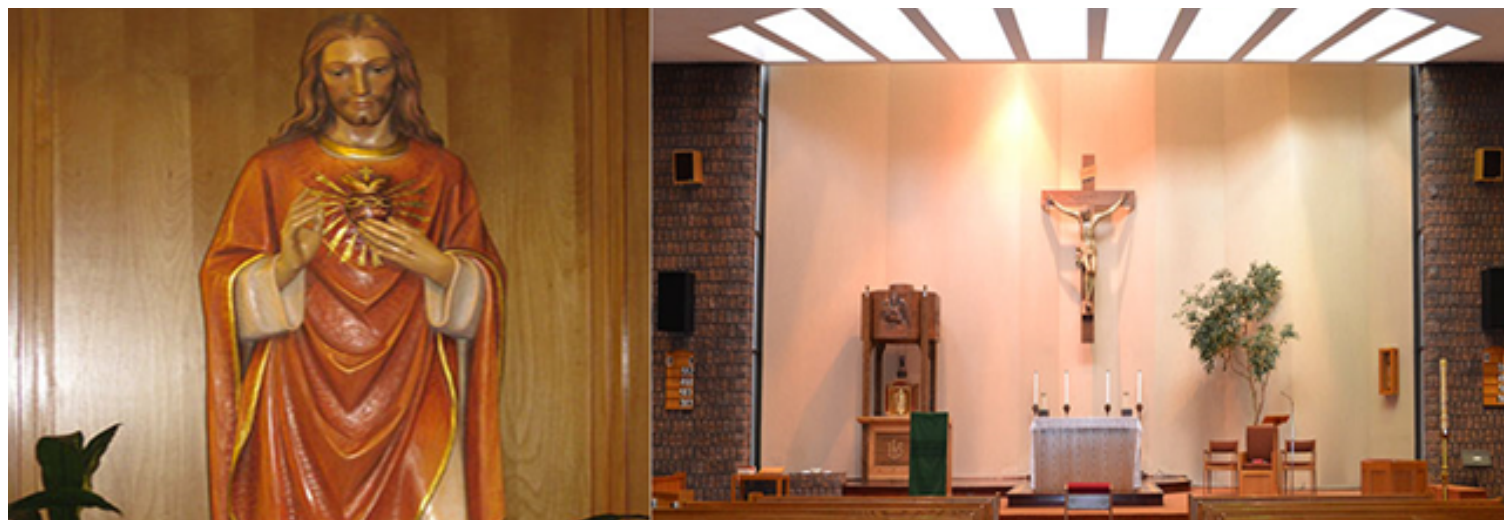


# WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

Saint Dunstan's Parish, Scarborough



## From the Administrator's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

The peace and grace of our loving Lord be with you all. As I'm sure you all know by now, the provincial government lifted restrictions on places of worship in the Grey (Lockdown) Zone. As of Monday, March 15th, churches will be permitted 15% capacity for religious services including weddings and funerals. We will therefore be open again tomorrow, Monday March 15th for Mass at 9am.

Our weekday mass schedule will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9am, and Wednesday at 7pm.

For Sunday Masses, please use [Eventbrite](#) to reserve your seat. Please read further instructions on Page 3.

Our Lenten observances are now reaching a milestone, as today is the 4th Sunday of Lent. Please remember that Confessions will be available **only** from the 16th to the 19th of March, from 10 am to 12 noon and from 4 pm to 8 pm, daily. *Please make good use of this opportunity.*

Please keep in touch with us via our website for any breaking news as things are always developing these difficult days. May Christ bless us as we travel this Lenten journey with Him. Keep safe and well.

*Fv. Victor Amole*

## OVERVIEW:

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- Wednesday Audience with Pope Francis
- Feature: St. Patrick

**in**  **person**

## MASS SCHEDULE

March 15th	9:00AM
March 16th	9:00AM
March 17th	7:00PM
March 18th	9:00AM
March 19th	9:00AM
March 20th	5:00PM
March 21st	9:00/10:30/12.30PM



# GOSPEL INSPIRATION

GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD  
(John 3:14-21)

Do you think of Jesus as a divine accountant? You know, someone who has a ledger and checks to see if you measure up to his exacting rigorous standards? In today's Gospel, Saint John reminds us that Jesus was sent into the world not to condemn but to save us. He didn't come to tally up our good deeds and our bad deeds. He came to heal, protect, and rescue us. How can that be?

John 3:14-15 gives us a clue. Yes, we do fall short of God's commands and his vision for our lives. But rather than justly condemning us, God sent Jesus to be "lifted up" and to give "eternal life" to all who believe in him. That refers to the story in the Book of Exodus, when the Israelites were bitten by poisonous snakes for complaining against God. God directed Moses to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole so that anyone who looked at it was healed.

Like the Israelites, our first step is to acknowledge our need for salvation, even though that may mean facing all the ways we fall short. After all, what could be more convicting than knowing that Jesus bore our own sins on the cross? But like the Israelites, we can look to the answer God gave us: the cross of Jesus. The salvation Jesus offers us is far greater than the Israelites' physical healing from snakebites. He heals us spiritually. He forgives us and strengthens us to live differently. He restores us to a right relationship with God. And he gives us a real hope of heaven. So don't fall into the trap of thinking of Jesus as an accountant. He is not in the business of condemning but of offering salvation. Today, gaze at him, lifted up on the cross. Bring your neediness to him, and let him heal and restore you.

Source: Word Among Us



**Universal Intention of Pope Francis for March 2021:**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

# 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 will begin to celebrate public Masses by tomorrow, Monday March 15. **Holy Communion services will be discontinued after this Sunday, March 14, 2021.**

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. Just visit our Eventbrite site at [saintdunstancatholicchurch.eventbrite.ca](http://saintdunstancatholicchurch.eventbrite.ca) and 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. Please 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.

# Parish News

## Laetare Sunday

Today the Fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as Laetare Sunday after first word in Latin of the entrance antiphon "Rejoice". We rejoice today at the nearness of Easter, the great feast of our Redemption. On this day, there is a certain relaxation of our Lenten austerity – the rose-coloured vestments and the unrestricted use of solo instrumentation.

### Communion Services

Please note: this is the final week for Holy Communion Services on Saturdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

## Lenten Confessions

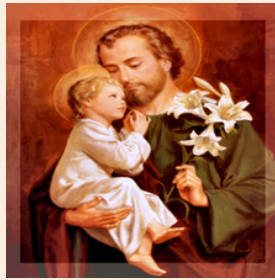
- Offered from March 16, 2021 to March 19, 2021
- Please call the office to schedule an appointment.

## School Mass



Join us on the 24th of March for one of our School Masses, at 9.30am. Let's worship together with the little ones. It will be live-streamed only.

## Solemnity of St. Joseph



Saint Joseph's feast day, **Friday, March 19th** will be celebrated both in-person and with a live-streamed Mass at **7:00 p.m.** All parishioners are invited to celebrate the Patron of the Universal Church and Patron of Canada. Canada was first consecrated to Saint Joseph by the Franciscan Recollet Fathers in 1624. Devotion to Saint Joseph was brought to our area by the Jesuit missionaries who dedicated the land of Huronia to the foster-father of the Saviour. The church at the mission of Sainte-Marie near Midland, where the bodies of Saints Jean de Brebeuf and Gabriel Lalement were first interred, is named after Saint Joseph as is the present Martyrs' Shrine church. The largest church in the world dedicated to Saint Joseph is here in Canada: St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. Let us pray to our great Patron, Saint Joseph, for the people of Canada, our government and national institutions, and that our society may protect and defend the sanctity of human life, marriage and the family. May our country remain true to the Christian values and foundation on which it was built and to which the Catholic Church has been an important contributor.

As the solemnity of St. Joseph approaches (March 19th), let us unite in prayer as the community of St. Dunstan to pray his novena in **our homes at 8:00PM daily from March 11th to March 19th.** Click on the family (below) to be directed



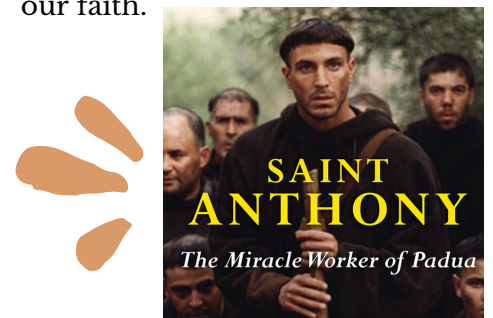
automatically to the website for the words to the special prayer.

## More Movies on Formed

Another outstanding film has been made available for us on **Formed.org** entitled "**St. Anthony: Miracle Worker of Padua**". This is the first major feature length drama on the life of St. Anthony of Padua, the beloved miracle worker and one of the most popular saints in Christian history.

Born into a Portugese noble family in 1195, Anthony defied his father's wishes that he become a knight and, instead, followed the call of God to become a monk, eventually joining the Franciscans as a follower of St. Francis of Assisi.

**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.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- In-person and live-streamed, if possible, every Friday during Lent at 7:00PM. Reflections at each of the 14 Stations will be read by parishioners.



## Virtual Easter Praise Night



The plan is on for another beautiful musical encounter! Let's gather together to celebrate Easter with a night of song and praise to our Lord. Be sure to

mark April 9th at 7:00pm on your calendars and invite your friends to watch. We will be making a social-media invite flier soon so you can send it to friends. There's still time to sign up to participate in this event, so if you're musically inclined, don't be shy! Contact Fr. Victor by phone or email. Share your talents with the community.

## Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM.

*Please Join Us in prayer.*



As we begin this season of grace, a couple of notes to remind us of the rules of the church to help us practice our faith and prepare for our Lenten journey.

- **Canon 1250** - All Fridays through the year and at the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.
- **Canon 1251** - Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Canon 1252** - All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fasting up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.
- **Canon 1253:** It is for the conference of bishops to determine more precisely the observance of fast and abstinence and to substitute in whole or in part for fast and abstinence other forms of penance especially works of charity and exercises of piety.

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## LITANY: OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

God of the Journey, lead us this Lent into the desert, where we fast on simplicity, and to the oasis, where we feast on your companionship.

**May we fast from anger.**

And feast on reconciliation.

**May we fast from selfishness.**

And feast on generosity.

**May we fast from resentment.**

And feast on gratitude.

**May we fast from fear.**

And feast on courage.

**May we fast from self-absorption.**

And feast on compassion.

**May we fast from exploitation.**

And feast on justice.

**May we fast from despair.**

And feast on hope.

**May we fast from antagonism.**

And feast on unity.

**May we fast from foolishness.**

And feast on wisdom.

**May we fast from weakness.**

And feast on perseverance.

**May we fast from distraction.**

And feast on reverence.

**May we fast from recklessness.**

And feast on responsibility.

**May we fast from deception.**

And feast on honesty.

Loving God, may our Lent be a holy preparation. May our preparation be blessed and never finished until we rest completely in You. Amen.

## Around the Archdiocese & Beyond

**Yes,  
LORD!**

### ANNUAL MASS OF ST. PATRICK

*Live from St. Michael's  
Cathedral Basilica*

March 17, 2021  
10:00AM

Click Here:  
**LIVE** 



A new Children's Liturgy of the Word program called "Yes, Lord!" is being offered through Salt & Light Media for the entire Lenten period!

Full-length episodes are posted every Friday on: <https://www.slmmedia.org/programs/yeslord>

## Amoris Laetitia Family



The Vatican will mark the fifth anniversary of the publication of Amoris laetitia, Pope Francis' 2016 exhortation on the family, with a live-streamed event on **March 19, 2021**.

The online meeting, titled "Our Daily Love," will open a year dedicated to the family, as announced by Pope Francis in December.

The March 19 event will be live-streamed on YouTube from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Rome time. The first part will include a video message from Pope Francis.

The year, given the official name "Amoris Laetitia Family," will begin on March 19 and end on June 26, 2022, with the 10th World Meeting of Families, which will be hosted in Rome.

## 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](https://www.epcc.ca) or [epcc.ca](https://www.epcc.ca)*



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Are you seeking to grow in your love and knowledge of God's Word? Would you like to prepare for Holy Week? If you answered "yes" to these questions, then join some of the nation's most dynamic Scripture scholars on **March 27, 2021** for a one-day Bible Conference that will be live-streamed via Zoom. This virtual event is **FREE** for all registrants, For more information and to register for the event, click on the button to be directed to the Augustine Institute website.

**REGISTRATION**



St. James the Apostle church in Nurio, in the Mexican state of Michoacán, was destroyed by a fire on Sunday, March 7, 2021. The church building which dates back to 1639, contained historical works of indigenous art. The exterior walls of the church are standing, but the roof and interior have been gutted. *Let us keep the parishioners in our prayers.*

*Dear brothers  
and sisters,  
good morning!*

**Pope Francis: Catechesis on the Journey to Iraq**



In the past few days, the Lord allowed me to visit Iraq, carrying out a project of Saint John Paul II. Never before has a Pope been in the land of Abraham. Providence willed that this should happen now, as a sign of hope, after years of war and terrorism, and during a severe pandemic.

After this Visit, my soul is filled with gratitude – gratitude to God and to all those who made it possible: to the President of the Republic and the Government of Iraq; to the country’s Patriarchs and Bishops, together to all the ministers and members of the faithful of the respective Churches; to the religious Authorities, beginning with the Grand Ayatollah Al-Sistani, with whom I had an unforgettable meeting in his residence in Najaf.

I strongly felt a penitential sense regarding this pilgrimage: I could not draw near to that tortured people, to that martyr-Church, without taking upon myself, in the name of the Catholic Church, the cross they have been carrying for years; a huge cross, like the one placed at the entrance of Qaraqosh. I felt it particularly seeing the wounds still open from the destruction, and even more so when meeting and hearing the testimony of those who survived the violence, persecution, exile... And at the same time, I saw around me the joy of welcoming Christ’s messenger; I saw the hope of being open to a horizon of peace and fraternity, summed up in Jesus’s words that were the motto of the Visit: “You are all brothers” (Mt 23:8). I found this hope in the discourse of the President of the Republic. I discovered it again in the many greetings and testimonies, in the hymns and gestures of the people. *I read it on the luminous faces of the young people, in the vivacious eyes of the elderly, in people who stood waiting for the Pope for 5 hours, even women with children in their arms.*

They waited and there was hope in their eyes. The Iraqi people have the right to live in peace; they have the right to rediscover the dignity that belongs to them. Their religious and cultural roots go back thousands of years: Mesopotamia is the cradle of civilization. Historically, Baghdad is a city of primary importance. For centuries, it housed the richest library in the world. And what destroyed it? War. War is always that monster that transforms itself with the change of epochs and continues to devour humanity. But the response to war is not another war; the response to weapons is not other weapons. And I asked myself: who was selling the weapons to the terrorists? Who sells weapons today to the terrorists – which are causing massacres in other areas, let’s think of Africa, for example? It is a question that I would like someone to answer. The response is not war, but the response is fraternity. This is the challenge not only for Iraq. It is the challenge for many regions in conflict and, ultimately, the challenge for the entire world is fraternity.

Will we be capable of creating fraternity among us? Of building a culture of brothers and sisters? Or will we continue the logic Cain began: war. Brothers and sisters. Fraternity.



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*Pope’s Thoughts in Tweets: The response to war is not another war. The response to weapons is not other weapons. The response is fraternity. This is the challenge not only for Iraq. It is the challenge for many regions in conflict and, ultimately, for the entire world.*  
#Peace #GeneralAudience



## Featured: Saint Patrick - March 17th

*St. Patrick was born in Britain—not Ireland—to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D.*

*Although his father was a Christian deacon, it has been suggested that he probably took on the role because of tax incentives and there is no evidence that Patrick came from a particularly religious family. At the age of 16, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. During this time, he worked as a shepherd outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian. It is also believed that Patrick first began to dream of converting the Irish people to Christianity during his captivity.*

*After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to his writing, a voice—which he believed to be God's—spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland. To do so, Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation—an angel in a dream tells him to return to Ireland as a missionary. After his ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission: to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish. (Source: History.com)*



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“Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man  
who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone  
who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears  
me.”

— Saint Patrick

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## Anecdote of the Week

For God so loved the world that” He sent His Son to Israel: A Jewish father in the U.S. was concerned about his son. He had not truly raised him in the faith of Judaism... So, hoping to strengthen his son’s Faith, the father sent him to Israel so that the boy could experience his heritage. A year later the young man returned home. He said, “Father, thank you for sending me to the land of our Fathers. It was wonderful and enlightening. However, I must confess that while in Israel I converted to Christianity.”

“Oh (groan) what have I done?” the father thought. So, in the tradition of the patriarchs, he went to his best friend and sought his advice and solace. “It is amazing that you should come to me,” stated his friend. “I, too, sent my son to Israel and he returned a Christian.” So, in the tradition of the Patriarchs, they went to the Rabbi. “It is amazing that you should come to me,” stated the Rabbi. “I, too, sent my son to Israel and he returned a Christian. What is happening to our sons? Brothers, we must take this to the Lord,” said the Rabbi. They fell to their knees and began to wail and pour out their hearts to the Almighty.

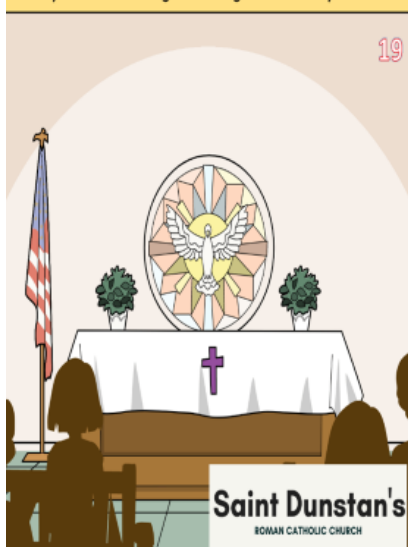
As they prayed, the clouds above opened, and a mighty voice stated, “Amazing that you should come to Me. I, too, sent My Son to Israel...” *Source: Jewish Jokes*

## SLMedia Podcasts

This week, on a special edition of the Salt and Light Hour, host Deacon Pedro looks back at Pope Francis’ historic visit to Iraq. We hear from the Most Rev. Bashar Warda of the Chaldean Catholic Archdiocese of Erbil, and we examine the significance of the trip with a panel of experts. All episodes are available to listen to and/or download on the Salt and Light website. Simply click on the image (right) to be re-directed there.



40 days of Lent: liturgical thought of the day in comics



## Keeping You Posted *by Jay Franco*

### March 8 - Saint Joseph

The Christmas stamp of 25 November 1983 (ANK1790) shows Our Lady, the Christ Child and St. Joseph from the Crib of Kitzbühel parish Church by Johann Giner, 1756-1833. The multi-coloured stamp cost 4 shillings.



Kitzbühel has a centuries-long continuing tradition of displaying Christmas cribs.

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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*



Thank  
you!

# 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
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