

# 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

“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” This life is the ministry of a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you feel God is calling you to one such vocation, contact:

**Fr. Matt McCarthy, Vocation Director,  
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## ON STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship: The giving of our time, talent and treasure, in thanksgiving for all the blessings we have received.

“The key to stewardship and sacrificial giving is to build community; when you offer people a sense of prayer, hospitality, belonging and community, then they’ll be ready to answer the call to responsibility and service.”

Msgr. Thomas

McGread

## 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of the Eucharist once again, the basis for the dispensation from the Sunday obligation has dissipated and is no longer in effect.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.

We will continue to monitor the situation moving into the fall and winter months.

## 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>



“No servant can be the slave of two masters...

You cannot be the slave both of God and of money”

Lk.16:13

### Responsible Stewardship

The documentary “An Inconvenient Truth” by Al Gore informs the public about the consequences of abusing the earth and its resources. **A combination of human ignorance, greed and indifference has resulted in an excess of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, creating what scientists call global warming.** As a result of this preventable phenomenon, glaciers are melting, plants and animals lose their natural habitats, severe storms and droughts are much more frequent. The number of category 4 and category 5 hurricanes has doubled in the last 30 years. Global warming has also caused malaria to spread well beyond the tropics to higher altitudes. Unless this warming is checked, scientists predict that more than a million species could be driven to extinction by 2050.

Today’s liturgy, especially in the first reading (Amos 8:4-7) and Gospel (Lk 6:1-13) , makes it clear that a sense of stewardship is expected of believers. Amos was convinced that such

stewardship was inseparable from justice – not mere legal or ethical or retributive justice, **but biblical justice, that is fidelity to the demands of a relationship.** For believers this relationship binds each to God, and in God to all others. Relating to this biblical justice, author Walter Burghardt affirms that justice and stewardship it dictates concerns relationships to God, to people and to the earth. (“Justice: A Global Adventure”, N.Y. 2004) Love God, says Burghardt, love every human person, enemy as well as friend, as a child of God, fashioned in God’s image. Touch things – God’s material creation – with respect and reverence, as gifts to be shared generously.

Amos was convinced that such justice was to govern all interpersonal dealings, especially between the rich and the poor. **As just stewards of this earth’s goods those who have must address needs of those who have not;** justice demands a stewardship that cares and shares. When Amos was ignored, he was harsh in his criticisms and chastisements.

When the steward featured in today’s Gospel found himself among the “have-nots” of his society, he took means to assure his survival. Though dishonesty cost him his job, he is praised by Jesus for taking the initiative to save himself and secure his future. **Similarly imaginative and even risky measures are required of Jesus’ disciples today.** We are stewards of the earth and upholders of justice, and so we are thereby responsible for one another and all others in Christ.