

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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

During this sacred season of penance, even the liturgical celebrations are characterised by a certain austerity: in seasonal Masses violet vestments are worn, the hymn *Glory to God in the highest* is not sung, musical instrumentation is restricted to supporting the singing, nor are flowers used to decorate the sanctuary. The acclamation *Alleluia*, so closely associated with the Easter joy of Christ's resurrection is no longer heard. The celebration of marriage is discouraged during Lent and even the baptism of children, when possible, is deferred until the Easter season. Adults are preparing for baptism (catechumens) and candidates baptized in other Christian denominations are preparing for their reception into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. With its emphasis on repentance, all Catholics are encouraged to confess their sins in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation during Lent. Lent is the appropriate time for children preparing for First Communion to make their first confession. During the last two weeks of Lent, the church takes on an added expression of mourning as the crucifix and images are covered with purple.



During the liturgical Season of Lent we are encouraged and challenged to do penance according to the traditional threefold discipline of the Church: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In your Lenten almsgiving, please remember the annual ShareLife appeal of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The first collection for this year's campaign is on March 22. ShareLife invites us to share our gifts with others in thanksgiving for our many blessings. Thousands of people here and abroad will benefit from services offered by ShareLife's 42 agencies. ShareLife envelopes can be found in your Offertory envelope box and are available at the Information Desk and pamphlet rack. Last year, our parish gave a total of \$20,809.00. Many thanks to our generous parishioners and friends for their support of the ShareLife campaign at St. Dunstan's.



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 or nursing home; increased sacrificial giving to the parish and ShareLife; help the poor in the community through the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

CAMPAIGN LIFE COLLECTION

COINS FOR LIFE

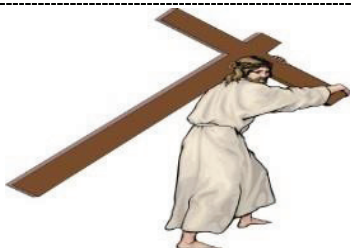
Containers are available this weekend for those wishing to help Campaign Life Coalition in its annual "Coins for Life" fundraising project. Throughout Lent deposit your loose change in the container and return it at the end of Lent. Your small change can lead to a big change when you support Campaign Life in its pro-life education endeavours.

40 CANS FOR LENT

The Beaches Council #7008 of the Knights of Columbus invites parishioners to donate cans of non-perishable food to their 40 Cans for Lent project. All donations will be given to Good Shepherd Centre. Donations can be placed in the box in the vestibule of the church.

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.



**STATIONS OF THE
CROSS**
FRIDAYS IN LENT
at 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN MOVIE SERIES

Our Lenten Series of free movies begins this Sunday, February 22 with the 1986 film “**Saving Grace**” starring Tom Conti as Pope Leo XIV. A year after his election, the Pope is thinking of resigning: feeling constricted by his bureeacratc duties and strictly regimented daily life at the Vatican, he longs for a closer and real connection to the people he serves which he had enjoyed as a priest and bishop. After accidentally locking himself out of the Apostolic Palace, he sets out on an adventure that will change his life. Although “Saving Grace” has been called “a warm compassionate comedy,” this inspiring film has a serious message about love, service, fidelity, redemption, and joy. Running time is just under two hours. Please note movie time is **6:00 p.m.** when the church is dark enough, this **Sunday, February 22.**

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

We are pleased to announce a **Parish Lenten Retreat Evening on Monday, March 23 ~ 6:30-9:00 p.m.** conducted by Father Roni George from the Divine Retreat Centre and his team, including a music ministry. The evening will include Stations of the Cross, a conference on Returning to God and Renewal of Life, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a Healing Mass concluding with light refreshments. Everyone is invited. There is no cost to participate.

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT

The Office of Vocations of the Archdiocese is hosting a Come & See Discernment Weekend for single men 18 years and older who are interested in discerning and learning more about the diocesan priesthood, February 27 ~ March 1, at St. Augustine’s Seminary. Suggested donation is \$100 but no one will be turned away for financial reasons. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Monday	23 February
9:00 a.m.	Repose of Rupert Wilson Req.by Debbie Wilson
Tuesday	24 February
9:00 a.m.	
Wednesday	25 February
7:00 p.m.	
Thursday	26 February
9:00 a.m.	Igmedio, Zosima, & Remedios Dador, Magdalena Amolar Req.by Shirley Dador

Friday	27 February
	<i>Friday is a day of penitential observance</i>
9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving Req.by Edna & Dennis Soloncho

Saturday	28 February
10:00 a.m.	Repose of Peter Gomes Req.by Joana, Owen & Lawrian

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 p.m.	
Sunday	29 February
10:00 a.m.	Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00 noon	Repose of Joffre Arzaga Req.by Arzaga Family

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 years. Adult Rally \$49.00 ~ Youth Rally \$25.00 For tickets and information visit, www.LJHR.ca



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