

# Saint Edith Stein Roman Catholic Church

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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.

## ON STEWARDSHIP

Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.



## HELP GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE FEED THE HUNGRY

Please help feed the hungry and homeless this month. You can help by bringing non-perishable food items 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

"By your endurance you will gain your souls." Be patient with yourself and with God as you await the sign of your call. 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](http://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](http://www.tcdsb.org).**

**Schools in the area:**

<b>St. Anselm</b>	<b>416-393-5243</b>
<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>416-393-5242</b>
<b>Canadian Martyrs</b>	<b>416-393-5251</b>
<b>St. John XXIII</b>	<b>416-429-4000</b>



## The Day of the Lord

Human life is constituted of a series of days, some significant and memorable, others more routine, mundane and unremarkable. There are **birthdays** that annually mark the gift that is our time in this world. There are **baptismal and name days** that celebrate our initiation into the life of God and the believing community. There are **burial days** that remind us that immortality comes only after mortality is fully experienced. There are other **sacramental days** that signal our passages along the spiritual way: Eucharist, Reconciliation, Confirmation etc.

Against the backdrop of all these days with their varying levels of meaning and importance for our lives, *the liturgy for today invites us to consider the day before which all others pale into relative insignificance – the day of the Lord.* Prophesied by Malachi (1st reading Mal 4:1-2) referenced by Paul (2nd reading, 2 Thes 3:7-12) and described by Jesus (Lk 21:5-19), **the origins of the Day of the Lord are difficult to trace with certainty.** First mentioned by Amos (5:18), it seems to have a popular belief that the prophet referenced and reinterpreted. **Prior to Amos, the Day of the Lord was associated with the manifestation of God's power on behalf of Israel;** that day its enemies would be thwarted, and Israel would be securely established as supreme over

them. Amos and his prophetic colleagues threw a wrench into the popular notion of the Day of the Lord, promising instead that it would be a day of reckoning for all of mankind, especially Israel. It would be an “evil day” (Amos 6:3) on which the sun would set at noon and the earth grow dark (Amos 8:9). All that were proud and high, all that was lofty and tall would be brought down (Isaiah 2:11 ff).

*New Testament authors borrowed the imagery of the Day of the Lord, with its apocalyptic symbols and its ambience of reckoning, judgment and retribution, and associated these with the day of the Son of Man or the time of the second coming of Jesus.* But rather than meet that day with dread or prepare for that day with trepidation, believers are encouraged to look beneath their apocalyptic fears and allow these to lead up to new hope and trust in the lessons Jesus left with his disciples. Regarding that day, Jesus advised them not to be misled by the prophets of doom. Rather hold fast to the faith. Be secure in the knowledge that I am with you, providing you with words and a wisdom that will help you to discern the truth and to continue witnessing to me in word and work.

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## ALTAR SERVERS

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

No experience necessary.

