

# Saint Edith Stein Roman Catholic Church

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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am  
11:30am

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday: 5:00pm

Friday: 5:00pm

## REGISTRATION

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



## EPIPHANY

The word 'epiphany' was originally used in Greek mythology in the sense of 'theophany' viz., the manifestation of a god in human form. The Christian feast of

Epiphany originated in the Eastern Church, probably to substitute some of the pagan theophany celebrations. In the beginning, the feast included the birth of Christ, the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, the baptism of Christ and His first miracle at Cana – all events where Christ is being manifested to the world. This feast was adopted by the Western Church in the fourth century, but with special emphasis laid on the adoration of the Magi, i.e., the manifestation of Jesus to the non-Jewish people.

### 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



## THE THREE WISEMEN

### The Lord of All Peoples

We gather today in this season of Christmas joy to celebrate the manifestation of the Lord to all the peoples of the earth. The three wise men paid homage to the Christ child by presenting Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **Our celebration of this feast becomes meaningful only when we approach Jesus with the “gift of inclusiveness”.**

The homily given by a young priest near the end of the film “Chocolat” may well illustrate this gift of inclusiveness. “I think we can’t go around measuring our goodness by what we don’t do”, he says, “by what we deny ourselves, what we resist, and who we exclude. I think we’ve got to measure goodness by what we embrace, what we create, and who we include”.

**The solemnity of the Epiphany or the Manifestation of the Lord is about who we include.** It celebrates the wondrous revelation that Christ’s coming was intended not only for the Jews but for all the peoples of the world. It rejoices that this child of Bethlehem is also the Lord of all nations and all peoples. It is, in this sense, the quintessential “catholic” feast.

The church has always a strong tendency to

exclude those who are different from us. **This instinct to exclude must be continually confronted by the truth of the gospel.** This solemnity seeks such confrontation.

Usually the power of this feast is reduced by historicizing it and focussing only on the arrival of the magi. **What is more appropriate is to find ways to highlight and celebrate the actual diversity of the parish.** What about having people in their own ethnic dress included in the entrance procession? Or having people of different nationalities carry banners or flags representing their heritage? What about using music drawn from different traditions and using different languages, at least for simple responses that all can learn easily. Let this day be a day to celebrate the diversity that the parish embraces. Let us pray for all those that people consider “different”, and pray for the grace to recognise our oneness in Christ.

### VOCATIONS...

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God’s Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to a Church vocation, call

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416-968-0997  
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### What gifts have I brought to... the newborn Saviour?

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Saviour?