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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?

ON STEWARDSHIP

Today's theme is perseverance — Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we, too, must persevere in the roles to which we are called.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

God will answer the prayers of those who cry out. Ask for men and women to respond to the call to service as priests and religious. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MY LOCAL CANDIDATES?

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 that is not for the Catholic Board Trustee you can 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



Pray always

POWER OF PERSEVERENCE

Today's first reading (Ex. 17:8-13) presents us with a striking image of prayer. As Israel engages in battle with the forces of Amalek, Moses stands on top of a hill and prays with his hands raised up. As long as the hands are raised, Israel wins; when they drop, Israel loses. It's not entirely clear what this meant. Moses mentions that he will be holding the staff over the battle. In any case, he gets tired after a while, so Aaron and Hur give him a rock to sit upon and assist him by supporting his arms until the battle is won. Israel's victory over Amalek was credited to his continuing and prayerful reliance on God.

In the second reading (2 Timothy 3:14-4:2) we come across Paul's wise and sound pastoral counsel to Timothy and the community at Ephesus. As Jesus' disciples of the 21st century, we too are exhorted to stay with the task of praying and perusing the inspired Word of God so as to be able to preach it with our lips and our lives at all times, in all seasons, to all people, in all places. In seasons of gladness and light, we should reflect over certain texts of scripture that aptly sing our joys: "Give

thanks to God for God is good, God's kindness endures forever" (Psalm 107:1) When all is going well, it is relatively easy to trust and rely on God, as in "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" or in "Come to me ... and I will give you rest" (Psalm 23; Mt. 11:28). However, when seasons of suffering and trial darken our days and trouble our nights, it is more difficult to muster the confidence and trust that will declare, "I love you Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer" (Psalm 18:2-3). Believers in Jesus are never exempt from the task of bringing all the seasons of scripture to bear in every circumstance of daily living, regardless of how inconvenient that task might be. Stay with the task," challenges Paul in 2 Timothy.

Today's Gospel (Lk. 18:1-8) holds out the widow as an example of persevering prayer. Her persistence proved so powerful as to cause the judge "who respected neither God nor man" to yield to her lest she do him "violence". Through prayer - persistent and unflagging prayer - the widow was able to tap into a resource against which the unjust judge could not prevail. It is this resource and quality of prayer that Jesus would have his disciples cultivate for his sake, for the Gospel, for the world.

ALTAR SERVERS

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

No experience necessary.

