## Saint Dunstan's Church

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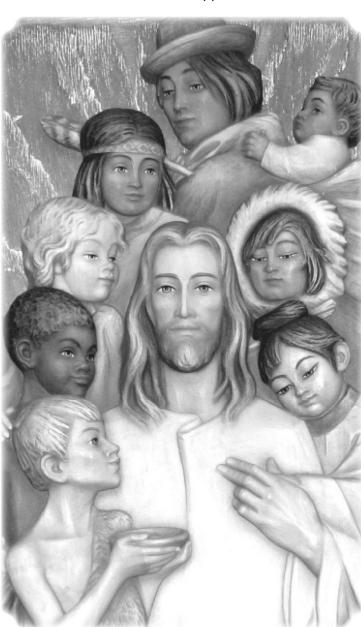
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Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey Masterson

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Philip Allard

**Secretary:** Mrs. Jean Walsh **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.

#### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

The schedule of liturgies and confessions for Holy Week is inserted in this week's bulletin. Parishioners are advised to keep their schedule in a convenient place at home for easy reference.

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of



Holy Week. All Masses next Sunday will begin with a commemoration of Our Lord's entry into Jerusalem and blessed palms will be available at all the Masses.

#### **PASSIONTIDE**

The last two weeks of Lent, commonly called Passiontide, should be, for all of us a time to intensify our Lenten discipline of prayer, fasting and charity as we approach the Paschal Triduum and the great feast of our redemption. As we commemorate the solemn events of Holy Week which won us our salvation, we should reflect on the sufferings and death of the Lord and prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. The violet veils covering the images in the church are a sign of mourning for the death of Christ and a sombre reminder that, free from all distractions, we should focus all our attention on the observance of these most important days and the mysteries they commemorate.

#### THE DATE FOR EASTER

You may have noticed that Easter occurs on a different date every year and wondered how the date of Christianity's greatest feast is determined. Easter is the Christian Passover, celebrating our liberation from sin through the Paschal Mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. It is observed in the spring around the same time as the Jewish Passover which celebrates Israel's liberation from slavery in Egypt. Since the fourth century the Church has celebrated the Lord's Pasch on the Sunday following the first full moon of spring. Thus the date varies each year, falling between 22 March and 25 April.

#### **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.

#### **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. Food for the reception can be brought to the parish lounge before the Vigil begins at 9:00 p.m. Saturday, April 19.

#### HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers are asked to volunteer for the Holy Week liturgies using the schedules in the Sacristy and 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.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto is now accepting applications for its various scholarships. Apply now at <a href="mailto:info@ccat.ca">info@ccat.ca</a>
Deadline is April 30. For more information visit the CCAT website: www.ccat.ca/scholarships.

#### **LENTEN FILM SERIES**

Our Lenten Film Series concludes this Sunday, April 6 with "Bella", a beautiful and powerful story of hope, based on real events. The word "bella" means beautiful and is the name of the little girl on the movie poster in the vestibule. The man in the poster looks like Jesus, but he is not Jesus, but he does save Bella's life. This film debuted at the 2007 Toronto Film Festival, where it was the fan favourite, winning the coveted People's Choice Award and went on to be the #1 toprated movie of the year. Movie critics hailed it as "powerful and moving, a true inspiration" and "a film that will stay with you forever". This life-affirming film runs for 1 ½ hours. Movie time is 6:00 p.m., Sunday, April 6.

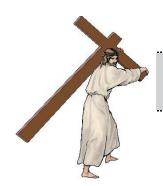
#### PALLIATIVE CARE

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Office of Formation and Discipleship has produced a brochure entitled "Palliative Care and a Catholic Response to Euthanasia and assisted Suicide" to help the faithful understand this important moral issue of our times. The Catholic Church is known for its defence of human life from conception to natural death. Our bishops have repeatedly called upon the government to ensure the availability of quality palliative care to all Canadians as a right for all citizens and a normal part of healthcare. All parishioners are encouraged to read this pamphlet and keep it at home for future reference.

#### **LENTEN REFLECTIONS**

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has produced a Lenten Video Series entitled "Journey through Lent" with reflections on the readings for Ash Wednesday and the Sundays of Lent, and are now available on the CCCB website

www.cccb.ca/lent



REMEMBER
Stations of the Cross
Friday at 7:00 p.m.



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| Monday    | 7 April                    |
| 9:00 a.m. | Special Intention          |
| Tuesday   | 8 April                    |
| 9:00 a.m. | Wayne & Elizabeth Campbell |
|           | Req.by Isabel Campbell     |
| Wednesday | 9 April                    |
| 7:00p.m.  | Special Intention          |
| Thursday  | 10 April                   |
| 9:00 a.m. | Repose of Joffre Arzaga    |

Friday 11 April

Friday is a day of penitential observance
9:00 a.m. Virginia Roy Parayno

Req.by Ed & Bing Parayno

Saturday 12 April

10:00 a.m. Repose of Joffre Arzaga

Req.by Ingrid, Jeoffrey & Irwin

Reg.by Ingrid, Jeoffrey & Irwin

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5:00 p.m. Repose of Richard Farrell Reg.by Patrick & Elvie

Sunday 13 April 10:00 a.m. All Parishioners

12:00 noon Repose of Cajetan & Justina D'Souza

Req.by Loretta & Michael D'Souza



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