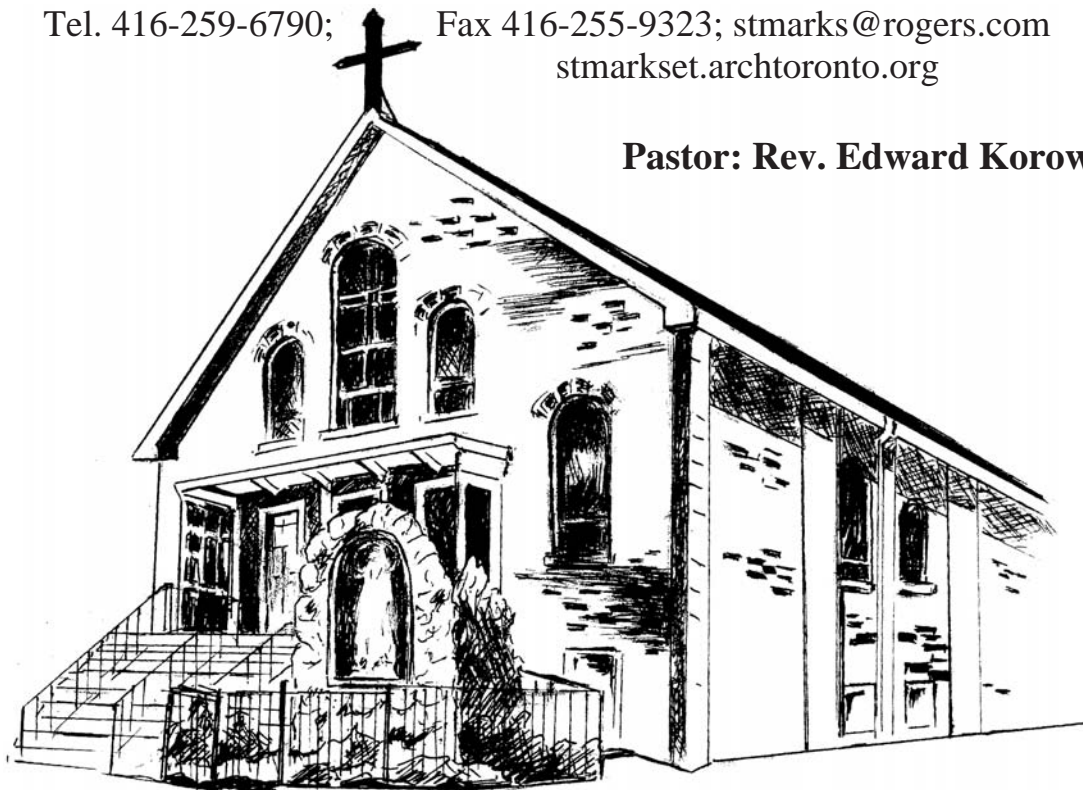


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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (English)
Sunday 8:30 a.m. (English)
10:00 a.m. (Polish)
11:30 a.m. (English)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7:00 p.m. (Polish)
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. (English)
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. (English)
Thursday 9:00 a.m. (English)
Friday 9:00 a.m. (English)

CONFESSIONS

First Friday 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: by appointment

MARRIAGE: please contact the priest one year in advance.
A marriage preparation course is required.

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary daily before Mass
First Friday Exposition: 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., followed by
Benediction and Mass in Polish at 7:10 p.m.

REGISTRATION:

Every family in the Parish should be properly registered.
New parishioners are welcome, and invited to register and
collect a box of Church support envelopes

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USEFUL INTERNET WEBSITES

archtoronto.org (Toronto archdiocese)
vatican.va (the Holy See)
ccc.ca (Canadian Catholic Bishops)
acbo.on.ca (Ontario Catholic Bishops)
uscba.org (U.S. Catholic Bishops)
lifesitenews.com (pro-life news)
ccrl.ca (Catholic Civil Rights League)

tcdsb.org (Toronto Catholic School Board)
vocationstoronto.ca (Vocations Office)
catholic-cemeteries.com (Catholic Cemeteries)
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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



After Our Lord rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, he appeared on earth to his disciples for forty days. He then ascended into heaven, promising to send the Holy Spirit upon them, so as not to leave them as orphans. The apostles then gathered with Mary and some other women in continuous prayer in the Upper Room. Then on the fiftieth day after Easter, Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit came down upon them in the form of tongues of fire. Traditionally the Ascension was celebrated on a Thursday. But in Canada, the feast was moved years ago to Sunday to enable more people to participate in the Holy Eucharist on this important feast.

Being the Hands and Feet of Christ. This Sunday we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of the Lord which is ripe with spiritual importance and depth. Let us examine how the Lord's ascension affects us as stewards. Firstly, when the apostles watched the Lord ascend into heaven, two angels appeared and asked them "why do you stand looking up toward heaven?" The apostles were not meant to stay there constantly gazing heavenward. Instead, they, like us, are called to live firmly on this earth with our whole purpose set on reaching heaven and leading as many people with us as possible.

We see this at the end of St. Matthew's Gospel when Jesus gives the great commission to "make disciples of all nations." Jesus' ascension is a firm call to action. A call to be stewards and use our gifts to spread the Gospel within our parishes and the Church. We do this through the strength of Christ within us who says "remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

It is now up to us to cooperate with the Spirit and make disciples of the whole world. Let us end by pondering the beautiful saying of St. Teresa of Avila. "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are

His Body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." (source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN CHINA:

Pope Benedict XVI designated May 24 as an annual day of prayer for the Church in China. The following is his prayer on this occasion:

Virgin Most Holy, Mother of the Incarnate Word and our Mother, venerated in the Shrine of Sheshan under the title "Help of Christians", the entire Church in China looks to you with devout affection. We come before you today to implore your protection. Look upon the People of God and, with a mother's care, guide them along the paths of truth and love, so that they may always be a leaven of harmonious coexistence among all citizens.

When you obediently said "yes" in the house of Nazareth, you allowed God's eternal Son to take flesh in your virginal womb and thus to begin in history the work of our redemption. You willingly and generously cooperated in that work, allowing the sword of pain to pierce your soul, until the supreme hour of the Cross, when you kept watch on Calvary, standing beside your Son, who died that we might live. From that moment, you became, in a new way, the Mother of all those who receive your Son Jesus in faith and choose to follow in his footsteps by taking up his Cross.

Mother of hope, in the darkness of Holy Saturday you journeyed with unflinching trust towards the dawn of Easter. Grant that your children may discern at all times, even those that are darkest, the signs of God's loving presence.

Our Lady of Sheshan, sustain all those in China, who, amid their daily trials, continue to believe, to hope, to love. May they never be afraid to speak of Jesus to the world, and of the world to Jesus. In the statue overlooking the Shrine you lift your Son on high, offering him to the world with open arms in a gesture of love. Help Catholics always to be credible witnesses to this love, ever clinging to the rock of Peter on which the Church is built. Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and for ever. Amen!

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES FOR COVID 19: The home page of our parish website (stmarkset.archtoronto.org) has a link to the diocesan website on the Covid19 virus: www.archtoronto.org/covid19. In addition, on the

home page, we have the "Parish Blog", where you can read the homily for that Sunday's readings (as well as previous Sundays). The **weekly Bulletin** can be found by clicking the "News & Events" tab and selecting "Bulletin Library", which has all previous bulletins too.

The Cardinal is offering a Mass every day at 7:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, which can be viewed (livestream) on the diocesan website: www.archtoronto.org. Daily Mass can also be viewed on the following outlets: **Vision TV (Cable 60)** Sunday - 8:00 a.m.; Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. & 12 noon; Saturday - 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. **Salt + Light** Sunday - 11:00 a.m. & 10:30 p.m.; Monday - Saturday - 6:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m., 10:30 p.m. **Internet:** www.dailytvmass.com; www.youtube.com/dailytvmass.

PARISH SUPPORT: At a time like this, it can be uncomfortable to talk about giving. Our primary concern is the health and well-being of our parishioners. However, these difficult circumstances show just how important the offertory is to the life of our parish. The reality is that parishes rely totally on the support of their parishioners to operate – parish salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.) are funded through the generosity of our parishioners. Our basic operating expenses are about \$10,000 per month. We do not receive any funding from the diocese. It will be a challenge for a parish to maintain operations without the weekly offertory collection. So we would be grateful if you could consider continuing to support our parish. There are several ways you can do so at this time:

- Please mail your contribution to the parish office, or drop it off in the large black mail box at the rectory front door, or
- Contribute by **credit card**. You can go to our parish website: stmarkset.archtoronto.org, and on the home page, click the orange quadrangle in the upper right hand corner (where there is a hand and a \$ sign). Then click "Your Parish", select the "Toronto West" region, then our parish (St. Mark's) in the drop down menu. You can make a one time or recurring contribution to our parish's offertory or building fund using your credit card. (You can also go to the diocesan website www.archtoronto.org, and click the "Donate Now" button in the upper right hand corner, and follow the same procedure as above.)

THANK YOU! to all who have been contributing to our parish by dropping off your envelopes at the rectory mail box, mailing them in, or donating online.

Wniebowstąpienie Pańskie – A

Chrystus nie pozostawia nas samymi. Wniebowstąpienie Pana Jezusa jest jedynie zakończeniem Jego widzialnej obecności na ziemi. Po Wniebowstąpieniu Chrystus nie ukazuje się już w postaci cielesnej swoim uczniom, ale wcale nie znaczy to, że przestaje być obecny wśród nich, wśród nas ... Sam przecież powiedział: "*Ja jestem z wami przez wszystkie dni, aż do skończenia świata*". Ta jego wieloraka obecność w Kościele i w naszym życiu jest nam wszystkim znana. Niestety nie zawsze jesteśmy tego świadomi i nie zawsze zwracamy na to uwagę. Bardzo często jesteśmy zniechęceni i mamy pretensje do Boga, że nas opuścił, że o nas zapomniał, że (szczególnie w chwilach trudnych) odwrócił się do nas plecami. Czy jednak nie jest raczej tak, że to my o Nim zapominamy, że to my odwracamy się do Niego plecami, że to my Go lekceważymy, a przypominamy sobie o Nim jedynie w sytuacji kryzysowej, na zasadzie powiedzenia "jak trwoga to do Boga"?

Co więcej, czy nie jest i tak, że czasami chcielibyśmy aby nie był obecny w naszym życiu żeby nie przypominał nam o swojej obecności np. wyrzutami sumienia, czy krzywdą wyrządzoną innym przez nas lub faktem, że zamykamy oczy na potrzeby bliźnich i usypiamy swoje sumienie obojętnością? Czy nie jest tak, że ta Jego obecność jest czasami drażniąca i niewygodna i wolelibyśmy o niej zapomnieć? Czy nie jest tak, że chcielibyśmy się przed tą Jego niewygodną obecnością ukryć, pozbyć się jej i tym samym móc czasami coś zrobić bez wyrzutów sumienia i tego niewygodnego poczucia winy?

Chrystus nigdy nie pozostawia nas samymi i właśnie wtedy, kiedy wydaje się nam, że jest bardzo daleko lub kiedy chcielibyśmy aby był bardzo daleko, On jest najbliżej nas i pochyla się nad nami cierpliwie i z Miłością. Wstępując do nieba stał się niewidzialny dla naszych oczu, ale to wcale nie znaczy, że stał się nieobecny, odległy i daleki ...

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