

See the bulletin board for announcements through the summer.

To request a mass for a specific intention drop by the parish office.

 **SUMMER VACATION** 

Throughout the summer vacation period we pray that students and all those travelling have a safe and happy summer.

Remember that the needs of the church continue through-out the year and your generosity is appreciated year-round.

**ABOUT SAINT EDITH STEIN
ST. TERESA BENEDICT OF THE CROSS**



The youngest of eleven children, Edith Stein was born into a Jewish Orthodox family. In her youth she turned her back on the Jewish faith and turned instead to atheism. On leaving school she initially studied German and history.

In 1913 she moved to Göttingen in Germany to study philosophy, psychology, history and German. A meeting with the Christian widow left a deep impression on Edith Stein. Having read the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Avila she found herself at a turning point. She turned to the Catholic faith and was baptized in 1922. In 1934 Edith Stein entered the order of the Discalced Carmelites in Cologne, taking the name Sister Teresa Benedict of the Cross (i.e., "she who is blessed by the Cross"). During the Third Reich Edith Stein, as a Jew by birth, was prohibited from teaching. With the increasing persecution of Jews in December 1938 she was forced to flee Germany and she found refuge in the Carmelite convent in Echt in the Netherlands, where she was joined by her sister Rosa who had also converted to Catholicism. After the Netherlands were occupied by Hitler's forces Edith and Rosa were arrested on August 2, 1942 together with many other converted Jews and deported to Auschwitz concentration camp. On leaving Echt, Edith said to her sister: "Come, let us go for our people." She was killed 70 years ago in Auschwitz on **August 9, 1942.**

On the feast day of Edith Stein, Aug. 9, the Church prays:

**Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
You led the holy martyr Edith Stein, Sister
Teresa Benedict of the Cross to see Your
son on the Cross and guided her as one of
His followers until her death.
At her intercession let all people recognize
the Redeemer in the man on the Cross and
in turn see Your full glory.**

**This we ask through Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

**For readings & Saints days through
the summer you can view the
Liturgical Calendar online at:
www.StEdithStein.ca
...Our Faith
...Daily Readings**

**Listen for announcements during mass
for details on:
St. Edith Stein Feast Day
Parish 50th Anniversary Celebrations**

SUMMER BULLETIN

Our weekly bulletin is a taking a summer break .

We would like to wish all our parishioners a very enjoyable, prayerful and safe summer.



JULY

For the elderly: We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

AUGUST

For small businesses: We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

THINKING OF VOCATIONS ON VACATION?

If you think God is calling you to become a priest, religious or deacon:

Contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux,**
Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997
email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

ANNUAL OUTDOOR MASS IN CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Catholic Cemeteries wishes to invite all our parishioners to participate in the **Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wed. August 17th at 7pm.**

The nearest location is **Mount Hope Cemetery**, 305 Erskine Ave. In the event of rain the Mount Hope service moves to St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Ave., Toronto.

Celebrant: Rev. Msgr. Paul Zimmer



This icon card found on the Internet is more than just a picture. It is filled with symbols which tell a story. The **animals** remind us of her Jewish heritage—Edith was born on the day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) which

requires a sacrifice of a bullock, a ram and two goats (Lev.16). The intersecting **railroad tracks** symbolize the cross and the railroad car which brought her to Auschwitz. The **child** dressed in prison garb represents the suffering Christ as well as the children to whom Edith ministered in the prison camp. The **numbers** recall the total inhumanity of the Nazi extermination plan where the millions of victims became only a number. The **scroll** with the words from Isaiah 42:1 "This is my servant" a text which refers to the Messiah to come as the suffering one. The **book** and the Latin word Veritas (truth) reminds us of Edith Stein's search for truth as a philosopher and follower of Christ. The "**offering plate**" she is standing on could represent the offering of her suffering up for the Jewish people.