

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.

REGIONAL MASSES

A word of thanks and appreciation to St. Dunstan's parishioners who participated in the Jubilee Mass for the Central Region of the Archdiocese on February 12 celebrated by Bishop Robert Kasun at St. Paul's Basilica. One more Regional Mass is scheduled on Tuesday, February 25 at St. Edward the Confessor, North York with Cardinal Leo presiding. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m. with the opportunity for confession from 5:30-6:45 p.m.



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CONGRATULATIONS to all who contributed to the 2024 ShareLife Campaign. Our generous parishioners donated a total of \$29,982.50, exceeding the parish goal assigned by the Archdiocese of \$28,000. The Archdiocesan total was over \$18 million. Cardinal Leo has sent a letter expressing his thanks to all the faithful of the Archdiocese for a very successful campaign.

THE SEASON OF LENT

The holy season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, 5 March. Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of her corporate conversion in Christ. During this season, the liturgy prepares catechumens for their Christian initiation, and prepares the faithful for Easter by encouraging them to do penance as they approach the greatest feast of the year. Lent has two main purposes: it recalls baptism or prepares for it, and it emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's word, more fervent prayer, acts of self-denial and charity, believers are prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery of Christ's death and rising.

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 14 (6:30p.m.) until Sunday, March 16 (2:00p.m.).

The Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary.

Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee
For more information, please visit: vocations@archtoronto.org

FREE FAMILY MOVIE

This month's movie is "The Black Stallion", an inspiring and beautifully filmed story that begins with a boy and a wild horse stranded on a remote and uninhabited island after being shipwrecked. The second part of the movie was filmed in Toronto and the Fort Erie Racetrack. While not an explicitly religious movie, it conveys positive messages about love, family, friendship, loyalty and perseverance. This movie stars, among others, Mickey Rooney in one of his later screen roles. It is an enjoyable and stirring feature film suitable for all ages. The running time is 2 hours and begins this afternoon, Sunday, February 23 at 5:00 p.m. in church.

SUGGESTED LENTEN PENANCES

Prayer: more regular daily prayer; grace at meals; daily Mass; family rosary; Stations of the Cross; visits to the Blessed Sacrament; spiritual reading.



Self-denial: abstaining from certain foods we enjoy or forms of entertainment; giving up snacks, eating in between meals, dessert; reducing the amount we eat; more careful observance of Friday as a day of abstinence from meat; giving up smoking, alcohol, movies, a favourite television programme, computer games.

Charity: begins at home; visiting the sick; volunteer work at a hospital; increased sacrificial giving to the church and ShareLife; help the poor in the community through the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

First Confessions for children registered for First Communion will be **Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. Parents are asked to help their children at home to prepare for this important event in their lives.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be arranging advertisements for our parish bulletin the coming year. The advertising will begin in May 2025 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service by calling Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

The 2025 Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held Saturday, March 29 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (North Building) 9:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m. with the theme “Power from on High”. Come experience why thousands return each year. Compelling speakers, inspiring personal testimonies, powerful praise & worship music, confessions (12 noon -1:00 p.m.) and eucharistic adoration. Archbishop Emeritus Cardinal Collins will be the principal celebrant at the closing Mass. A separate Youth Rally for those aged 13-18. Adult rally \$49.00, youth rally \$25.00. For tickets and information, visit www.LJHR.ca.

16th ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

9:00am-4:00pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch)

Closing Mass celebrated by

Most Reverend Robert Kasun CSB

Speakers:

Annie Karto: Divine Mercy Flood My Soul

Lisa Canning: Surrendering in Suffering:

Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI: being a Priest ~

Being a Midwife

Dr Stephanie Kafie: Totus Tuus ~

5 Ways to Live out “Totally Yours”

Dorothy Pilarski: Your Life is Going to Change

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Monday 24 February
9:00 a.m. Repose of Mr. Glancy Paul Mendez
Req.by Family

Tuesday 25 February
9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 26 February
7:00 p.m.

Thursday 27 February
9:00 a.m.

Friday 28 February
Friday is a day of penitential observance
9:00 a.m. Repose of Peter Gomes
Req.by Joana, Owen & Lawrian

Saturday 1 March *First Saturday*
Our Lady's Saturday
10:00 a.m. Helen & Fred Halloran, deceased
relatives & friends
Req.by Tardif Family

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:00 p.m. Adelina Meneses
Req.by M Renacido

Sunday 2 March
10:00 a.m. Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00 noon The repose of Sobine Fernandes
Req.by Margaret & Santan Lobo

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE CHURCHES

As in the past, the Archdiocese has designated various churches to serve as special pilgrimage destinations during the Holy Year. These are St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, the Martyrs Shrine in Midland; for the Central Region: St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto, St. Mary's, Toronto and St. Edward the Confessor, in North York; for the Western Region: Our Lady of Sorrows, Etobicoke and St. Mary's, Brampton; for the Eastern Region: St. Barnabas, Scarborough and St. Gregory the Great, Oshawa, for the Northern Region: St. Padre Pio, Kleinburg and St. Mary's, Barrie.



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