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WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

Saint Dunstan's Parish, Scarborough



From the Administrator's Desk

My dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with all of you! I am very grateful to be with all of you during this majestic time of the year which reflects the reality of our earthly journey, as our hearts wait with joy for the coming of the Lord. It is Advent!

We continue to pray for the quick recovery of Fr. Jeff and we wish him a great Advent and Christmas.

In the meantime, I would like all parishioners to know that I am here for you as we walk together during this dark pandemic moment. It is important to realize that we are not alone; we are united with each other and with Christ. Keep in touch with St. Dunstan. And visit our webpage frequently for updates. God bless and keep you!

Fr. Victor Amole

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ONLINE MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays	9:00AM
Wednesdays	7:00PM
Fridays	9:00AM
Saturdays	5:00PM
Sundays	12:30PM



GOSPEL INSPIRATION

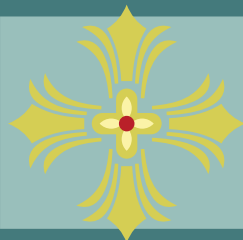
A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths". It is the voice of John the Baptist.

This 2nd Sunday of Advent, as we begin to inch our way towards Christmas, the Liturgy calls us to repentance and to turn towards God. It exhorts us to fill the valleys of lethargy, of insufficient charity; and to level the mountain of sin, of spiritual dryness, of not being the best version of ourselves.

The 2nd Sunday of Advent launches us further into the heart of our preparation for the coming of Christ – getting ready for the Lord.

Fire-up preparation for Jesus at Christmas by repenting of our sins and making some resolve to re-order our steps, straightening thereby "the path of the Lord". At this time when nothing seems normal, it is good to come up with unique ideas to get ourselves started.

How about preparing a small altar in your house or lighting a candle each week of the season of advent? You could start today with the second candle. It's not too late. The candles could be lit particularly during family prayer times, times of online Masses etc. It is a means to ginger us into prayer and to prepare ourselves to receive the awesome baby Jesus at Christmas.



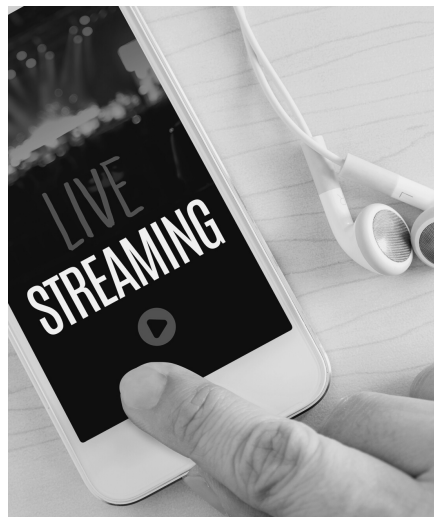
Universal Intention of Pope Francis for Dec. 2020: for a Life of Prayer. We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Ongoing Parish Projects

Parish Website

Father Victor has been working with the online content staff at the Archdiocese of Toronto to improve the parish's website. Now, parishioners can have access to daily readings, online mass schedules, and information about supporting the parish.

Take a few seconds to poke around the website. Do you have suggestions? How about writing down your ideas and sharing them with us? Simply reach out by letting us know at stdunstan@rogers.com or giving us a call about how we can improve to serve you better.



Livestreamed Masses

In response to the mandated cancellation of all in-person masses, St. Dunstan's Parish launched its first livestreamed mass on Saturday, November 28 at 5:00pm. Our hope is that, even though public liturgies have been suspended for the time being, parishioners will tune in and feel a sense of connection to the parish and to the pastor.

Digitizing Telephone Communication

We are delighted to report that we are in the process of upgrading our telephone system at Saint Dunstan's Parish. You are now able to leave voicemail messages for the staff so that we may serve you better.



Preparing Our Hearts For Christmas

December 6 - 19, 2020

The liturgical season of Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord. Even though we are limited at this time due to the pandemic, you can still access the sacrament of reconciliation/confession by calling us and scheduling an appointment.

Our days of confession for this year were December 3rd, 4th &

5th, from 10am to 8pm. However, I shall be here for you at any other time.

If you're nervous about going to confession, there is a wonderful guide prepared by the Archdiocese of Toronto to help you feel more comfortable with the process.

Please visit: archtoronto.org/confession



Society of St. Vincent de Paul - St. Dunstan Conference



Volunteers Needed

Just a few hours can enrich your relationship with God and bring great value to others. If interested, please leave a message for Paula on the SSVV Helpline at 416-698-0044.

Who We Are

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ through the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. More than 97% of all donations made to the Society are used in direct service to persons in need - regardless of faith or creed.

Each parish-based group is called a "Conference", and it is made up of volunteers called "Vincentians" after our patron saint, St. Vincent de Paul. We benefit from the support of our pastor and rely on the financial generosity of parishioners to fulfill our mission of service.

What We Do

All donations are put to work within our local community through personal contact with neighbours-in-need. We provide emergency assistance in the form of grocery cards, vouchers for clothing and/or household items. Some may be provided with basic furniture after a needs assessment is done. We also provide a compassionate ear and referrals to other services as appropriate. *"The poor are hungry not only for food; they are hungry to be recognized as human beings. They are hungry for dignity and to be treated as WE are treated. They are hungry for our love."* – Mother Teresa



Singing together

“The season of joy is here!”

The virus might have taken its toll, but it cannot take our joy.

St. Dunstan’s Church invites everyone - the young and the young at heart - to a night of virtual **Christmas Carols** on the **18th of December at 7pm.**

Come, let us sing together and worship our new-born King!

[Click on the parish website:](http://stdunstanssc.archtoronto.org/)
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Joke of the week

A man who thought he was John the Baptist was disturbing the neighborhood. So, for public safety, he was taken to the hospital where he was put in a room with another psychiatric patient. He immediately began saying, "I am John the Baptist! The Lord has sent me as the forerunner of Christ the Messiah!"

The other guy looked at him and declared, "I am the Lord your God. I did not send you!"