

Saint Dunstan's Parish

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Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey Masterson
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Philip Allard
Secretary: Mrs. Jean Walsh
Office Hours: Parish Office is closed during the pandemic, essential appointments only.

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Tuesday - Thursday - Friday:
Mass is at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Mass is at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday morning: Mass is at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Liturgy:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m.
12:00 noon

Confessions:

By appointment, call the parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration:

First Fridays 12:30 - 7:00 pm

Perpetual Help Novena:

Saturday Mass 10:00 am

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:

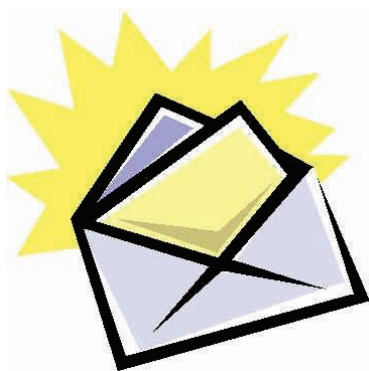
The Church asks all couples, whether they are to be married here or overseas, to contact the parish 1 year in advance of their planned date of marriage. Couples are also expected to attend and complete a Marriage Preparation Course. If either party has previously gone through any form of marriage, civil or religious, the priest is not to set a date for the wedding until the Archbishop's office has been consulted.



PLEASE REMEMBER GOD'S CHURCH AMONGST YOUR BLESSINGS AND IN YOUR WILL.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income Tax receipts for 2021 contributions to St. Dunstan's Church are available for pick-up at the Information Desk. To ensure privacy, we ask that you only pick-up your own receipt, not family members or friends as this can cause confusion. For those of you who are house bound and are reading this bulletin from at home, if you are expecting a tax receipt please call the parish office and we will gladly mail your receipt to you. For contributions made through the Archdiocese for ShareLife or Donate Now via credit card, your tax receipt will come directly from the Archdiocese. Same with donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, these receipts are issued by the SVP. We thank everyone who gave so generously throughout the past year and hope for your continued support in 2022.



HOSPITAL MINISTRY

The Office of Clergy Personnel & Chaplaincy has recently sent a message to all parishes with important information regarding ministry to the sick which parishioners should be aware of:

1.The Archdiocese has specifically assigned hospital priest chaplains who provide ministry in large acute care hospitals in the GTA.

2.These hospital priest chaplains are available for sacramental and pastoral care and spiritual guidance.

3.Despite the restrictions caused by the pandemic, priest chaplains continue to have access to hospitals, especially for emergencies or urgent care.

4.Patients (or family member) should speak to their nurse to request a visit from the priest chaplain. Alternately, the patient or family member may contact the hospital's Spiritual Care Department.

5.Patients who are in a critical condition or suffering from a life-threatening illness should request the attendance of the priest chaplain in good time and not wait until the last minute.



Masses For The Week

Monday 28 February
9:00 a.m. The repose of Peter Gomes
Req.by Joana & Lawrian

Tuesday 1 March
9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Wednesday 2 March
ASH WEDNESDAY
Universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat
12:10 noon
7:00 p.m.

Thursday 3 March
9:00 a.m. The repose of Eduardo Anteo
Req.by Family

Friday 4 March *First Friday*
Friday is a day of penitential observance
12:10 noon
7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 5 March *First Saturday*
10:00a.m. Helen & Fred Halloran, deceased
relatives & friends Req.by Family
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
5:00 p.m. The repose of Avelino Maranan
Req.by Bennett Sy

Sunday: 6 March
10:00 a.m. Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00noon. For the Protection of Unborn Children
Req.by Masses for Life Project

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Next month, Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2022 and supports our parish bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.

Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

THE SEASON OF LENT

The holy season of Lent begins next week on Ash Wednesday, 2 March. Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of her corporate conversion in Christ. During this season, the liturgy prepares catechumens for their Christian initiation, and prepares the faithful for Easter by encouraging them to do penance as they approach the greatest feast of the year. Lent has two main purposes: it recalls baptism or prepares for it, and it emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's word, more fervent prayer, acts of self-denial and charity, believers are prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery of Christ's death and rising.

SUGGESTED LENTEN PENANCES

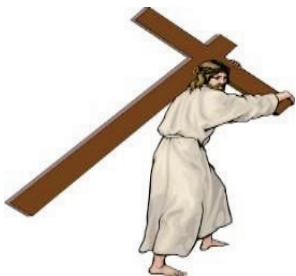
Prayer: more regular daily prayer; grace at meals; daily Mass; family rosary; Stations of the Cross; visits to the Blessed Sacrament; spiritual reading.

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 church and ShareLife; help the poor in the community through the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

First Confessions for children registered for First Communion will be Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Parents are asked to help their children at home to get ready for this important event in their spiritual life.



REMEMBER
Stations of the Cross
will follow the 7:00 p.m.
First Friday Mass

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday (2 March) which marks the solemn beginning of Lent is a universal day of fast and abstinence. Masses on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 12:10 noon and 7:00 p.m. All Catholics are encouraged to receive the ashes on Ash Wednesday.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

All Christ's faithful are obliged by divine law to do penance. In order to assist Catholics to fulfil this obligation the Church prescribes that penance be done on certain days. According to the current discipline of the Church, the penitential character of Lent is to be maintained; the weekdays of Lent are special days of penance for the Church throughout the world.

Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of the year are days of abstinence from meat. This law is binding on all Catholics 14 years and older. The faithful may substitute some act of piety or charity on Fridays. *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of fast for those 18 to 59 years of age inclusive.* Traditionally on days of fast only one full meal may be taken. The other two meals should not equal another full meal. *Parents should teach their children the meaning of penance and encourage them to make sacrifices appropriate to their age.*

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Parishioners are encouraged to keep the Holy Father's intention in their daily prayers throughout the month.

For a Christian response to new bioethical challenges, that we may continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

BUNDLE SUNDAY

The next Bundle Sunday here in St. Dunstan's is the weekend of March 12-13. The St. Vincent de Paul Society truck will be in the parking lot to receive your donations of clothing, shoes, linens and fabrics.



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