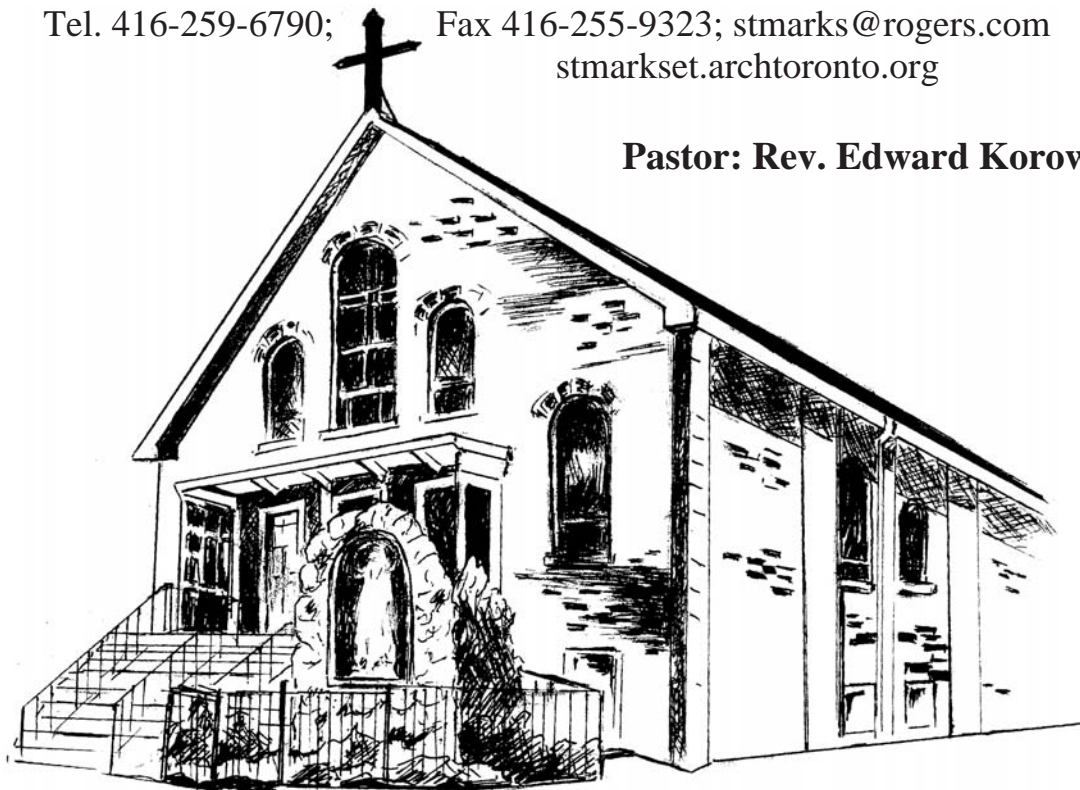


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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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

tedsb.org (Toronto Catholic School Board)
vocationstoronto.ca (Vocations Office)
catholic-cemeteries.com (Catholic Cemeteries)
katolik.pl (Polish Catholic website)
catholicherald.co.uk (Catholic news)
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Please consider remembering St. Mark's Parish in your will. Thank you!



Fifty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the great solemnity of Pentecost (a Greek word meaning “the fiftieth day”). It was the day the Holy Spirit came down upon Our Lady and the apostles, gathered in prayer in the upper room, in the form of tongues of fire. The apostles, strengthened by the gift of the Spirit, and the gift of being able to speak in different languages, were able to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church. It also marks the end of the Easter season in the Church. After Pentecost, the Paschal candle is moved away from the altar, and placed near the baptismal font.



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Your Love.

Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created; and You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, who has taught the hearts of Your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of that same Spirit, we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord.

The twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity.

Being Strengthened by the Spirit. Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday...the birthday of the Church. Let us take some time to reflect on the Holy Spirit in our lives as stewards. Firstly, we should never fail to marvel at the fact that starting with twelve apostles 2000 years ago, the Catholic Church still continues to this day and the name of Jesus is praised

and adored all over the world. This is the power of the Holy Spirit. From a human standpoint, the Church should have failed centuries ago if it were not sustained by the Spirit. This should inspire us as stewards to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide all of our actions.

Moreover, in today’s second reading from Corinthians, St. Paul says that “there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit ... [and] to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” Each of us as stewards have particular gifts and talents from the Spirit that are not to be hoarded but generously used for the “common good” of the Church. We should all take time to reflect on what particular way is God calling us to serve Him. None of us are exempt from this call for St. Paul explains that we are all to work for the good of the Church in our own ways.

Let us pray this week for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our lives. May the same Spirit that has birthed the Church and guided her through the millennium continue to raise up great stewards to continue to carry out the great commission of Christ in all the world. (source: adapted from www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

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.

Zesłanie Ducha Świętego

Zapal w nas ogień miłości. Pycha ludzka doprowadziła do podziału między ludźmi – symbolem tego podziału jest wieża Babel. Dziś wspominamy i przeżywamy przeciwieństwo tamtego wydarzenia – Pięćdziesiątnicę. Duch Święty przychodzi do młodego, zalęknionego i zamkniętego Kościoła zebranego w Wieczerniku. Jego powiew sprawia, że zgromadzeni tam uczniowie wychodzą do innych ludzi, aby mówić o wielkiej miłości Boga do człowieka objawionej w Jezusie, który za nich cierpiał, umarł, zmartwychwstał, przyniósł pokój i życie...

Ducha ofiarowanego przez Zmartwychwstałego Pana nie widać, ale można zobaczyć skutki Jego działania. W uczniów Chrystusa wstępuje odwaga, zapal, tworzy się jedność... Nie mogą usiedzieć w miejscu, Duch Święty przynagla ich do tego, by głosili, rozgrzeszali, rozpalali świat słowami Ewangelii. Napędzeni Jego siedmioma darami, potrafią mówić tak trafnie i z taką mocą, że owoce są zaskakujące.

Chrystus przekazał Ducha Świętego oraz ustanowił sakrament pokuty i pojednania. My dziś możemy odnowić w sobie misterium bierzmowania, przez które staliśmy się uczestnikami wydarzeń z wieczernika. Dary Ducha są w nas, ale potrzebują naszego otwarcia, wołania z wiarą, by zaczął działać. Duch Święty nie przymusza, bo jest Duchem miłości! Możemy też wyrazić wdzięczność za dar spowiedzi i z ufnością przyjść do krtek konfesjonału, by nie gasić Miłości, by nie gasić Ducha w sobie! ... Otwórzmy dzisiaj nasze serca na owoce Ducha Świętego: miłość, radość, pokój, cierpliwość, uprzejmość, wierność, opanowanie...! (ks. Bogusław Laskowski – paulista)

Modlitwa do Ducha Świętego, którą Św. Jan Paweł II odmawiał do końca życia

Duchu Święty, proszę Cię
o dar mądrości do lepszego poznawania Ciebie
i Twoich doskonałości Bożych,
o dar rozumu do lepszego zrozumienia
ducha tajemnic wiary świętej,
o dar umiejętności,
aby w życiu kierował się zasadami tejże wiary,
o dar rady, abym we wszystkim u Ciebie szukał rady
i u Ciebie ją zawsze znajdował,
o dar męstwa, aby żadna bojaźń ani względy ziemskie
nie mogły mnie od Ciebie oderwać,
o dar pobożności, abym zawsze służył
Twojemu Majestatowi z synowską miłością,
o dar bojaźni Bożej, abym lękał się grzechu,
który Ciebie, o Boże, obraża.

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