

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday after the first word in Latin of the entrance antiphon “gaudete” meaning “rejoice”: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” Halfway through the season of Advent, we rejoice at the nearness of Our Saviour. The penitential violet is replaced by the joyful rose-coloured vestments and flowers. The Mass texts for Gaudete Sunday express joy, encouragement, and the need for vigilance and preparation to welcome Christ into our hearts and lives. The liturgy challenges us to be witnesses to the coming of the Messiah. Like the prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist and Our Lady, we too are called to bear joyful witness to what God has done and will do for His people.



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 this 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

PLEASE SIGN UP!

Altar Servers, Eucharistic 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

This Sunday, December 15, come and be inspired by 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.



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Novena prayers in preparation for Christmas will be recited before the weekday Masses from 16-24 December



Masses For The Week

Monday 9:00 a.m.	16 December In Thanksgiving Req. by Charisse
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	17 December Richard Vaz & all deceased members of the Vaz Family Req. by Family
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	18 December The repose of Richard Vaz Req. by Adult Choir
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	19 December Deceased members of the Legion of Mary ~ Req. by Legion of Mary
Friday 9:00 a.m.	20 December <i>Friday is a day of penitential observance</i> The repose of Ramon de Leon Req. by Arzaga Family
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	21 December The repose of Richard Vaz Req. by Adult Choir
5:00 p.m.	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT William Hotchkiss & all deceased family members ~ Req. by Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	22 December Intentions of All Parishioners Richard Vaz & all deceased members of the Vaz family ~ Req. by Family

REQUESTING ANNOUNCED MASSES 2025

We now have available the 2025 Mass Book. If you would like to book your special Mass Intentions for 2025, please see the receptionist at the Information Desk after Mass on the weekend or call Jean in the parish office at 416-694-2811 ext. 2. Please book your special dates early so as not to be disappointed.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Every 25 years, the Catholic Church customarily observes a Holy Year to mark the anniversary of Christ's birth. This tradition stretches back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII celebrated the first Christian Jubilee. Many parishioners will no doubt remember the last ordinary Holy Year in the year 2000 which Saint John Paul II called the "Great Jubilee" celebrating two thousand years since the coming of Christ. For the Jubilee 2025, we are called to be "Pilgrims of Hope" (theme of the Jubilee) looking forward to "the coming of the Kingdom" and "yearning for the treasures of heaven" (Jubilee Prayer).

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from
within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen





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