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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?

CALLED TO RUN THE RACE?

But if only someone would go to them. Pray for those who are called to 'run the race' as priests, sisters, deacons or brothers.

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact:

Fr. Matt McCarthy, Vocation Director,
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416-968-0997

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www.vocationstoronto.ca

ON STEWARDSHIP

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

JOIN LIFECHAIN 2022

LifeChain takes place next Sunday

October 2, 2022 from 2-3 pm.

LifeChain is a simple and prayerful way to give public witness to the truth that abortion is a violent destruction of human life. It only takes an hour and all you have to do is stand quietly on the sidewalk with others from all denominations holding a sign. Signs will be provided, you may not bring your own sign.

As you stand, you can quietly pray the rosary for the conversion of our leaders. The nearest intersection is Overlea/Thorncliffe Park by Petro-Canada. Please take time to review the Life Chain Code of Conduct at

www.campaignlifecoalition.com. See the many other locations in Toronto, inform your friends.

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.

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



“... even the dogs would come and lick his sores.”

The Great Reversal

If the parable of the rich man and Lazarus in today’s Gospel (Lk. 16:19-31) is a fine example of the theme of “great reversal” found in Luke, the first reading from the prophet Amos (6:1, 4-7) is an excellent complement to that. Citing their complacency (v.1) Amos warned his listeners that the luxuries they enjoyed were in jeopardy, not because their wealth was intrinsically evil but because they refused to see the needs of the poor and use their considerable resources to alleviate their plight. In short, Amos affirms that the Lazaruses among us have been ignored from time immemorial.

The rich man in today’s parable followed a map that did not include Lazarus and therefore he could pass by the poor man at his gate. The disciples of Jesus are not permitted to follow such a map. To do so would be to reject the new mores of the kingdom that would perceive Lazarus as a needy brother, deserving of help.

If we open our eyes wide enough, we will see Lazarus at our gate. In her book “God’s Lost Children: Letters from Covenant House”, Mary Rose McGeady describes homeless children who sleep nightly on America’s streets as

scared, cold, hungry, alone and most of all, desperate to find someone who cares. Wendy, for example has been in twelve foster homes and is now pregnant, 18 and alone. Michelle was physically abused by her mother and sexually molested by her father. Christy, a runaway, telephones her mother, only to hear, “Things are so much better now that you’re not here”. Kareem, about to jump off the highest bridge he could find, is stopped by a New York taxi driver, “You’ll only be holding up traffic”, he yells.

Victims of New York’s sex industry, illegal immigrants employed for just \$2.00 per hour due to the lack of a green card. Forty million Americans with no access to health care, those unemployed for weeks due to downsizing and those left in the nursing homes without any visitors are other faces of Lazarus.

Each Lazarus we meet constitutes a challenge to our humanity to the quality of our Christianity, to the authenticity of our discipleship. Have we eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to understand and hands to help? Do we feel like supporting the victims of the hurricanes? The Lazarus is at the gate. Shall we tend to this person now or, like the rich man in the Gospel, shall we wait until it is too late?

ALTAR SERVERS

If you think your child would like to be an altar server drop by the parish office before mass.

No experience necessary.

