

# Saint Edith Stein Roman Catholic Church

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## COVID-19 UPDATE:

The parish is open with limited masses and restricted to about 80 people.

## 2022 Ordinandi Dinner

Join us for a virtual Ordinandi Dinner.

**Tuesday, March 01, 2022 07:00 PM - Tuesday, March 01, 2022 09:00 PM**

<http://youtube.com/archtoronto>

Sponsored by the Serra Foundation of Canada and the six Serra Clubs in the Archdiocese of Toronto, the annual Ordinandi Dinner celebrates the men being ordained to the priesthood from St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary.

Please join in as we gather virtually this year to celebrate nine men, who with God's grace, will be ordained to the priesthood in 2022.

**Come share this special opportunity to meet these fine men and to hear about the unique faith journeys that led them to this most noble commitment.**

There is no cost to view this event.

## COUNTDOWN TO LENT... Lent starts Wed. March 2

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

- all by appointment only

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION**

Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

Communion to those homebound is suspended at this time.

## ON STEWARDSHIP

The words of the psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings. "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season — assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

## YOU HAVE A VOCATION!

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. If God is calling you, contact 416-968-0997 email [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

For information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).

Schools in the area:

St. Anselm	416-393-5243
Holy Cross	416-393-5242
Canadian Martyrs	416-393-5251
St. John XXIII	416-429-4000



**"LOVE YOUR ENEMIES,  
DO GOOD AND LEND, EXPECTING  
NOTHING IN RETURN."**

## GOSPEL OF LIFE

Some scientists claim that they have discovered the "book of life", which will help them to control the diseases in a novel way. Today's readings give us the "gospel of life" which, if we follow sincerely, will help us to become like God. What is that makes us like God? Is it love? If so, what kind of love? Love that seeks even our enemy's highest good!

In the 1<sup>st</sup> reading (1Sam. 26) we find David and his warrior-nephew Abishai going into Saul's army by night and reaching the sleeping Saul within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head. In spite of Abishai's persuasion to kill Saul, David showed mercy and compassion for Saul, the Lord's anointed one, by sparing his life. The importance of bearing the image of the life-giving spirit is emphasized in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading (1Cor. 15:45-50). Today's gospel (Lk. 6:27-38) places before us four virtuous actions to grow in this life-giving spirit: 1) LOVE, 2) DO GOOD 3) BLESS 4) PRAY. The difficulty arises when we come to the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of each action. We are asked to **love our enemies**; we are asked to **do good to those who hate us**; we are asked to **bless those who curse us**; we are asked to **pray for those who**

**abuse us.**

We cannot love our enemies as we love our nearest and dearest. To do so would be unnatural, impossible and even wrong. But we can see to it that, no matter what a man does to us, even if he insults, ill-treats and injures us, we will seek nothing but his highest good. Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them". Forgive whom? Pilate? The high priest? The crowds? Judas? The soldiers? The disciples? Paul reminds us that it was "while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of Jesus" (Rom. 5:10). From Paul and Jesus, we learn that the enemy is not "them" or "her" or "him" but **us** - you, me and every other sinner.

## Prayer In Time Of COVID

Gracious God,  
you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of COVID-19, increase in us, respect and reverence for all human life.

Grant restored health to the sick, comfort and hope to the dying, strength to family members, friends, relatives, clergy and volunteers, renewed energy to hospital workers, PSWs, nurses and doctors, and perseverance to all in the health care professions.

Grant wisdom to scientists for the development of effective and moral vaccines, discernment and right judgment for legislators, aid to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable, courage and justice for front-line workers, and keep always in our minds the vision of the true common good of all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Bishop Robert Kasun CSB  
Auxiliary Bishop Central Region  
Archdiocese of Toronto*

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**Readings:**

1st Reading: Sirach 27.4-7

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.54-58

Gospel: Luke 6.39-45

## Resources during the pandemic

Visit [www.archtoronto.org/](http://www.archtoronto.org/) for links daily masses including:

1. **Daily Mass from Loretto Abbey** (also broadcast on TV)
2. **Daily Mass and Rosary with Cardinal Collins** live from St. Michael's  
<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/liveCathedral Basilica>  
7:30am Mon.-Sat.  
10:00am Sunday
3. **ASL Mass Livestream** from the International Catholic Deaf Association, Canadian Section
4. Covid-19 resources: [www.archtoronto.org/covid19](http://www.archtoronto.org/covid19)

### Spiritual Communion

During the pandemic we are unable to physically take part in communion. Spiritual Communion is a way to be united with Christ when we cannot physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. When viewing mass online say this prayer at the time of communion.

#### **St. Alphonsus Liguori's Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### **Pope's prayer to Virgin Mary for protection**

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.*

*At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.*

*We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us.*

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.*

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

