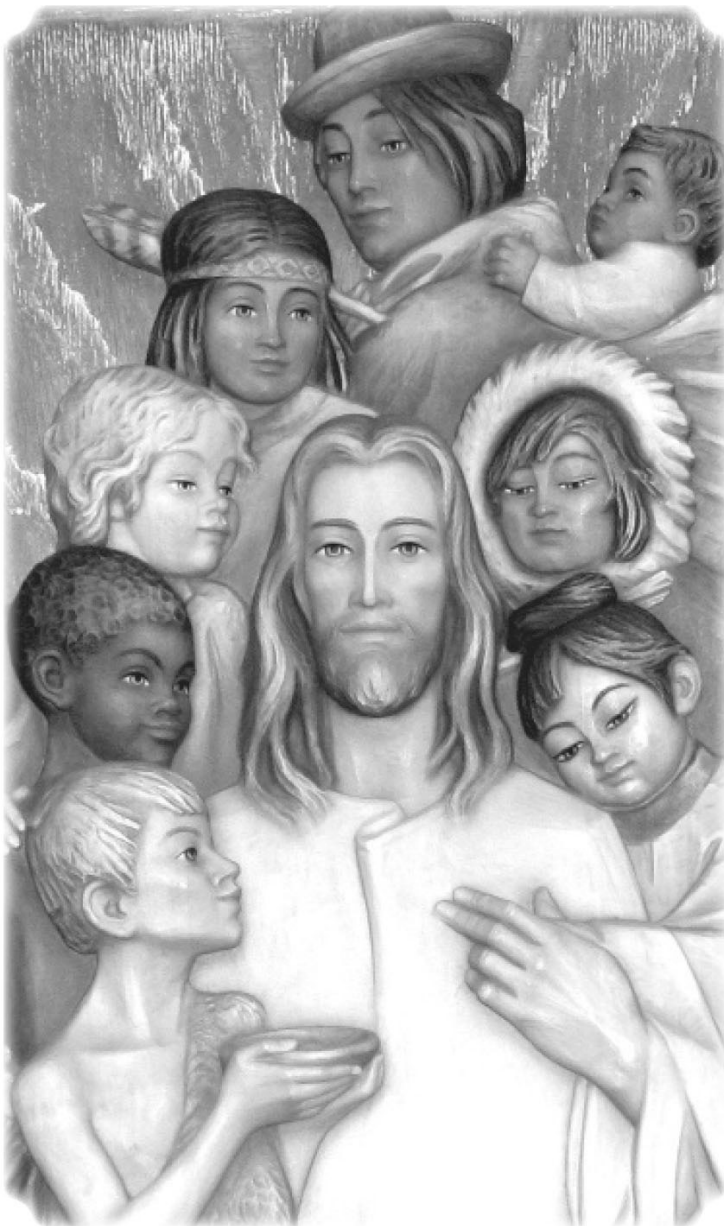
## Catholic Women's League

## 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.

**ANNUAL SOLEMN EXPOSITION**

Thank you to all those who took part in our Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, also known as the 40 Hours from 24-27 November. Let us continue to give thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Eucharist and strive to live lives worthy of such a wondrous treasure by which Jesus remains with His Church until the end of time and feeds the faithful with His own Body and Blood.

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

As we prepare to celebrate our Saviour's birth and the beginning of the Holy Year 2025, may we heed the voice of John the Baptist calling all to repentance and conversion of life. Let us not neglect to prepare our hearts by making a good confession before Christmas at the following opportunities:

- Wednesday 18 December ~ 6:00-8:00 p.m.**
- Friday 20 December ~ 9:45-11:00 a.m.**
- Saturday 21 December ~ 9:15-9:45 a.m.**  
**4:15-4:45 p.m.**
- Monday 23 December ~ 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

**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.



**Christmas Eve ~ Tuesday, December 24**  
**7:00 p.m. ~ 12:00 Midnight**

**Christmas Day ~ Wednesday, December 25**  
**10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon**

**Mary the Holy Mother of God**  
**Tuesday, December 31 ~ 5:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, January 1**  
**10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon**

**Please note: Christmas and 1 January are**  
**Holydays of Obligation in Canada**

**THE TRADITION OF THE CHRISTMAS CRIB**

“Following a beautiful and firmly-rooted tradition, many families set up their crib immediately after the feast of the Immaculate Conception, as if to relive with Mary those days full of trepidation that preceded the birth of Jesus.

Putting up the crib at home can be a simple but effective way of presenting faith, to pass it on to one's children. The crib helps us contemplate the mystery of



God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem Grotto. Saint Francis of Assisi was so taken by the mystery of the Incarnation that he wanted to present it anew at Greccio in the living nativity scene, thus beginning an old, popular tradition that still retains its value for evangelization today. Indeed, the crib can help us understand the secret of the true Christmas because it speaks of the humility and merciful goodness of Christ, who “though he was rich he made himself poor” for us (2Cor 8:9). His poverty enriches those who embrace it and Christmas brings joy and peace to those who, like the shepherds in Bethlehem, accept the Angel's words: “Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes” (Lk 2:12). This is still the sign for us too, men and women of the third millennium”.

*(Pope Benedict XVI).*

**PLEASE SIGN UP!**

Altar Servers, Eucharist Ministers, and Ushers are asked to volunteer for the Christmas and January 1 liturgies by signing the schedules in the sacristy or in the Ushers Room.

**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.

**ADVENT MOVIE SERIES**

Our Advent Movie Series got off to a good start with the beautifully-filmed and touching portrayal of “Mary of Nazareth” which moved everyone to tears. This week is “Maria Goretti”, patroness of youth, who died defending her purity at the age of 12. The example of this model for Catholic youth is an inspiration for all ages. Before she died she forgave her assailant, although he remained unrepentant until Maria appeared to him in prison offering him roses for every wound he had inflicted. This vision brought about his conversion. Years later, when he was released, the first thing he did was to go to Maria’s mother and beg forgiveness. He spent the rest of his life in prayer and penance working as a humble gardener at a Capuchin friary. He sat next to Maria’s mother at the canonization ceremony when Maria was proclaimed a saint in 1950. The film has a running time of 1 ½ hours. Because of the intensity of the subject matter this film is not suitable for young children, but is certainly recommended for teenagers and young adults. Come and be inspired Sunday, December 8 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, December 15:

The 1944 film “The Keys of the Kingdom” based on the best-selling novel by A.J. Cronin ~ the heart-warming story of a Scottish priest who becomes a missionary in China. This film stars Gregory Peck as Father Francis Chisholm in his first screen role which made him a Hollywood star. This movie has a running time of just over 2 hours.

**2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Envelope boxes are available for pick-up for all parishioners who used them this past year. If you would like to start using Offertory envelopes in 2025 please fill out a registration form at the Information Desk or call the parish office.



**Masses For The Week**

Monday	9 December
	<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
7:00 p.m.	Richard Vaz & all deceased Vaz family members Req. by Family
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Tuesday	10 December
9:00 a.m.	The repose of Abe Clint Bacalocos Req. by Gina & Willy Castanos
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Wednesday	11 December
7:00 p.m.	The repose of Richard Vaz Req. by The Adult Choir
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Thursday	12 December
	<b>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</b> <b>Patroness of the Americas</b>
9:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe Req. by Joana & Owen Vaz
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Friday	13 December
	<i>Friday is a day of penitential observance</i> <b>Saint Lucy, virgin &amp; martyr</b>
9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving Req. by Leomila Juloya
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Saturday	14 December
	<b>Saint John of the Cross, priest &amp; doctor</b>
10:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving 40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Req. by Ramon & Christine Cruz
	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
5:00 p.m.	Richard Vaz & all deceased Vaz Family members Req. by Family
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Sunday	15 December
10:00 a.m.	Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00 noon	The repose of Santan & Nathaline Fernandes Req. by Margaret & Santan







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