

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.



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 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



First Sunday in Advent

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 NOVENA

Novena Prayers in preparation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be recited before the weekday Masses from November 29 to December 7.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Registration and meeting for parents and candidates will take place today Sunday, November 30 following the 12:00 noon Mass.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Each week Holy Communion is brought to residents at the two Long Term Care Facilities in our parish, True Davidson Acres and Chester Village by co-ordinator Imelda Mapili and volunteers. We are in need of more volunteers to help in this important and consoling ministry which spiritually sustains Catholic residents. If you can assist, please call Imelda at 416-690-0636 for more information.

ADVENT MOVIE SERIES

Again this year, free inspirational movies will be screened every Sunday of Advent. First up, "The Sound of Music" one of the most popular movies and musicals of all time, certainly a great family film.

Recently, Pope Leo was questioned about his favourite movies and "The Sound of Music" was one of them.

The film is based on the true-life story of the Von Trapp Family Singers. The movie has humour, suspense and drama, a love story, a message of faith, courage, truth and commitment, and wonderful music by Rodgers & Hammerstein. This film, released in 1965, won five Academy Awards including Best Picture. Starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer. Running time is just under 3 hours. There will be an intermission. Everyone is welcome, especially families. Come and be inspired as well as entertained. **Today Sunday, November 30 at 4:00 p.m. in the church.** Next Sunday, December 7: a documentary about Saint Carlo Acutis and libera in concert, with the unique sound of this British boys choir.

BUNDLE SUNDAY

This weekend is Bundle Sunday here at St. Dunstan's sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please bring your donations of clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery, fabrics and towels (any condition) and new toys to the parish lounge before or after Mass. Please note that other items will not be accepted such as appliances, baby items, furniture, construction materials, books, mattresses, dishes or video or audio cassettes.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Parishioners are encouraged to remember the Holy Father's intention in their daily prayers

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

CHRISTMAS 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 14.

Get your tickets early, great prizes.



Masses For The Week

Monday 9:00 a.m.	1 December Special Intention
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	2 December Repose of Conrado & Francisca Canete Req. by Leda Marie Richards
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	3 December Saint Francis Xavier, priest Johnny Babeh & Nanajan Babakhan Req. by Nardin Behboo & Family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	4 December Repose of Teofila Katigbak Req. by her daughter Val
Friday 12:10 noon 7:00 a.m.	5 December <i>First Friday</i> DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH Special Intention * Special Intention *
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	6 December <i>First Saturday</i> Saint Nicholas, bishop Helen & Fred Halloran, deceased Relatives & Friends Req. by Tardif Family
5:00 p.m.	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Repose of Nazareno & Maria Fernandes Req. by Sally & Pio Da Silva
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	7 December Intentions of All Parishioners Repose of Joya Mary Pandey Req. by Olivia Pandey





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