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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.



THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

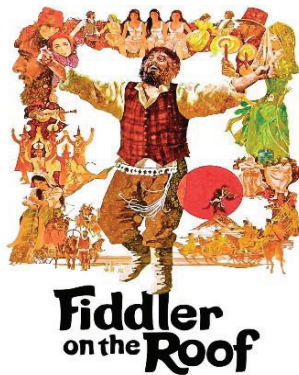
Several years ago Pope Francis decreed that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be observed as the Sunday of the Word of God, a special day devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God” (*Aperuit illis*). This observance will help the Church “experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of His word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world”. The Second Vatican Council and recent popes have encouraged Catholics to love and read the Scriptures as the inerrant and inspired Word of God. Following the Council, the Church added a third reading to the Sunday Liturgy and introduced a three-year cycle of readings, thus opening up a wider selection of the Sacred Scripture to be proclaimed at Mass. This new observance adds emphasis to the importance of the Bible, which although the most widely published and distributed book, often ends up unread and unused, gathering dust on a shelf. Reading the Scriptures is not just for scholars but for all the faithful. As Saint Jerome famously said “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”

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JANUARY MOVIE AFTERNOON

This month’s movie is the acclaimed “Fiddler on the Roof” one of the world’s most popular and beloved musicals. Released in 1971, the film earned eight Academy Award nominations and won three Oscars. Directed by Canadian Norman Jewison and conducted by John Williams, “Fiddler on the Roof” tells the story of a poor milkman (Tevye) in czarist Russia, who is struggling to provide for five unmarried daughters amidst rising antisemitism. Like a fiddler on the roof, Tevye is trying to keep his balance amid the personal and political upheavals around him. A joyful celebration of life, love and family, one critic called it “the most powerful movie musical ever made”.



This afternoon, Sunday, January 25 at 4:00 p.m.
Running time is just under 3 hours; there will be an intermission.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

Sunday, February 8 ~ 2:30 p.m.
St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica
65 Bond Street, Toronto

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60+) in 2026. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass.

Registration is now open; please visit:
www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources including the livestream Mass.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

The 2026 Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held Saturday, March 14 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (North Building) 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. with the theme “No Greater Love”. Come experience why thousands return each year. Compelling speakers, inspiring personal testimonies, powerful praise & worship music, and eucharistic adoration. A separate Youth rally for those 13-18. Adult rally \$49.00, Youth rally \$25.00 For tickets and information, visit www.LJHR.ca



Thank You!

THANK YOU to parishioners who attended the meeting with TTC representatives last Saturday to demonstrate their concerns about the cancellation of the bus stops closest to St. Dunstan's Church. Quite a few of the attendees spoke up to voice their disappointment. The TTC representatives and the representative of the councillor listened and responded to the concerns expressed with sympathy and understanding. We are grateful that our guests gave parishioners an opportunity to be heard, although time will tell if something constructive will result. Special thanks to Lawrian Gomes who spearheaded the petition which was supported by over 300 parishioners and arranged the meeting on Saturday.

YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

Pope Leo XIV has declared a Jubilee Year of Saint Francis for the 800th anniversary of the Saint's death. Saint Francis died on the evening of 3 October 1226 at the church of Saint Mary of the Angels in Assisi, also called the Portiuncula. His feast day is celebrated the following day, on 4 October.

The Franciscan Jubilee was inaugurated by a decree issued on January 10 by the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See. Until January 10, 2027, the Catholic faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan church or place of worship named after Saint Francis or connected to him, and there reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Creed, under the usual conditions of sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father (at least one Our Father and one Hail Mary). The indulgence can be obtained for oneself or the souls in purgatory by those, 'who, with a spirit detached from sin' fulfil the above mentioned-conditions. The sick and elderly and those who, for serious reasons, are unable to leave their homes will be able to obtain a plenary indulgence as well by joining "spiritually in the Jubilee celebrations of the Year of Saint Francis, offering their prayers to the Merciful God, the pains or sufferings of one's life".

In his letter to the Ministers General of the Franciscan Order on this occasion, Pope Leo expressed his hope that Saint Francis' "message of peace may find a profound echo in the Church and society today" because "the peace that the Seraphic Father proclaims is the peace that Christ Himself made resound between Heaven and Earth".

Mass Intentions **FOR THE WEEK**



Monday 26 January

Saint Timothy & Saint Titus, bishops

9:00 a.m.

Tuesday 27 January

9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 28 January

Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor

7:00 p.m.

Repose of Lily Fernandes

Req.by Paul Fernandes

Thursday 29 January

9:00 a.m.

Friday 30 January

Friday is a day of penitential observance

9:00 a.m.

Saturday 31 January

Saint John Bosco, priest

10:00 a.m.

Intentions of Sandra Campbell

Req.by Isabel Campbell

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m.

Repose of Teofila & Belen Renacido

Req.by Family

Sunday 1 February

10:00 a.m.

Intentions of All Parishioners

12:00 noon

Repose of Joffre Arzaga

Req.by Arzaga Family

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.





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