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Do you feel called?

The Beatitudes

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love contact:

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STEWARDSHIP

In today's first reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbours as themselves. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that — to give generously to those who ask of us and not to turn our backs on those who seek to borrow.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Your Income Tax receipts are now ready for pick up. You are asked to check them carefully and to bring any errors or omissions to our attention immediately.

Thank you for your great generosity to St. Edith Stein Parish.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

PSALM 103

*The Lord is merciful
and gracious.*

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



Live the Spirit of the Beatitudes

The Sermon on the Mount expresses the very best of Jesus' message: the good news of God who is loving, caring, comforting and forgiving Father. Such great news entails great revelation too about who we are – children of God – and called to become “salt of the earth” and “light of the world”. Knowing who God is for us and who we are to him can only be an illuminating and wonder-filled experience.

What Jesus tells us now is that we ought to rise up to the attitudes and deeds that will mirror in day-to-day life our understanding of the God he is revealing to us. Jesus' teaching is first and foremost good news about the heavenly Father. Yet Jesus keeps inviting us to nothing less than imitating God. God is merciful? Be merciful to others. God is kind to all? Be likewise kind to all. God is love only? Be love only, even toward your enemies and those who persecute you.

So when Jesus says “Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect,” he sets the standard pretty high. But why be satisfied with lower standards and lesser achievements?

Jesus himself has given us a shining example that living in the spirit of the Beatitudes not only gets us closer to God, but contributes also to make this world more humane. Isn't that a most thrilling and stimulating mission?

COUNTDOWN FOR LENT



Ash Wednesday is coming! Lent begins next week on Wednesday **February 22**. The ashes that will be used to mark the beginning of Lent come from the branched blessed and distributed on Passion Sunday.

Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart and prayer.

Penance - Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

Fasting - Fasting is the minimal obligatory practice we do during the Season of Lent. All persons over 14 years of age are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. All persons 18-59 are obliged to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals may be light. Other Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.

Confession - Many Catholics go to confession during Advent and Lent to help renew themselves. Going to confession during Lent is an excellent way to prepare for Easter and get off to a fresh beginning.

Father, keep before us the
wisdom and love you have
revealed in your Son. Help us to
be like him in word and deed.