

Saint Edith Stein Roman Catholic Church

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am
11:30am



**You bring
love and hope
to young mothers
through ShareLife**

ShareLife Sunday is March 17.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday: 5:00pm
Friday: 5:00pm

REGISTRATION

New parishioners are always welcome! They are requested to register at the parish office

Many young women who are unexpectedly pregnant don't know where to turn for help. Through your support for ShareLife, our agencies ensure they have the resources they need to keep their education on track, provide their babies a healthy start, and create a bright future.

"I have no words to describe what it means to be a recipient of your generosity," shares Arielle, a grateful young mother you support through Vita Centre. "I have a better mental state now. I know that my baby is healthy because of it, too."

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our [parish website](#), or at sharelife.org/donate.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

- all by appointment only

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND
HOLY COMMUNION**

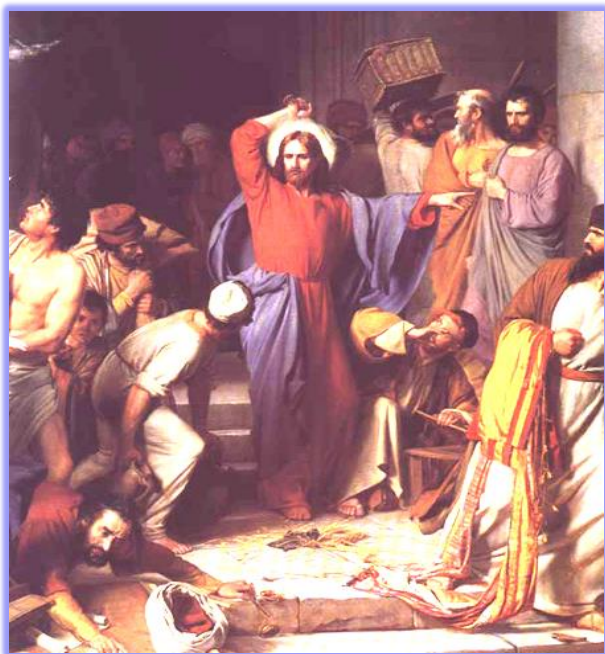
Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

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



“Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!”

Sunday Mass and Sacrificial Offering

In today's Gospel (Jn 2:13-25) we see Jesus cleansing the temple driving out those who made his Father's house a market place. This event should prompt us to check the motives behind our Sunday worship. Have we come to church to fulfill an obligation, to ask God for something, to complain to God? Or, **have we come to our Father's house: First, to give praise and glory to our God, the Father?** Second, to meet Jesus in the community of believers, the readings of Scriptures, and the sacrificial meal of the Lord's supper? Third, because there is in us a spiritual hunger and thirst that only God's spirit can fill.

When our motives behind Sunday worship are purified, our offering during mass makes sense. It can then be rightly called 'sacrificial offering' because it is based on the understanding of the sacrificial element in Jesus' offering of himself and then we add our own sacrifice to that offering, something like the widow's offering of her 'two coins', not from her abundance, but from her sustenance.

Sacrificial offering at St. Edith Stein church is unique, because we don't have a church building of our own. We are like Jesus who didn't have a place to lay his head. We can be proud of resembling Jesus who gave importance to relationships rather than to rituals. Our church is a church of relationships.

Thanks to the intimacy with God through your sacrificial offering, the needs of our church are met. **Even in difficult financial times you were generous enough to support our parish.**

Each Lent we take up three Sharelife collections to support the many ShareLife agencies (which you will see announced in the bulletin). We are sometimes asked "How much should I give to ShareLife"? Rather than mentioning a specific amount, it's suggested - for those who are working - donating one day's pay or one hour's pay for each week of Lent. Some, of course, already give more than this, but one day's pay is a good place to start. One day's pay amounts to less than half of 1% of annual income.

Sincere thanks to all for your cooperation. May the good Lord bless us in our journey from Ashes to Easter.

BE CARETAKERS OF GOD'S MANY GIFTS

"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that all is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others

YEAR OF PRAYER

On January 21, 2024, Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee, calling on the faithful "to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God." The Year of Prayer, the Holy Father explained, is dedicated "to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world." For more information, please visit:

2024 - Year of Prayer.