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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?

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.

Readings:

1st Reading: 2 Mac. 7.1-2, 7, 9-14++
2nd Reading: 2 Thes. 2.16 – 3.5
Gospel: Luke 20.27-38



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

Our God is a God of the living not of the dead. Have you had an experience of this living God and want to share it with others? You may be called to the priesthood or religious life 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](mailto: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



“Lord when your glory appears, my joy will be full.”

THE POWER OF HOPE

As we near the end of the liturgical year, the scripture readings focus on the end of times, especially on how the resurrection of Jesus is the linchpin of Christian faith, the source of our hope and the cause of our joy. As is reflected in today’s first reading (2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-4), **faith and hope in the resurrection can strengthen believers against all manner of evil.** Because of their faith and hope that they would live again after death, the martyred brothers and their mother were able to endure the tortures forced on them by a cruel and tyrannical king.

Faith and hope were the factors that enabled the Thessalonians to continue to live the Gospel that Paul had preached among them. In today’s second reading (2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5), the great apostle reminds his readers through the centuries that God is faithful. Human beings may falter in faith or even succumb to doubt and speculation (as did Sadducees, who are featured in today’s Gospel - Luke 20:27-38), but God never fails. Confident in God’s fidelity and promise of life after death, believers are able to view life, death and all the events in between from a

perspective of hope. **This perspective does not immunize the believer from sorrow or suffering; rather it enables the hopeful to accept their present reality while focussing on future joys and eternal fulfillment.** Testifying to the power of hope, Holocaust survivor and psychiatrist Victor Frankl (*Man’s Search for Meaning*, NY 1959) argued that the loss of hope can have a deadly effect on human being. As a result of experiences in a Nazi Concentration Camp, Frankl contended that when a person no longer hopes, he no longer possesses a motive for living. With no future to look toward, he curls up in a corner and dies.

As believers, this quality of hope is afforded to each of us by virtue of Jesus’ resurrection. This hope empowers us to endure a seemingly hopeless situation and look to a better tomorrow.

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