

# WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

Saint Dunstan's Parish, Scarborough



## From the Administrator's Desk

### A Blessed Easter to All!

My dear parishioners, what a glorious day, what a marvelous feat. Happy celebration, indeed! The passion, death, and resurrection of Christ is a whole school for humankind. It is a lesson that God never abandons his people, and no situation is beyond his power. Even death and the netherworld feel His command and Lordship. As Saint Paul reminds us, death has been vanquished, stripped of its power. All through the cross of Jesus the Christ, who was stripped, beaten, and crucified and now raised to glory by the Father.

May Jesus continually be the focus of our lives and the strength of our days. May his victory resound in our own experiences and enlighten our paths. We raise up many members of our parish who have or are going through any challenges, particularly at this difficult pandemic time. May the passion of Christ for humanity be a reminder that the savior is with them; may his resurrection be an assurance that they will triumph through their challenges.

Celebrate Jesus. We are an Easter people. Hallelujah is our song!

*Fv. Victor Amole*

## OVERVIEW:

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- Resurrection of the Lord

**in**  **person**

## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	10:00AM
April 6th	9:00AM
April 7th	7:00PM
April 8th	9:00AM
April 9th	9:00AM
April 10th	5:00PM
April 11th	9:00/10:30/12.30PM



# GOSPEL INSPIRATION

This man God Raised on the Third Day  
(Acts 10:34, 37-43)

Alleluia! Christ is risen! What joy we feel when we hear these words at Easter! We have made it through the forty days of Lent. We have walked with Jesus on his journey to the cross in Holy Week. Now we can proclaim the good news of his resurrection and celebrate with all the angels and saints,

But Easter doesn't end today. As a Church, we celebrate Easter as an octave, for a full eight days. We celebrate it as a liturgical season, lasting fifty days, until Pentecost. And we celebrate it every Sunday throughout the year. The truth is, Easter never ends! What Jesus accomplished through his death and resurrection can never be undone. What our Father created as "very good" (Genesis 1:31), what was corrupted and lost, has now been redeemed.

So look beyond this joyous day to the season ahead. Spend time over the next fifty days reflecting on the Mass readings to see how

the apostles responded to this good news. For them, the resurrection changed everything and turned their whole world upside down! Jesus had risen, they had seen him with their own eyes. Where once they were afraid, now nothing was more important to them than sharing the good news, whatever the cost. Jesus' resurrection has changed everything for you too. You are loved. You are redeemed. And "when Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory" (Colossians 3:4).

How will you respond to this amazing news? **Don't let Easter come and go.** Live in this truth every single day. Let it seep into every fiber of your being. Baptized into Christ's resurrection, you are a new creation, Christ lives in you and you live in Christ, both now and forever. Alleluia!

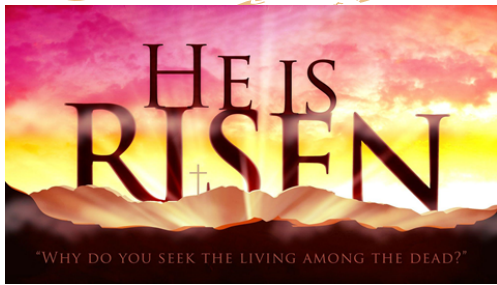
Source: Living With Christ

Universal Intention of Pope Francis for April 2021: Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



# Parish News



### Happy Easter, Fr. Jeff.

On behalf of all of us at the parish, we wish Fr. Jeff. Masterson a blessed Easter. May the glorious resurrection of the Lord strengthen you and grant you full recovery. Amen.

## Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena started on April 2nd. It will run through April 11th when we shall celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Apart from the Masses, we hope to celebrate at Saint Dunstan's Church at 3pm, in person and virtually. The link to register will be available online soon.



Sharelife Collection dates for the 2021 campaign have been moved to

- April 17-18, 2021 and
- October 2-3, 2021.



Please note that the envelopes in your offertory box will have different dates on them, but donations will be accepted anytime. Thank you for your generosity.

# Thank You!

A heartfelt gratitude to the many volunteers and staff who keep St. Dunstan's church safe and welcoming for parishioners, including those who give their time to sanitize the church pews after each mass. Many thanks to several other unseen/unheard but very helpful persons. Thank you!

## 40 DAYS OF LENT

LITURGICAL THOUGHT OF THE DAY IN COMICS



Many thanks to everyone who followed the 40 days of liturgical thoughts in comics. We hope to bring some other fun material to this page soon.

A reminder to who can help us animate or write stories, for children or the young at heart, to kindly reach out to Fr. Victor through the parish office or via our website <https://stdunstanssc.archtoronto.org/en/>. Let us further enrich our page with great content.

## More MOVIES on Formed



This is the official film for the 2010 Exposition of the Shroud. Written by Ian Wilson, it tells the story of the Shroud for our modern age of high technology to show the image of the Man on the Shroud as never before seen. This film does not shrink from examining the religious significance of what has become the single most studied article in history.

Sign up today and enjoy this awesome resource which the parish has already subscribed to for your use. Visit <https://formed.org/>. Simply search for Saint Dunstan Danforth and get free access. There are tons of faith materials so that we can learn more about our faith.

## Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM.

Please Join Us in prayer.



# Easter PRAISE NIGHT

ONLINE PRESENTATION

APRIL 9, 2021

7:00PM



Celebrate Easter with a night of song & praise to our Lord!  
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ST. DUNSTAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Around the Archdiocese & Beyond

## Songs from the Seminary

THIS IS A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021 AT 7:00PM. Join the seminarians live from the seminary for an evening of music in honour of **Mary, Our Blessed Mother**. Visit: [www.youtube.com/archtoronto](http://www.youtube.com/archtoronto)

The concert is free but donations are welcome to support the Chapel Restoration. To donate visit: <http://bit.ly/SeminaryChapelRestoration> (type "chapel" in the comments box to direct your donation to this specific project).



**Catholic Family Services of Toronto** is now offering online single-session consultations for individuals, couples or families who need to address a **mental health or relationship concern**. To arrange for a session, please contact: [info@cfstoronto.com](mailto:info@cfstoronto.com) or 416-921-1163 or 416-222-0048.

Clients who are interested in pursuing other or additional services in the agency have the option to access our ongoing counselling, wellness or group programs. Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of his/her inability to pay fees.

**The 2nd Annual Theology of the Body Virtual Conference** will take place from April 30 to May 2. Hosted by the Theology of the Body Institute, this conference will feature dozens of prominent speakers and artists — showing how the Theology of the Body applies to everyday life, how it will transform your prayer life, bring healing of the deepest wounds in yourself and with others, and how it will bring your Catholic faith alive in new and brilliant ways. Please visit their website for more information and to register (free).

## ST. DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

<https://stdunstanssc.archtoronto.org/>

# Easter PRAISE NIGHT

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APRIL 9, 2021 7:00PM



## Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

Canada legalized euthanasia in June, 2016. A few weeks ago, the Canadian Senate voted to pass Bill C-7 with 5 amendments which included expanding euthanasia to people with mental illness. Oppose Bill C-7 now and demand that parliament reject euthanasia for grievous and irremediable mental illnesses.

To sign this petition opposing Bill-C7 and for more information about the organization please go to [Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Canada.org](http://EuthanasiaPreventionCoalitionCanada.org)

## Lector Formation Webinar

Lectors, readers and clergy are invited to join a webinar on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The webinar will provide an opportunity for everyone to learn more about the use of Scripture in the liturgy and to reflect on the role Scripture and liturgy have in deepening a relationship with God.

There is **no cost** to attend but registration is required. Information on how to join will be sent to you upon registration. To register, please visit <http://bit.ly/LFW-RegisterMay2021>.

It is often easy to think of the readings in Mass as the main place we hear from Sacred Scripture. However, the whole liturgy is filled with references to Sacred Scripture. The more we hear and understand the references, the richer the liturgy is, and the richer the liturgy is the deeper our appreciation for the Word of God will be.

This webinar is a chance for readers and lectors to come and reflect on various scriptural references in the liturgy and unpack how they can help them grow more deeply in love with both the Word of God and the liturgy. We will look at both direct scriptural references as well as some allusions that may be passed over at first glance.

**Lector Formation Webinar**  
*A More Profound Understanding: Scripture in the Liturgy*

Wednesday, May 12, 2021  
7 - 8:30 p.m.

To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/LFW-RegisterMay2021> by May 7, 2021.

Please register as soon as possible as space is limited. There is no cost to attend. Information regarding how to join the webinar will be provided upon registration.

If you have any questions please contact Ella Okonkwo at 416-934-3400, ext. 523 or [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org).

Archdiocese of Toronto  
Office of Formation for Discipleship

Click on the poster (above) to learn more about the event. Or, if you have specific questions, please contact Ella Okonkwo at (416) 934-3400 ext. 523 or email: [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org).

## WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE?

**LIGHT**  
The light of Christ that shines in the darkness.

**FIRE**  
It represents Christ's resurrection.

**GRAINS OF INCENSE**  
They represent the 5 wounds of Christ.

**ALPHA AND OMEGA**  
Christ is the beginning and end of all things.

**CROSS**  
It represents Christ and his eternal light.

**YEAR**  
It reminds us of God's presence here and now.



# Covid-19 Revised Restrictions

## PLACES OF WORSHIP

On Friday, March 12th the provincial government announced changes to the restrictions on places of worship currently in the Grey (Lockdown) Zone. As of **Monday, March 15, 2021**, churches in this designation (in the archdiocese, currently Toronto and Peel Regions) will be permitted **15 percent capacity** for religious services.

We began to celebrate public Masses on Monday March 15, 2021 and we will continue to do so until instructed otherwise.

A few very important additional points:

- The Grey (Lockdown) Zones are still very much the areas where positive cases of Covid-19 are highest in the province. For the safety of all, it is imperative that everyone does their part to follow **WorshipSafe guidelines** to protect parishioners, clergy, and staff.
- Please **do not congregate in or around the church** after services in large numbers. Arrival and dismissal will be co-ordinated in such a fashion to ensure large groups do not congregate. This policy includes weddings, funerals, and baptisms.
- We hope our Livestreaming of services will continue, barring any technological difficulties. The dispensation from the Sunday Eucharist will continue for those of our brethren that find it difficult to attend church physically. **The elderly, those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions** are asked to exercise **extreme caution** about any outings, including attendance at church.

### HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT

## ON SUNDAYS

The parish will be using Eventbrite to facilitate the return to in-person mass. This ticketing system will help us ensure that we do not exceed the **15% capacity on Sundays**. It also makes contact tracing possible.

Using Eventbrite is very easy. Visit our Eventbrite site by clicking on the orange Eventbrite button to reserve your ticket, or visit our website. If you still need help, please call **Jean (416) 694-2811** and she will secure a seat for you. Don't forget! Click on the orange button (below) to get your ticket for one of next Sunday's Masses.



### FUNERALS IN GREY ZONE

Please note that for funerals, at present, the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) has indicated that funeral home staff will **not be permitted** to assist inside a church if there are more than 10 people present in the Grey Zone. If attendance exceeds that number, funeral home staff have been directed by the BAO to place the casket at the church entrance and return to their vehicles. Upon completion of the service, church personnel / family are to return the casket to the hearse for delivery to the cemetery.



All arrivals without a reservation will be **put on standby** and will be seated in the church **only if the church has not exceeded capacity** according to the **WorshipSafe guidelines** outlined by the Archdiocese of Toronto. Staff will be present at the entrance of the church at all Sunday masses to guide you.

*Dear brothers  
and sisters,  
good morning!*



## Pope Francis: The Easter Triduum

*Excerpted from the General Audience on March 31, 2021*

Ever since Jesus took upon himself the wounds of humanity and death itself, God's love has irrigated these deserts of ours, he has enlightened our darkness. Because the world is in darkness. Let us make a list of all the wars that are being fought in this moment; of all the children who die of hunger; of children who have no education; of entire populations destroyed by wars, by terrorism. Of the many, many people who, just to feel a bit better, need drugs, the drug industry that kills ... It is a disaster, it is a desert! There are small "islands" of the people of God, both Christian and of all other faiths, that hold in their heart the desire to be better. But let us tell the truth: in this Calvary of death, it is Jesus who suffers in his disciples. During his ministry, the Son of God disseminated life by the handful, healing, forgiving, reviving... Now, in the hour of his supreme Sacrifice on the cross, he brings to fulfilment the task entrusted to him by the Father: he enters into the abyss of suffering, he enters into these disasters of this world, to redeem and transform. And also to free every one of us from the power of darkness, of pride, of resistance to being loved by God. And this, only God's love can do this. By his wounds we have been healed (see 1 Pt 2: 24), the apostle Peter says, by his death we have been reborn, all of us. And thanks to him, abandoned on the cross, no-one will ever again be alone in the darkness of death. Never, he is always beside us: we need only open our heart and let ourselves be looked upon by him.

In the darkness of Holy Saturday, joy and light will break through with the rites of the Easter Vigil and, in the late evening, the festive singing of the Alleluia. It will be an encounter in faith with the Risen Christ, and the joy of Easter will continue throughout the following fifty days, until the coming of the Holy Spirit. He who was crucified is risen! All questions and uncertainties, hesitations and fears are dispelled by this revelation. The Risen One gives us the certainty that good always triumphs over evil, that life always conquers death, and it is not our end to descend lower and lower, from sorrow to sorrow, but rather to rise up high. The Risen One is the confirmation that Jesus is right in everything: in promising us life beyond death and forgiveness beyond sins.

The Risen One is the confirmation that Jesus is right in everything: in promising us life beyond death and forgiveness beyond sins. The disciples doubted, they did not believe. The first to believe and to see was Mary Magdalene; she was the apostle of the resurrection who went to announce that she had seen Jesus, who had called her by name. And then, all the disciples saw him. But, I would like to pause at this point: the guards, the soldiers, who were in the tomb to prevent the disciples from coming and taking his body, they saw him; they saw him alive and risen. His enemies saw him, and then they pretended not to have seen him. Why? Because they were paid. Here is the true mystery of what Jesus once said: "There are two masters in the world, two, no more: two. God and money. He who serves money is against God". And here it is money that changed reality. They had seen the wonder of the resurrection, but they were paid to keep quiet. Think of the many times that Christian men and women have been paid not to acknowledge in practice the resurrection of Christ, and did not do what Christ asked us to do, as Christians.

Dear brothers and sisters, again this year we will live the Easter celebrations in the context of the pandemic. In many situations of suffering, especially when they are borne by people, families and populations already tried by poverty, disasters or conflicts, Christ's Cross is like a beacon that indicates the port to ships that are still afloat on stormy seas. Christ's Cross is a sign of the hope that does not disappoint; and it tells us that not even one tear, not one sigh is lost in God's plan. Let us ask the Lord to grant us the grace of serving Him and acknowledging Him, and of not letting ourselves be paid to forget Him.



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*Pope's Thoughts in Tweets:*

*Jesus was lifted up on the cross to descend into our suffering, to plumb the depths of our human experience, to draw near to us and not abandon us in our suffering and our death. To redeem us, to save us."*

## Featured: Resurrection of the Lord

"For the sake of suffering humanity, he came down from heaven to earth, clothed himself in that humanity in the Virgin's womb, and was born a man. Having then a body capable of suffering, he took the pain of fallen man upon himself; he triumphed over the diseases of soul and body that were its cause, and by his Spirit, which was incapable of dying, he dealt man's destroyer, death, a fatal blow.

He was led forth like a lamb; he was slaughtered like a sheep. He ransomed us from our servitude to the world, as he had ransomed Israel from the hand of Egypt; he freed us from our slavery to the devil, as he had freed Israel from the hand of Pharaoh. He sealed our souls with his own Spirit, and the members of our body with his own blood...

He is the One who rose from the dead, and who raised man from the depths of the tomb."

**Saint Melito of Sardis**  
(Bishop)



### Keeping You Posted *by Jay Franco*

**Saint John Baptist de la Salle** - Issued in Sri Lanka on May 15, 1981, this multi-coloured stamp commemorates the 300th Anniversary of the De La Salle Brothers.



“

Throw yourself into  
God's arms. He will carry  
you when the road is  
rough.

-St. John Baptist de la  
Salle

”

## Featured: Reflections by our parishioners

### Paschal Vigil by Michael Schaub

The wild, disordered passions of my youth,  
the trust in me so callously betrayed,  
the loathsome air of overweening pride  
that called me “hypocrite” the times I prayed --

Would all these not have furnished ample cause  
to cast myself upon your clemency,  
that to them must be added, day by day,  
an enervating mediocrity?

A lack of focus, wanderings in my prayers,  
impatience with opinions void of thought,  
a fear of facing hardship, careless words,  
the need to share an insight cheaply bought.

Are these the necessary grist for grace,  
the happy faults and necessary sins?  
Could not a path less shameful have been found  
to lead me to the point where peace begins?

The church is silent now, and dark, and still,  
a sudden spark confronts the coming night,  
and soon a sacred sign is lifted high –  
the solitary, lofty Paschal light.

No, if the chasms of my wounded soul  
were not so dismal, shadowed, and forlorn,  
I never could have known that all my hope  
lies in the night the Paschal flame was born.

The jubilant “Exsultet” proves it true,  
proclaiming that I have no light but you.



## Anecdote of the Week

There is a beautiful story told recently about a woman named Rosemary who works in the Alzheimer's Unit of a nursing home. Rosemary and a colleague named Arlene brought the residents of the home together one Good Friday afternoon to view Franco Zeffirelli's acclaimed production, *Jesus of Nazareth*. They wondered whether these elderly Alzheimer's patients would even know what was going on, but they thought it might be worth the effort.

When they finally succeeded in getting everyone into position, they started the video. Rosemary was pleasantly surprised at the quiet attention being paid to the screen. At last came the scene where Mary Magdalene comes upon the empty tomb and sees that Jesus' body is not there. An unknown man, in reality the Risen Christ, asks Mary why she is looking for the living among the dead. Mary runs as fast as she can back to the disciples and tells Peter and the rest with breathless excitement, "He's alive! I saw Him, I tell you! He's alive." The doubt in their eyes causes Mary to pull back. "You don't believe me . . . You don't believe me!"

From somewhere in the crowd of Alzheimer's patients came the clear, resolute voice of Esther, one of the patients. "WE BELIEVE YOU," she said, "WE BELIEVE YOU!"

[Rosemary Kadrmas in Jeff Cavins, et.al, *Amazing Grace for the Catholic Heart* (West Chester, PA: Ascension Press, LLC, 2003), pp. 211-212.]

## Keeping You Posted

by Jay Franco



"The resurrection of Christ is the principle of new life for every man and every woman, for true renewal always begins from the heart, from the conscience. Yet Easter is also the beginning of the new world, set free from the slavery of sin and death: the world open at last to the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of love, peace and fraternity.

Christ is alive and he remains with us. Risen, he shows us the light of his face, and he does not abandon all those experiencing hardship, pain and sorrow." (Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbi Message, Easter 2019). The 1.15 euro stamp dedicated to Easter 2020 represents a reworking - in the form of street art - of the Ascension by Heinrich Hofmann (1824-1911) located in Rome, near Ponte Vittorio Emanuele II.

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**In this year of Saint Joseph, we are encouraged to say this special prayer, asking for his intercession.**

### Special Prayer to St. Joseph

*To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.*

*O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be propitious to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness; and, as once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die holily, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen*



# BUILDING THE CHURCH TOGETHER

BY FATHER VICTOR

In the name of Jesus Christ, dear parishioners, I am reaching out to you today because our church - like many churches in Toronto and the GTA - is struggling financially. Money is needed for many expenses at Saint Dunstan's including: heat, hydro, phones, insurance, snow plow services and staff salaries.

Standing behind the ambo giving a homily that I prepared is easy compared to asking for donations during a pandemic. Many parishioners have experienced unemployment and great hardship at this time, so to ask parishioners to open

their purse strings to sustain the church is a deeply humbling experience for me.

The Church is not a business. It has never been a business and it will never be a business. We do our best to rely on the generosity of volunteers and the kindness of local businesses to sustain us, but the limitations caused by the pandemic have created a large shortfall. If you are able to donate, please consider one of the options listed at the end of this short article. *Any amount is greatly appreciated at this time of need.*

The situation we are living through brings to mind St. Francis of Assisi. He trusted completely in the providence of the Creator. His entire existence was Christ-centred, and he lived with complete confidence in Him. God has always provided, dear friends in Christ. He will always provide! I have confidence that God's miraculous love will get us through this difficult moment in time.

“ Thank you from the depth of my heart.

– FATHER VICTOR

- **ENVELOPES:** Envelopes can be dropped off at the church office. Please call ahead: 416-694-2811
- **MONTHLY WITHDRAWALS:** Consider pre-authorized giving For more information: <https://stdunstanssc.archtoronto.org/About-Us/donate>
- **CREDIT / DEBIT:** Donate online using your credit card or your chequing account. Visit: <https://stdunstanssc.archtoronto.org/About-Us/donate>
- **ON-LINE BANKING:** Contribute to the offertory via on-line banking. Visit: <https://stdunstanssc.archtoronto.org/About-Us/donate>

100% of all monies collected will be put towards St. Dunstan Parish.