

# Saint Edith Stein Roman Catholic Church

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## COVID-19 UPDATE:

The parish is open at full capacity now.  
Mass schedule is on the website



## Psalm 30



*"I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me."*

## FEED MY SHEEP...

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."

## This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

"ShareLife is the way the rubber hits the road. This is how we validate the legitimacy and integrity of our Christian life: not by the words we speak, but by the love we share, in practical ways. That's what we do with ShareLife." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

Please make your ShareLife Sunday gift through the special collection next weekend or anytime at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).

### 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.

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



**Feeding and Tending**

Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep. With this triple imperative, the risen Jesus opened the way for Peter to come out of his despair and experience redemption. He who had vehemently denied his discipleship (Jn. 18:17, 25-27), as well as any association with Jesus, was given the opportunity to renew his love for Jesus. Jesus' words to Peter not only helped to assuage his guilt, but they also set the agenda for the rest of his life - and ours. **"Feed my lambs" would become the agenda of the post resurrection church.**

Feeding Jesus' sheep would challenge Peter to abandon his ancestors' centuries-old practice of remaining separate from non-Jews and to accept all people as belonging to the one flock of Christ. That would challenge Peter, as is illustrated in today's Gospel (Jn. 21:1-19), to **welcome all into one boat (bark of Peter) and the one net of salvation.** Feeding and pasturing Jesus' sheep also meant that Peter and others would work so that John's vision of the Lord, as shared in today's second reading (Rev. 5:11-14) would eventually be realized and that **the voices of every creature would unite to render praise and honour and glory to Jesus and to God forever.**

Feeding Jesus' sheep would soon find Peter exercising a healing ministry in the same manner of Jesus. For healing, teaching, and preaching in Jesus' name, i.e., for feeding the hungers of Jesus' sheep, Peter and the other disciples would incur the wrath and the hostility of the authorities, first of Jerusalem and then of Rome. **Their bravery and boldness in the face of such personal danger is evidenced in today's first reading (Acts 5:27-32).**

While contemporary believers can readily appreciate the challenge of Peter's agenda, what are the ramifications of that agenda for us today? For the answer to that question, Henri Nouwen says, first we have to ask ourselves Jesus' question: "Do you love me?" Perhaps another way of asking that question would be, "How do you love my least ones?" **Jesus equated loving him with feeding and tending his sheep.** Therefore let us, as church, be renewed in our resolve to make our love for Jesus real by feeding and tending others.

**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>  
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.*

