

# Saint Edith Stein Roman Catholic Church

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## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

**St. Edith Stein Parish is celebrating 50 years  
serving the Thorncliffe community.**

Did you know over 700 baptisms have been performed  
by 36 different priests over the years?

## OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS THE KINGDOM

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to him on our journey as a married, single, ordained or consecrated person. How can you best serve God? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact:

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## ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel, the disciples suggest that Jesus disperse the crowd so that they might individually seek food and lodging. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand is Jesus' powerful reminder that when we share our gifts in His name there is always more than enough!

## Sunday Mass Obligation

Given that most of the health and safety restrictions in our parishes are no longer in place and the faithful are able to attend the celebration of the Eucharist once again, the basis for the dispensation from the Sunday obligation has dissipated and is no longer in effect.

The Church does not obligate people to do the impossible. If individuals, based on their conscience, cannot attend Mass for a grave reason, including a great vulnerability to COVID-19 or because they are self-isolating to limit the spread of illness, then they are excused from their Sunday obligation, as the law of the Church allows.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

- all by appointment only

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION

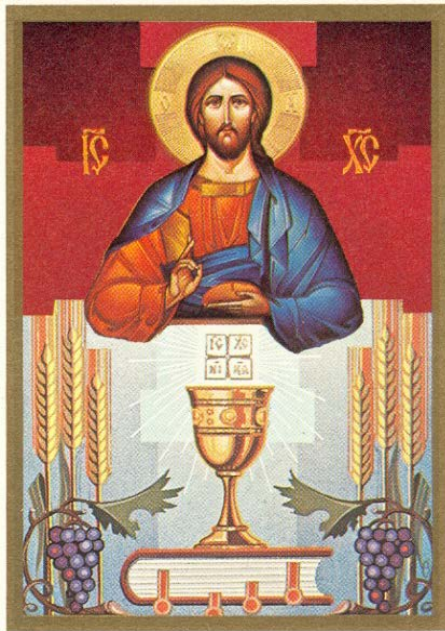
Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

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:

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



## Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

### Food For Sinners

**“Do this in remembrance of me”.** With these words (2nd reading, 1Cor. 11:23-26) and the gift of himself – body and blood in the form of bread and wine – Jesus left another means (besides the Paraclete) by which he would remain always present to his own. He gave himself as real food and real drink, and just as food is a biological necessity for life, so the body and blood of Jesus have become forever necessary for our participation in the life of God and life of the believing community.

**In his teachings, Jesus often imaged the kingdom or reign of God in terms of meals.** Recall the parables of the wedding feast (Mt 22:1-14; Lk.14:15-24), the ten virgins (Mt. 25:1-13), the faithful servants (Lk. 12:35-48), the locked door (Lk. 13:22-30), the lost son (Lk. 15:11-32) the rich man and Lazarus (Lk. 16:19-31) and the servant (Lk. 17:7-10). All these

anticipated the special meals and the gift of himself as Eucharist that we remember and celebrate today. After breaking bread that night with his friends and after being broken in death risen Jesus appeared to his followers amid an ambience of meal sharing. Recall the longer ending of Mark (16:14-18), wherein Jesus is featured as appearing to the eleven while they are eating. Recall, as well, the Emmaus sharing (Lk. 24:13-35), the meal of baked fish in Jerusalem (Lk. 24:36-49) and the grilled breakfast by the sea of Tiberias (Jn. 21:1-13).

Six times within the course of the four Gospels, the evangelists tell us of the open-air meal Jesus provided for the multitudes. Today’s Gospel offers the praying assembly the Lucan version of this meal and renews the challenge of Jesus to his first disciples, **“Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?”** As this question is asked again in our hearing, it reminds all who are fed by Jesus’ most-holy body and blood that the satisfaction of our spiritual and physical hungers by Jesus prepares us and *makes* us responsible for seeking out, serving and satisfying the hungers of others... as he did. In order to do this we must be willing to return again and again to this holy place where food for sinners is freely given. This holy food, this Eucharist, is not a food we merit. We do not have to become worthy before we share it. Rather, this is a food that makes us worthy, a food that tells us with every taste that God is good, that Jesus loves us beyond all telling and even more importantly, that Jesus remains forever present in our eating and sharing.