

# 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 we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?



## 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.

## JESUS REMEMBER ME...

"Jesus remember me when you come into your Kingdom." Can you lead others to make this request of our Lord and King? Give your life to Jesus and others are sure to hear, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." If 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:

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



## CHRIST THE KING

Celebrating Jesus as king and marking a special day to venerate him as such has been a rather late development within the church. In 1925, Pope Pius XI promulgated the encyclical *Quas Primas* and formally set forth the doctrine of the kingship of Christ. According to that document, **Christ is recognized as king by virtue of his (1) birthright as the Son of God; (2) right as the world's Redeemer, and (3) the power that is his as legislator, judge and executor (Acts 10:42).** First commemorated on the last Sunday in October, the feast of Christ the King is now celebrated on the last Sunday of the Liturgical year.

The praying assembly today marks the passing of one year and prepares to welcome another, and is reminded in **our liturgy that our King has chosen to exercise his reign as a shepherd like David.** In telling of David's anointing as king, the author of 2 Samuel represents the Israelites as claiming David as one like themselves: "Here we are, your bone and your flesh". **Jesus, our shepherd king, became like us – bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh – so as to know fully and to be known fully by us.** That privilege is ours to remember and to celebrate today.

Giving expression to our celebration is the

Christological hymn quoted by the author of today's second reading to the Colossians, (Col. 1:12-20). **This hymn establishes Jesus' primacy over all** while reminding his followers of the power of his death to reconcile everything in heaven and on earth, and to make peace through the blood of his cross.

Today's Gospel (Lk 23:35-43) presents Jesus as the king whose true identity and whose power and sovereignty are proclaimed with great irony through the mocking words of the people, their leaders and the soldiers. Henri Nouwen (*Sabbatical Journey*, NY 1998) was correct in affirming that the greatest humiliation and the greatest victory are both shown to us in today's liturgy. It is important, wrote Nouwen, to look at this humiliated and victorious Christ very carefully before we start the new liturgical year with the celebration of Advent. **All through the year, we are to stay close to the humiliation as well as to the victory of Christ because we are called to live both in our daily lives.** We are small and big, specks in the universe and the glory of God, little fearful people and sons and daughters of the Lord of all creation. Christ Jesus, Victor! Christ Jesus, Ruler! Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!

## Christ the King prayer

O Christ Jesus, I acknowledge you to be the King of the universe; all that has been made is created for You. Exercise over me all your sovereign rights. I hereby renew the promises of my Baptism, renouncing Satan and all his works and pomps, and I engage myself to lead henceforth a truly Christian life. And in a special manner do I undertake to bring about the triumph of the rights of God and your Church with all my heart. Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer you my poor actions to obtain the acknowledgment by every heart of your sacred kingly power. In this way may the kingdom of your peace be firmly established throughout all the earth. Amen.