

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?

HERE I AM LORD

"Increase our faith." Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest or religious?

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

New Parishioners

We welcome all our new parishioners to St. Edith Stein Parish and hope that they will feel very welcome here. We encourage our new parishioners to register in the parish and we ask them to share their gifts of service.

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day
We bow our hearts to You and pray.
We give You thanks for all You've done
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see
For joy and health, friends and family,
For daily provision, Your mercy and care
These are the blessings You graciously share.

So today we offer this response of praise
With a promise to follow You all of our days.

--Mary Fairchild

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.

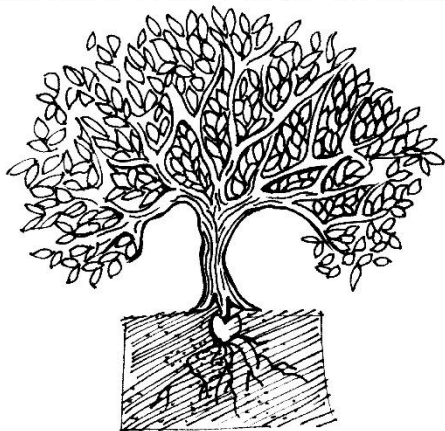
Communion to those homebound is suspended at this time.

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

Increase Our Faith Increase



Our Faith Increase Our Faith

Faith As Consecration

"Increase Our Faith". This is the request made by the disciples of Jesus as featured in today's Gospel. This is the request that must be made daily by all who would be Jesus' disciples. But, what is faith? According to the American Heritage Dictionary, faith is (1) a confident belief in the truth, value or trustworthiness of a person, idea or thing; (2) belief that does not rest on logical proof or material evidence; (3) belief and trust in God; (4) a body of beliefs. While these definitions do approach what we call faith, none clarifies the reality of faith as God's gift. For this clarity, believers are invited to turn, not to dictionaries, but to other believers.

For our Jewish ancestors, faith meant listening to God and obediently attending to the ways and will of God. As the father of those who believe, Abraham continues to be held forth as a model of faith to emulate. For the early Christians and authors, true Christian faith is a surrender to God in all things, at all times, all places. "Faith is", as Thomas Aquinas once said, "allowing God to work within us". In the book "And It was Good: Reflections on Beginning", author Madelaine L'Engle insists that faith consists in the acceptance of doubts, in working through them, rather than in repressing them.

Soren Kierkegaard called faith a restless thing. It is health, but stronger and violent than the most burning fever. Faith expressly signifies the deep, strong, blessed restlessness that drives the believer so that he/she cannot settle down as rest in this world. Those who settle down have ceased to be believers because a believer cannot sit still – a believer travel forward in faith. Habakkuk knew of the restless, burning fever of faith, as we see clearly in the 1st reading (Hab. 1:2-3, 2:2-4). Aware that faith requires constant tending in order to grow and develop, the author of 2 Timothy (1:6-8, 13-14 2nd reading) calls upon Jesus' disciples to stir the flame of faith as one would stir the embers of a fire in order to keep it burning and productive.

Lived faith or service is a natural expression of professed faith. Jesus' parable in today's Gospel (Lk. 17:5-10) challenges all who would be his disciples to live so as to keep that expression authentic and obvious. Spiritual writer Evelyn Underhill (The Fruits of the Spirit, 1949) emphasized this necessary connection by defining faith as "consecration in overalls". It means making faith real in thought, word and deed. This is the challenge Jesus holds out today and every day of our lives.

ALTAR SERVERS

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

No experience necessary.

