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WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

Saint Dunstan's Parish, Scarborough



From the Administrator's Desk

Dear dear Parishioners,

Happy Sunday. And welcome back! Thank God for the opportunity to see everyone in person once again.

We certainly received some good news from the Province/Archdiocese this week. It was like music to my ears when I received word that churches could re-open with 15% capacity. *Glory be to God* for small mercies which are glimpses of His merciful, sacred heart.

Our full programs recommence except for societal meetings and office hours (which are still by appointment only, please). Communion services have now been suspended, giving way to the full celebration of Masses.

Kindly remember, however, that we still need to abide by the necessary health protocols. This means no gathering before or after Mass, the use of masks while in the church, and maintaining a 6-ft. distance from each other. We look forward to next weekend for the **Saint Vincent de Paul Bundle Up** program. Kindly drop off your donations for our brothers and sisters in need at the designated time. Please see the parish news section on page 4 for more information.

Have a blessed Sunday.

Jr. Victor Amole

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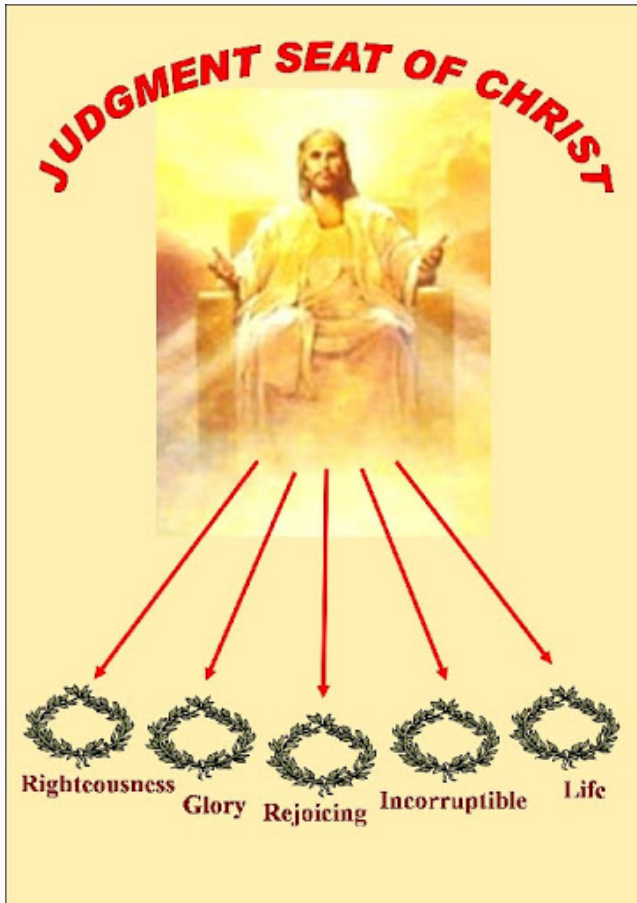
in  **person**

MASS SCHEDULE

June 13th	10:00 AM & NOON
June 14th	9:00 AM
June 15th	9:00 AM
June 16th	7:00 PM
June 17th	9:00 AM
June 18th	9:00 AM
June 19th	5:00 PM

GOSPEL INSPIRATION

WE MUST ALL APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST
(2 Corinthians 5:10)



The thought of appearing before the judgment seat of Christ at the end of our lives is, at best, unsettling. That's because we will receive recompense for what we have done, "whether good or evil" (2 Corinthians 5:10). We know the many times we have fallen short. So how can we have any hope that Jesus will welcome us into his heavenly kingdom?

First, we can remember that Jesus himself will be our judge. On the cross, he promised the criminal beside him, "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43). He refused to condemn the women caught in adultery. He welcomed the tax collectors into his kingdom, including Matthew, who became one of the Twelve and a saint. These Gospel stories give us reason to believe that he will treat us with mercy as well. Second, while we may find it painful to remember some of our past sins and misdeeds, Jesus views our lives very differently.

He won't see only our sins; he'll also see our good deeds ~ even the ones we weren't aware of. You may be surprised by the effects that your love has had on the people around you!

Finally, while we're still here on earth, we shouldn't burden ourselves worrying about whether we have done enough good works to earn a spot in heaven. Jesus has already saved us through his "one righteous act", the shedding of his blood on the cross. Our good works are the way in which we respond to the love that God has already shown us.

At Mass today, place any fears you might have about Jesus' judgment into his loving, merciful hands. Remember that each day is a fresh start to "aspire to please" him in all things (Corinthians 5:9). Jesus is a judge, yes, but the most kind and merciful judge you will ever encounter!

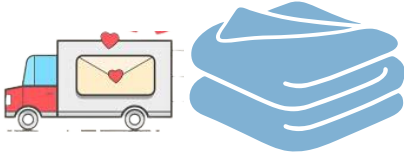
Source: Living With Christ

Universal Intention of Pope Francis for June 2021: The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness, and patience.



Parish News



Society of SVDP Clothing Collection

It is time again for bundle-up weekend, in support of the wonderful and charitable work of Saint Vincent De Paul. At this pandemic time, the needs of many disadvantaged brothers and sisters have soared.

Kindly bring your donations next weekend, 19th and 20th. The truck will be parked in the parking lot, with St. Vincent de Paul volunteers to help with loading and to keep us safe. **The truck will only be open between 4pm and 6pm on Saturday, and 10am and 12 noon on Sunday** so as to maintain adequate health protocols.

The focus this year is more on textiles, shoes, clothing, bedding, draperies and small household goods. Please click on this link for more information.

Please don't forget! Only 1 person should enter the donations bin at a time. Please practice social distancing. Thank you.

Formed.org - Movie Night

Based on Milam McGraw Propst's award-winning novel, *A Flower Blooms on Charlotte Street*, The Adventures of Ociece Nash is a delightful and inspiring film you won't soon forget!



Many Upcoming Opportunities to Make A Difference

There are many ways that you can assist the church's mission. You can make a difference in someone's life by contributing to these important initiatives of faith next month:

(1) A special Collection **Marygrove Children's Camp** - this weekend!

(2) A special Collection for **ShareLife** - June 19/20, 2021

 **ShareLife**

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM. Please Join Us Online.



Repair & Maintain

We made an appeal for support for the repair of our leaking roof and our grotto recently.

Kindly assist your parish community to fulfil this project and help us repair this long-standing ruin. You can make your donations either by contacting the office and dropping of your cheque, or by donating online on the parish website, choosing Saint Dunstan,

<https://community.archtoronto.org/page.aspx?pid=404>.

Thank you for your generosity.

The parish is subscribed to **Formed.org**, many thanks to the generous parishioner who graciously helped us to achieve this. Avail of this opportunity by subscribing at <https://formed.org/>. Search for Saint Dunstan Danforth Av., and sign-up.

The Saints' Corner by Paula de Rushe-Quintal

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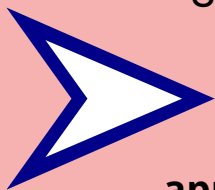
Bundle Up

for the
Society of Saint Vincent De Paul



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books, mattresses, dishes,
construction material or video tapes.

For more information, visit: www.ssvptoronto.ca

Around the Archdiocese & Beyond

JUNE 3 - JUNE 11, 2021

SACRED HEART NOVENA RETREAT

All lay people, religious and clergy are invited to participate in this online novena retreat in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

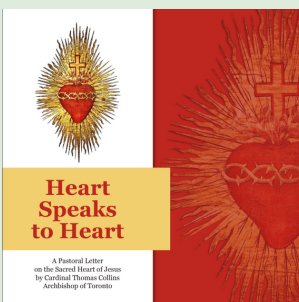
A new video will be premiered daily on the seminary's YouTube channel (below). Each video is a short retreat conference and will feature one of the following priests:

Rev. John Elmer Abad
Rev. Charles Anang
Rev. Scott Birchall
Rev. Greg Carruthers
Rev. Frederick Chung
Rev. Edwin Gonsalves
Rev. Séamus Hogan
Rev. Eric Rodrigues
Rev. Tomasz Skibinski

Everyone is also invited to join a livestream Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral presided by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.



On April 28, 2021, Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, released a new pastoral letter on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is a significant reflection on one of the most sacred symbols in the Catholic faith and what it can teach us in these difficult times.



If you wish to read the document in its entirety, simply click on the image on your left and you will be directed to it.

However, we will be featuring a section *each week* for several weeks as we approach the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart on **Friday, June 11, 2021**. Part 7 of the letter follows.

New Intersessory Prayer in Times of Covid-19

Bishop Robert Kasun has issued a special prayer of healing and hope. He has asked that we lift up our voices to God together at this time of distress. Click on the prayerful hands (*top*) to be directed to the prayer.



Prayers & Condolences

The Archdiocese of Toronto offers our prayers and sincere condolences following the violent death of four family members in London, Ontario, targeted for their faith. We join the Muslim community, London Mayor, Ed Holder, and all those who condemn this heinous act of violence. We also pray for the recovery of the surviving son who has been orphaned following this atrocity.

Catholic bishops to send indigenous delegation to Vatican

The national assembly of Catholic bishops in Canada is preparing to send a delegation of Indigenous people to the Vatican before the end of the year to talk to Pope Francis about the role the Catholic church played in Canada's residential school system.

According to the CCCB, this pastoral visit will include the participation of a diverse group of Elders / Knowledge Keepers, residential school survivors and youth from across the country.

Christian Life Program for Married Couples

Every Saturday, June 5 to July 24 – 7 to 9 p.m.

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY
COUPLES FOR CHRIST
MARKHAM/SCARBOROUGH
NORTH CHAPTER
COMMUNITY

Married couples who are interested in joining the CFC movement are invited to participate in an introductory eight-week course, which is called the Christian Life Program (CLP). *There are no fees required to attend.* The only investment needed is your time and openness. For more info, visit: couplesforchrist.ca

7. Compassion, and its Deadly Imitation: Sentimentality

The symbol of the Sacred Heart, of the compassionate love of Jesus, reminds us that we need to have a humane personal warmth at the center of who we are, a sensitivity which shapes how we relate to ourselves, and to God, and to those around us. We are not meant to operate only with the cold objective clarity of the intellect and the rough power of the will.

But when the heart gets detached from objectivity and clarity, and we operate only according to our feelings, it can lead to great injustice and personal disaster. Head, heart, and hands must work in harmony.

The heart and hands must be guided by the head. Personal affectivity on its own - the heart alone, disconnected from the objective principles of reason - can lead us to be swept away by a particular emotionally compelling individual situation, and then lead to action that is detached from objective reality, and that is ultimately destructive, because it is not based on the truth revealed by both faith and reason. Sentimental Christianity, which consists of a warm pleasant emotion detached from a concern for the objective truth of the Gospel call to repentance and holiness, can cause people to replace the life-changing challenge of our faith with a cult of niceness. Such sentimentality is an illusion, and there is no future in that.

The Sacred Heart, because it arises out of the love of Jesus on Good Friday, shows us true love, not a sentimental substitute. Sentimental affection, disconnected from faith, reason, and the commitment to act rightly, is always an illusion and is often destructive.

It is sentimentality, that deceptive substitute for compassion, that can lead judges to think that they can over-rule "Thou shalt not kill". And sentimentality can lead well intentioned Christians who are unfamiliar with the real Jesus whom we encounter in the actual Gospel to respond to the very real distress of others by seeking to deny the reality of the human condition, persuading those who are suffering distress to find relief by over-riding faith, reason, science, and common sense in order to embrace some trendy woke ideology out of touch with the reality of the human person. It is illusion that destroys, and a sentimentality guided by illusion is not love; it is not compassion. It ultimately causes great and irremediable suffering.

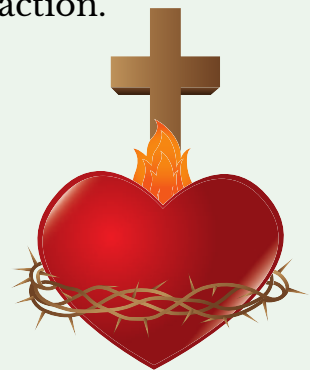


7. Compassion, and its Deadly Imitation: Sentimentality

Devotion to the Sacred Heart calls forth from our hearts a loving personal response to Jesus and to the pathway to holiness that he reveals in the Gospel; it is a pathway that begins with his initial message: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand,” (Matthew 4:17) The love of Christ which we celebrate is always found in the context of the truth of God’s will, and the bracing call to holiness. Jesus does not just look kindly on our sinfulness, and say that everything is fine; that would be sentimentality, a subjective warmth out of touch with truth. No, the Lord who has mercy casts light on our sins, and calls on us to change, to repent. Mercy must always be founded on the recognition of sin, and of the call to repentance.

The loving personal warmth of the Sacred Heart is revealed in John 8:1-11, when the heartless crowd brought to Jesus the woman caught in adultery. Jesus courageously challenged their consciences by telling anyone without sin to cast the first stone; imitation of Christ requires such courage from us as well. And when they all left without condemning her, he showed the loving mercy of the Sacred Heart, warmly affectionate: “Neither do I condemn you.” Christians who privilege the warmth of kindness alone stop at this, feeling that this is what it means to do what Jesus would do. Be kind. They do not notice that Jesus then added: “Go, and from now on sin no more.” Affectionate love is only real when it is set within the context of objective truth.

Similarly, when prayer is seen as being totally a personal emotional experience disconnected from the reality of God’s plan for us all, and from the teachings that reveal that plan in Scripture and tradition, and from the community of the Church, then such sentimental prayer experiences can be unhealthy. We turn inward, and become piously self-indulgent. Even the Sacred Heart devotion has sometimes been distorted, and presented with a repulsive and saccharine sentimentality in language and art. But that is not true to the wholesome doctrinal devotion to the Sacred Heart, based on the objective truth of our faith, subjectively intense with affection, and fruitfully decisive in action.



Weekly Catechesis by Pope Francis

Catechesis on prayer:
Perseverance in Love

*Dear brothers and sisters,
good morning!*

In this penultimate catechesis on prayer we are going to speak about perseverance in praying. It is an invitation, indeed, a command that comes to us from Sacred Scripture. The spiritual journey of the Russian Pilgrim begins when he comes across a phrase of Saint Paul in the First Letter to the Thessalonians: “Pray constantly, always and for everything give thanks” (cf. 5:17-18). The Apostle’s words strike the man and he wonders how it is possible to pray without interruption, given that our lives are fragmented into so many different moments, which do not always make concentration possible. From this question he begins his search, which will lead him to discover what is called the prayer of the heart. It consists in repeating with faith: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!”. “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!”. A simple prayer, but very beautiful. A prayer that, little by little, adapts itself to the rhythm of breath and extends throughout the day. Indeed, breath never stops, not even while we sleep; and prayer is the breath of life.

How, then, is it possible to always preserve a state of prayer? The Catechism offers us beautiful quotations from the history of spirituality, which insist on the need for continuous prayer, that it may be the fulcrum of Christian existence. I will look at some of them.

The monk Evagrius Ponticus states: “We have not been commanded to work, to keep watch and to fast continually” — no, this is not demanded — “but it has been laid down that we are to pray without ceasing” (CCC 2742). The heart in prayer.



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Pope’s Thoughts in Tweets: I invite each one of you to look with confidence to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to repeat often, especially during this month of June: Jesus, meek and humble of heart, transform our hearts and teach us to love God and our neighbor with generosity.

There is therefore an ardour in the Christian life, which must never fail. It is a little like that sacred fire that was kept in the ancient temples, that burned without interruption and that the priests had the task of keeping alive. So too must there be a sacred fire in us, which burns continuously and which nothing can extinguish. And it is not easy, but it must be so.

Saint John Chrysostom, another pastor who was attentive to real life, preached: “Even while walking in public or strolling alone, or seated in your shop, while buying or selling, or even while cooking” (CCC 2743). Little prayers: “Lord, have mercy on us”, “Lord, help me”. So, prayer is a kind of musical staff, where we arrange the melody of our lives. It is not in contrast with daily work; it does not contradict the many small obligations and appointments; if anything, it is the place where every action finds its meaning, its reason and its peace.

Certainly, putting these principles into practice is not easy. A father and a mother, caught up in a thousand tasks, may feel nostalgia for a time in their life in which it was easy to find regular times and spaces for prayer. Then come children, work, family life, ageing parents.... One has the impression that it will never be possible to get through it all. It is good then for us to think that God, our Father, who must take care of the entire universe, always remembers each one of us. Therefore, we too must always remember Him!



Multimedia

Featured: St. Anthony of Padua - June 13th



The gospel call to leave everything and follow Christ was the rule of Saint Anthony of Padua's life. Over and over again, God called him to something new in his plan. Every time Anthony responded with renewed zeal and self-sacrificing to serve his Lord Jesus more completely.

His journey as the servant of God began as a very young man when he decided to join the Augustinians in Lisbon, giving up a future of wealth and power to be a servant of God. Anthony entered the Franciscan Order and set out to preach to the Moors.

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Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.

-St. Anthony of Padua

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But an illness prevented him from achieving that goal. He went to Italy and was stationed in a small hermitage where he spent most of his time praying, reading the Scriptures and doing menial tasks.

Recognized as a great man of prayer and a great Scripture and theology scholar, Anthony became the first friar to teach theology to the other friars. After he led the friars in northern Italy for three years, he made his headquarters in the city of Padua. He resumed his preaching and began writing sermon notes to help other preachers. In the spring of 1231 Anthony withdrew to a friary at Camposampiero where he had a sort of treehouse built as a hermitage. There he prayed and prepared for death. On June 13, he became very ill and asked to be taken back to Padua, where he died after receiving the last sacraments. Anthony was canonized less than a year later and named a Doctor of the Church in 1946.

Keeping You Posted by Jay Franco

Week 2: St. Anthony of Padua (13th June)



This commemorative stamp was released in 1931, on the occasion of the 700th death anniversary of St. Anthony of Padua.

The stamp depicts St. Anthony's entry into the Order of St. Francis. St. Anthony is a patron saint of lost articles.

Anecdote of the Week

The word “impossible” is not in God’s dictionary

You remember David, a pre-teen shepherd boy, taking down the mighty soldier Goliath? You remember Moses, the stuttering herdsman who, in a personal interview with God, was directed to liberate his nation from a two-thousand-year-old nation? As a boy, Thomas Edison was informed by a teacher that he was too stupid to learn anything. His teacher advised his mother to take him out of school. Albert Einstein seemed so slow and dull that his parents feared that he was mentally deficient. Winston Churchill was admitted to school in the lowest level classes and never moved out of the lowest group in all the years he attended Harrow. But the word “impossible” is not in God’s dictionary. Eighty percent of success is perseverance. How do you think Michelangelo got the angel out of the rock? The most successful salespersons are those who try and try again. Walt Disney was fired from his first job because he didn’t have any good ideas. Abraham Lincoln entered the Black Hawk War as a captain and came out a private. George Washington Carver, a little-known Afro-American agricultural scientist, revolutionized the agriculture of the Southern United States with the peanut and the sweet potato. — Today’s Gospel teaches us how God causes His Kingdom to grow in human hearts and communities in a slow but steady way.

Credit Fr. Anthony Kadavil

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH



BY FATHER VICTOR

Due to the limitations caused by the pandemic, many parishioners have not been able to offer their donations to help upkeep our Church.

I've listed a few ways in which you might like to continue supporting Saint Dunstan's Parish.

We appreciate your generosity at this difficult time.

- **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>
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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