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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?

Lord Jesus, come into the home of our hearts and lives to redeem the past, transform the present and redirect the future.

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.

ON VOCATIONS

Can I risk sharing the goodness God has given me? Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters? Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? 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



"I mean to stay at your house today."

The GUEST WHO TRANSFORMS

Today's Gospel (Lk. 19:1-10) with its story of Zacchaeus, offers the praying assembly an opportunity to be with a guest who transforms. Jesus is the guest who comes to dinner and Zacchaeus is the one in whom tremendous changes will take place. As Paul Scherer has pointed out in his article "the Gospel according to Luke", the whole impact of the Gospel was in that meeting. **It redeemed the past, transformed the present and redirected the future.** Jesus' acceptance of Zacchaeus, despite his sinfulness, prompted him to change his mind, his ways, his life. He resolved to make amends, he would make restitution for wrong doing – he would give generously to the poor. So great was the conversion of Zacchaeus that Jesus declared him a son of Abraham. He had been lost, but in welcoming Jesus into his home and into his life, he was found. "Today", Jesus declared, "Salvation has come to this house!". Each day of our lives, the experience afforded to Zacchaeus is also afforded to us. **Each day, in so many ways, through so many people and circumstances, Jesus says to us, "I mean to stay at your house today".**

Each day, Jesus affirms God's love for us and for all that God has created. Love, not

loathing, is God's manner of dealing with us, the Wisdom author (1st reading, Wisdom 11:22-12:2) reminds us. Mercy and forgiveness are the ways of God, who overlooks sin and allows time for repentance and returning to the truth. Each day, in countless ways, Jesus reminds us that he is the guest who wishes to "come to dinner". **In his coming, he will create the graced atmosphere in which we can, like Zacchaeus, change our lives for the better.** Jesus is a self-invited guest who will also become the host - when we welcome him into the home of our hearts and lives, he will feed and nourish our needs and desires.

The food he gives us is the Bread of his Word. It teaches, comforts, challenges and when needed, chastises us. **He also gives us as food the Bread of his very self,** blessed by God, broken in suffering on the cross and given freely and fully in the redemption of sinners.

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