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HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MY LOCAL CANDIDATES?

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?

ON STEWARDSHIP

Jesus healed ten lepers in today's Gospel. Only one (ten percent) came back to say thank you. I, too, have received many blessings from the Lord — indeed, all I am and all I have is gift! How and how often have I remembered to thank Him?

We encourage you to get to know your local candidates who have put their name forward for the upcoming municipal election. Most cities/towns/regional municipalities have websites prepared for the 2022 Municipal Elections, which include candidate lists and links to websites and other contact information for the candidates. Take the time to learn more about those who are seeking your vote in this important election.

See the City of Toronto candidate list here:

<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/elections/candidate-list/>

FYI: We are in Ward 11 for the Toronto Catholic District School Board. If you are given a ballot for that is not for the Catholic Board Trustee you should request a change to be a Catholic School supporter. This ensures the education portion of your taxes supports the Catholic Board.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

- all by appointment only

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION

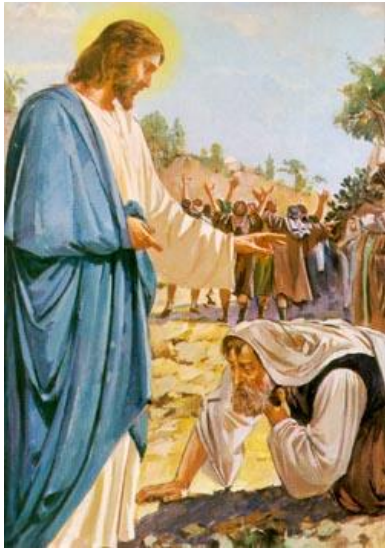
Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

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



“Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Gratitude

This week the praying assembly ponders gratitude as a necessary spiritual posture for disciples. Two models of gratitude are held out for our edification and encouragement. One is a leprous Syrian General called Naaman whose cure has been narrated in the 1st reading (2Kings 5:14-17). Our other model is an unnamed Samaritan leper (Gospel, Lk. 17:11-19) whom Jesus made whole and holy.

Although both of these men were, no doubt, overwhelmed with gratitude at the dramatic change that was effected in their lives by God through Elisha and through Jesus, the words “thank you” and “gratitude” do not appear in their stories. Indeed, in Hebrew there is no specific word for thankfulness. This grateful posture is described in the Jewish scriptures by the verbs “to praise”, “to glorify”, to “bless”. Ancient Israel’s gratitude issued forth in prayers that praised, glorified and blessed their God. Notice that when Naaman and the Samaritan were healed, their response took the form of a proclamation of faith and a declaration of praise for God and for Jesus. Through the centuries, this character of grateful prayer has been preserved and practiced.

Since the liturgical renewal sponsored by the

Second Vatican Council, similar prayers have been introduced into the great Christian prayer of praise and thanksgiving, the celebration of the Eucharist (at the offering of the gifts). In the Christian scriptures, thanksgiving is a characteristic feature of the institution of the Eucharist (Mt. 26:27, Mk. 14:23, Lk. 22:17,19, 1Cor. 11:24) as well as in the multiplication of loaves, which prefigured the gift of the Eucharist (Mt. 15:36, Mk. 8:6, Jn. 6:11, 23). How fitting that the summit toward which all the activity of the church is directed and the fount from which all its power flows is fully imbued with thanksgiving.

Walter Burghardt insists that the Eucharist is a genuine thanksgiving only if we ourselves become Eucharists for the life of the world – only if we are willing to be taken by Jesus, blessed by him, broken with him and fully given as he was. A thankful Eucharistic heart lives each day in an alert awareness that all we are, all we become and all we are empowered to do must be acknowledged as gift.

ALTAR SERVERS

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

No experience necessary.

