

# Saint Dunstan's Church

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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.



### GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday after the first word in Latin of the entrance antiphon



## **Third Sunday of Advent**

“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, 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 17 December ~ 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday 20 December ~ 9:15-9:45 a.m.**

**4:15-4:45 p.m.**

**Monday 22 December ~ 9:45-11:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday 23 December ~ 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

### 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.



### CHRISTMAS NOVENA

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 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.

### SOCK, GLOVES + FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Sock & Gloves Drive, this year they are including non-perishable foods. All donations go to Good Shepherd Ministries, downtown Toronto to aid the homeless of our city. There is a box in the vestibule to place your donations.



### ADVENT MOVIE SERIES

Our Advent series of free movies continues today with “One Magic Christmas” a Disney film which was filmed at various locations in Ontario including Scarborough. It is the story of a mother who has no Christmas spirit (like Scrooge or the Grinch) until an angel is sent to help her get it back. Released in 2004 this film will touch your heart and warm your soul. Running time 1½ hours. Next Sunday, our final film in this series “Mother Teresa”, an award winning film by Canadian sisters Ann and Jeannette Petrie which is considered the definitive portrait of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner who captured the attention of the world. Shot over a period of 5 years in 10 countries on 4 continents, and narrated by Richard Attenborough, this 1986 film follows Mother Teresa into some of the most troubled areas of the planet. Movie critics Siskel & Ebert gave it “two thumbs up! Wonderful...absolutely fascinating”. Peter Stack, writing for the San Francisco Chronicle wrote “ Enough to charm a cynic...one of those films that makes us pleased to be a human being”. The Advent Movie Series continues on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in the church.

### 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 emeritus Benedict XVI).



### Masses For The Week

Monday 9:00 a.m.	15 December In Thanksgiving (Birthday) Req. by Christine Cruz
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	16 December In Thanksgiving Req. by Charisse Bonga
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	17 December The repose of Cristina Soriano Req. by Zenaida Kabigting
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	18 December In Thanksgiving ~50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood ~ Msgr Thomas Kalarathil Req. by Jean Walsh
Friday 9:00 a.m.	19 December <i>Friday is a day of penitential observance</i> Special Intention *
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	20 December Repose of Antoinetta Fonseca Req. by Lawrian, Joana & Owen
5:00 p.m.	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Intentions of Deacon Philip Allard Req. by Santan & Margaret Lobo
Sunday 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	21 December Intentions of All Parishioners Repose of Joffre Arzaga Req. by Family







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