

# Saint Edith Stein Roman Catholic Church

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## COVID-19 UPDATE:

**The parish is open with full capacity now. Masses schedule is on the website**

## ON STEWARDSHIP

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

## THE LORD CALLS US TO PROCLAIM HIS NAME

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact:

**email [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca)**

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## 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.

## TAX RECEIPTS

**Tax Receipts for 2021 envelope users are ready for pickup in the parish office.** If you didn't use envelopes last year there's still time to pick up a box for this year.

Thank you for your generous support!

## Your helping hand is the answer

After two years of crisis, our communities need hope and healing. That hope can be found in you – the "hands and feet of Christ" making possible the life-changing work of ShareLife agencies.

Vulnerable people are turning to these agencies for support more than ever. And the problems are many, ranging from mental illness, to poverty, addiction and isolation.

The solution is in reach: your hands and ours, working together to live the Gospel.

**March 27 is ShareLife Sunday.**

**Please give generously.**

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



## PASSAGES AND PASSOVERS

On each of Lent's Third Sundays, the selected scripture readings remind us that **ours is a spirituality of un-rootedness**. As we see in today's first reading from Exodus(3:1-8, 13-15), ours has always been a people on the move, not just from one geographical place to another, but also from one state of growth to another.

In her book "Passages", author Gail Sheehy calls these developmental stages "passages", which all human beings experience as they move toward maturity. Among life's major passages, Sheehy identifies (1) "pulling up roots"- leaving home and defining oneself apart from one's parents; (2) "the trying twenties"- one's first tentative stand as an adult when all things seem possible; (3) "the catch thirties" - in which life commitments are made, broken or renewed, (4) "the midlife crisis of the forties"- a dangerous part of the journey when maturing adults confront the loss of youth, the fading purposes of old roles, career changes, disruptions in sexual equilibrium and spiritual dilemmas; it can also be a time of great opportunity for self-discovery and renewal. In addition to these passages, there are so many others, as when we find friendship and pass from loneliness to companionship, or when we pass over from sickness to well-being, or when sorrow for sin moves us to repentance and allows us to pass

over from guilt to forgiveness. **Through all these passages and passovers, we learn to know ourselves and, even more importantly, we come to know God.**

It could be said that passover is the name of our spirituality, a spirituality that began to grow when God said to Abraham, "Go!" and because he had faith in God, he did. Moses had first become aware of the presence of God in the phenomenon of the bush, burning but not consumed. By the strength of God's presence, Moses led his people out of Egypt. Their passover from slavery to freedom became the pivotal event of Israel's history. But even that passover was marred by human frailty.

Paul, in today's 2nd reading (1Cor. 10:1-6,10-12) warns his readers to learn from the experience of the Israelites so as not to repeat their mistakes. **When the journey of life becomes burdensome, we have to remember Moses' God, a God who hears our cries, knows our struggles and is ever present to strengthen us along our way.**

## 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*

## 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](https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/liveCathedralBasilica)  
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.*

