

# WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

Saint Dunstan's Parish, Scarborough



## From the Administrator's Desk

Happy Sunday dear friends and parishioners,

And a Happy Father's Day to all. May Jesus, who was tutored and guided by the noble Saint Joseph strengthen all fathers in their noble and God-given tasks.

A big congratulations to all our candidates of First Holy Communion and their parents who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time! May the Lord, the source of all good, nourish you unto strength and grace.

I hope we pitch in our bits for the St. Vincent de Paul bundle-up today and thus take care of our brothers and sisters in need.

We look forward to welcoming Fr. Jefferey Masterson back to the parish next week. May the Lord strengthen him for the task ahead. And, in that wise, I take the opportunity to thank all of you, friends and parishioners, for your support over the past 9 months. Together we have made Saint Dunstan soar in spite of the pandemic challenges. I appreciate all of you and pray the Lord to bless you and your loved ones.

Have a blessed Sunday.

*Fr. Victor Amole*

## OVERVIEW:

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**in person**

June 20th

10:00 AM & NOON

**LIVE**  **STREAM**

June 21st	9:00 AM
June 22nd	9:00 AM
June 23rd	7:00 PM
June 24th	9:00 AM
June 25th	9:00 AM
June 26th	5:00 PM

# GOSPEL INSPIRATION

WHO SHUT WITHIN DOORS THE SEA...AND SAID: THUS FAR SHALL YOU COME  
BUT NO FARTHER! (Job 38: 1, 8-11)

If you've ever been to a beach, you've probably seen children trying to build sand castles near the shoreline. They work hard piling up buckets of sand, sometimes making quite an impressive structure. But no matter what they do, the tide still comes in and their sandy structure is washed away.



That might be how the disciples felt as they tried to ride out the storm in today's Gospel. Seasoned fishermen, they tried to adapt to the strong winds and high seas. But no matter what they did, they couldn't make the storm go away. Then something drastically changed their situation: the One who "shut within doors the sea" Jesus rebuked the wind and calmed the storm (Job 38:1; Mark 4:39).



The disciples learned a lesson that day similar to the one God taught Job. When we rely only on our own strength or understanding, we human beings can do only so much, but Jesus' power is limitless. While Jesus does have dominion over all creation, that doesn't have to make us feel unimportant and it doesn't have to make God seem like an indifferent almighty force. Instead, this reality should give us hope. Why? Because in the storms of our lives, when the "seas" seem out of control and our insufficiency is painfully clear, he is in the boat with us! He is not aloof; he cares for each one of us. He is concerned about every one of our circumstances.

Does that mean every storm we face will be calmed? Not necessarily. Sometimes Jesus calms the storms and sometimes he calms us. Either way, we can rely on the fact that this all-powerful God is right there "in the boat" with us. And that can give us peace and help us through the hard times.

*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.



## TODAY

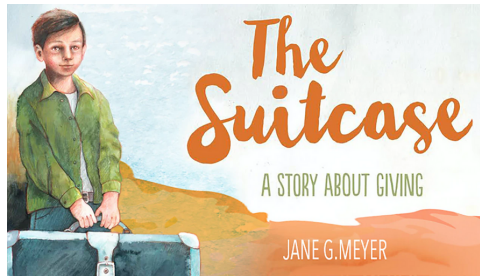
### Society of SVDP Clothing Collection

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 this weekend. 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.*



Zeal and excitement are a part of every child. This picture book on **Formed.org** celebrates a young boy's enthusiasm to put into practice the words of Christ: to feed and clothe the poor, help the needy, and love one's neighbor.

As Thomas shows his family the items he has packed into his suitcase after hearing a stirring homily at church, they marvel at his inventiveness and loving heart. *Click on the image to be directed to this delightful story!*



*Our fathers, grandfathers, uncles, father figures and dear friends are a gift from God. Take a few moments to let them know how much they are appreciated, respected and loved!*

## ShareLife

Our special collection this weekend for Sharelife, our major mission drive of the Archdiocese. Kindly assist the church's mission by contributing generously to these important initiatives of our faith.

in person  
AND

LIVE  STREAM

We are back to streaming our programs fully during the week and at 10am on Sunday. Mass times are as usual, and are posted on the 1st page of the newsletter.

### Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

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

CLICK HERE 

**Saint Vincent de Paul**

*by Paula de Rushe - Quintal*

Saint Dunstan's Catholic Church  
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## Bishop and Indigenous Leader in Dialogue on Residential Schools

Chief J. Wilton “Willie” Littlechild and Edmonton’s Archbishop Richard Smith recently came together in Maskwacis, Alberta to discuss reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples in Canada, and the response to the finding at the Kamloops Residential School site.

Chief Littlechild is a former Grand Chief of the Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations. He was also a commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, a member of the 1977 Indigenous delegation to the United Nations and he worked on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. He is a recipient of the Order of Canada, Alberta Order of Excellence and Queen's Counsel.

Archbishop Smith has been Archbishop of Edmonton since 2007. He serves as President of the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories, and is past president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.



## 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.



## Vatican Sets Term Limits for Leaders of Lay Associations

The dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life has released a canonical decree that limits the terms of leaders of lay associations.

The new rule—which was approved by Pope Francis, and applies to the more than 100 lay associations formally recognized by the Vatican—stipulates that the terms of leaders **should be no more than 5 years, with eligibility for re-election only once**, so that no single leader could serve for more than 10 years consecutively.

The Vatican announcement of the new rule indicated that the term limits should bring a healthy new vigor to lay groups, saying that a “*generational change*” in leadership should produce “*great benefits to the vitality of the association.*”

Source: CWN



## 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](http://couplesforchrist.ca)

## Canadian Statistics

The number of Canadians who ended their lives by euthanasia and assisted suicide increased by nearly 35% in 2020, the country’s health department announced on June 9th.

According to Abby Hoffman, assistant deputy minister of Health Canada, 7,595 people received “medically assisted deaths” last year, a figure which amounts to 2.5% of all deaths in Canada for the year. In 2019, 5,631 people died by physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia in Canada, which accounted for 2% of all deaths in the country. Source: CNA

# Weekly Catechesis by Pope Francis

Catechesis on prayer:  
The Paschal Prayer of Jesus for Us

*Dear brothers and sisters,  
good morning!*

*We have recalled several times in this series of catechesis that prayer is one of the most evident features of the life of Jesus: Jesus prayed, and He prayed a lot. In the course of His mission, Jesus immersed Himself in it, because the dialogue with the father was the incandescent core of all His existence.*

The Gospels testify how Jesus' prayer became even more intense and dense at the hour of his passion and death. These culminating events of His life constitute the central core of Christian preaching: those last hours lived by Jesus in Jerusalem are the heart of the Gospel not only because the Evangelists reserve proportionally greater space to this narrative, but also because the event of His death and resurrection - like a flash of lightning - sheds light on the rest of Jesus' life. He was not a philanthropist who took care of human suffering and illness: He was and is much more. In Him there is not only goodness: there is something more, there is salvation, and not an episodic salvation - the type that might save me from an illness or a moment of despair - but total salvation, messianic salvation, that gives hope in the definitive victory of life over death.

In the days of His last Passover, we therefore find Jesus fully immersed in prayer. He prays dramatically in the garden of Gethsemane, as we heard, assailed by mortal anguish. And yet Jesus, precisely in that moment, addresses God as "Abba", father (cf. Mk 14:36). This word, in Aramaic, which was Jesus' language, expresses intimacy, it expresses trust. Just as He feels the darkness gather around Him, Jesus breaks through it with that little word: Abba, father.



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*Pope's Thoughts in Tweets: Our prayers are fulfilled and completed when we intercede for others and take care of their concerns and needs. #Prayer does not separate us or isolate us from anyone, as it is love for all.*

Jesus also prays on the cross, obscurely shrouded in the silence of God. And yet once again the word "Father" emerges from His lips. It is the most ardent prayer, because on the cross Jesus is the absolute intercessor: He prays for others, He prays for everyone, even for those who have condemned Him, even though no-one apart from a poor delinquent takes His side. Everyone was against Him or indifferent, only that criminal recognised the power. *"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do"* (Lk 23:34). In the midst of the drama, in the excruciating pain of soul and body, Jesus prays with the words of the psalms; with the poor of the world, especially those forgotten by all, He pronounces the tragic words of Psalm 22: *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"* (v. 2). *He felt abandonment, and He prayed. The cross is the fulfilment of the gift of the Father, who offers love, that is, our salvation is fulfilled. And also, once, He calls Him "My God", "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit": that is, everything, everything is prayer, in the three hours of the Cross.*

Jesus therefore prays in the decisive hours of His passion and death. And with the resurrection, the Father will the prayer. The prayer of Jesus is intense, the prayer of Jesus is unique, and is also becomes the model for our prayer. Jesus prayed for everyone: He even prayed for me, for each one of you. Every one of you can say: *"Jesus, on the cross, prayed for me". He prayed. Jesus can say to every one of us: "I prayed for you at the Last Supper, and on the wood of the Cross". Even in the most painful of our sufferings, we are never alone. The prayer of Jesus is with us. "And now, Father, here, we who are listening to this, does Jesus pray for us?" Yes, He continues to pray so that His word may help us keep going forward. But pray, and remember that He prays for us.*

## Featured: Saint Paulinus of Nola (June 22nd)

Anyone who is praised in the letters of six or seven saints undoubtedly must be of extraordinary character. Such a person was Paulinus of Nola, correspondent and friend of Saints Augustine, Jerome, Melania, Martin, Gregory the Great, and Ambrose.

Born near Bordeaux, he was the son of the Roman prefect of Gaul, who had extensive property in both Gaul and Italy. Paulinus became a distinguished lawyer, holding several public offices in the Roman Empire. With his Spanish wife, Therasia, he retired at an early age to a life of cultured leisure.

The two were baptized by the saintly bishop of Bordeaux and moved to Therasia's estate in Spain. After many childless years, they had a son who died a week after birth. This occasioned their beginning a life of great austerity and charity, giving away most of their Spanish property. Possibly as a result of this great example, Paulinus was rather unexpectedly ordained a priest at Christmas by the bishop of Barcelona.

He and his wife then moved to Nola, near Naples. He had a great love for Saint Felix of Nola, and spent much effort in promoting devotion to this saint. Paulinus gave away most of his remaining property—to the consternation of his relatives—and continued his work for the poor.



Image (left): Stained glass window of Saint Paulinus | photo by Tiroler Glasmalerei

Supporting a host of debtors, the homeless and other needy people, he lived a monastic life in another part of his home. By popular demand he was made bishop of Nola and guided that diocese for 21 years. Paulinus' last years were saddened by the invasion of the Huns. Among his few writings is the earliest extant Christian wedding song. His liturgical feast is celebrated on June 22.

Let us listen to what all the faithful say, because in every one of them the Spirit of God breathes.

-Paulinus of Nola

### Keeping You Posted by Jay Franco

#### Week 3: St. John the Baptist (June 24th)

This stamp was released by the Sovereign Military Order of Malta in June 1985. "The Baptism of Christ" was a painting by Italian Renaissance painter, Andrea del Verrochio (1435-1488). It is believed that the angels at the left were added by Verrochio's pupil, Leonardo da Vinci, in 1470. One angel is holding Jesus' garment and the other with hands folded in front of a palm tree, a symbol of salvation and life.



## Anecdote of the Week

### Paco, come home please. All is forgiven.

In Ernest Hemingway's short story "Capital of the World," a Spanish newspaper, El Liberal, carried a poignant story about a father and his son. It went like this. A teen-aged boy, Paco, and his very wealthy father had a falling out, and the young man ran away from home. The father was crushed. After a few days, he realized that the boy was serious, so the father set out to find him. He searched high and low for five months to no avail. Finally, in a last, desperate attempt to find his son, the father put an ad in a Madrid newspaper. The ad read, "Dear Paco, Meet me at the Hotel Montana noon Tuesday. All is forgiven. I love you. Signed, Your Father. On Tuesday, in the office of Hotel Montana, over 800 Pacos showed up, looking for love and forgiveness from their fathers. What a magnet that ad was! Over 800 Pacos!! We all hunger for pardon. We are all "Pacos" yearning to run and find a father who will declare, "All is forgiven." Father's Day reminds us that we need more loving, forgiving fathers. 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>
- **CREDIT / DEBIT:** Donate online using your credit card or your chequing account. Visit: <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