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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?

STEWARDS DEMONSTRATE BY THEIR LIVING AND GIVING

Today's psalm says, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

This year our Book of Remembrance will be placed on the Sanctuary for you to enter the names of your families and friends you wish to remember during this month. Praying for the souls in purgatory is a solemn obligation for all Catholics.



HELP GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE FEED THE HUNGRY

Please help feed the hungry and homeless this month. Help by bringing non-perishable food to the parish or drop them off at the Good Shepherd.

Items in need include:

Tea bags, Peanut Butter, Jam

Thank you for your support.

WANTED

Humble sinners who know the forgiveness of God. These make good servants of the Gospel. They can be priests, deacons, sisters or brothers. 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

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



“The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds,
and it will not rest until it reaches its goal.”
Sirach 35:20

IS GOD LISTENING?

Today's readings raise some interesting questions about prayer. How does God actually “hear” our prayers? Does our prayer change God's mind?

The gospel passage (Lk.18:9-14) shifts the questions from the openness of “God's ears” to the openness of our ears and minds and hearts. Luke's familiar story portrays in the Pharisee a man who is completely filled with himself. We know from our experience that when we are full of ourselves, there is little room for anyone else. If God's word is to take root and grow in us, if the needs of others are to find their way into our hearts and consciousness, there must be room for that to happen.

Prayer, most surely, is not about trying to change God's mind or heart about anything. It is all about changing us. Prayers can indeed be answered by a God who can “get through” to prayerful people. It is the humble tax collector who has opened a place for God's entry into his life.

And this is how God hears our prayers, as well. Do we want peace? Then we must pray to

become peace-makers. Do we want forgiveness? We must pray for the ability to forgive one another-and ourselves. And so our prayers are as effective as our willingness to be poured out and filled up with something new. It has been said that prayer is a very dangerous endeavour, because it opens us to the risk of change. Not God's change, but our own. We are invited to do more listening than speaking. In our listening, God might tell us stories about the needs of one another that only we can fill up. **In our listening, we become God's ears “for others”!**

Finally, if we expect to hear anything, we must be prepared to act. For “the Lord”, says Sirach, “will not delay. The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord!

ALTAR SERVERS

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

No experience necessary.



Readings:

- 1st reading: Sirach 35.15-17, 20-22
- 2nd reading: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18
- Gospel: Luke 18.9-14