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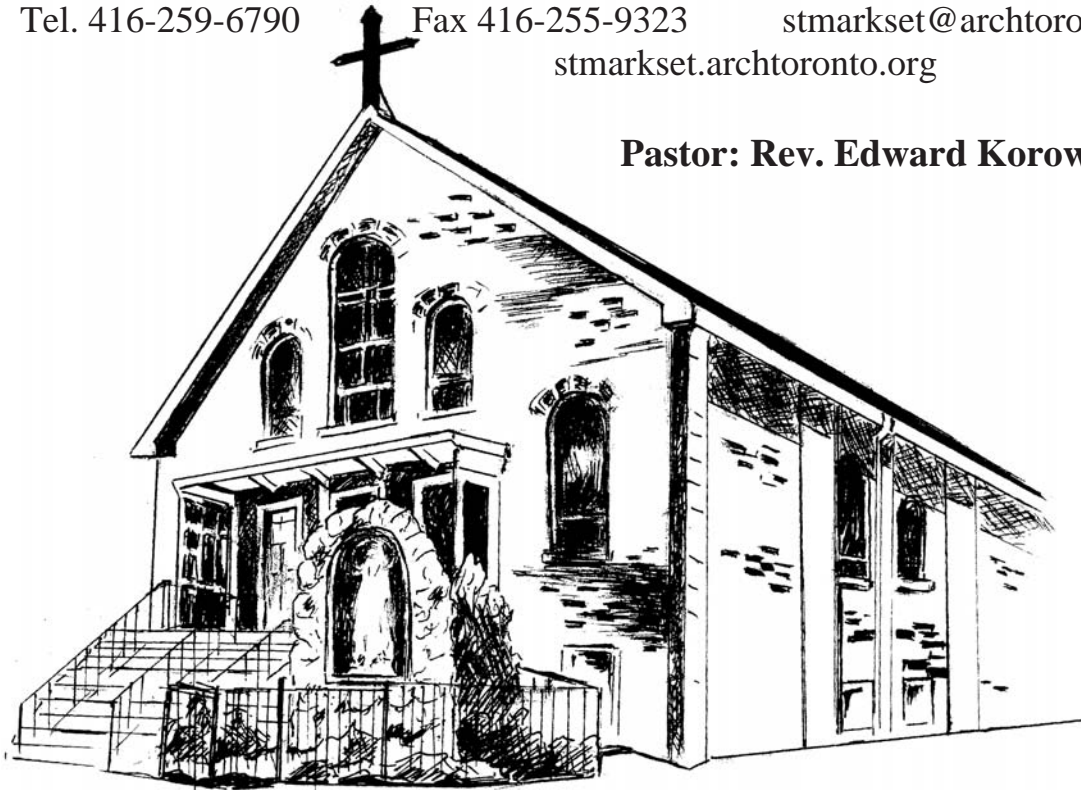
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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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 9:00 a.m. (English)
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:

First Friday Exposition: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., followed by
Benediction and Mass in Polish at 7:00 p.m.
Holy Rosary weekdays at 8:30 a.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

SCHOOLS

St. Mark
45 Cloverhill Road
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416-393-5332

Bishop Allen Academy
721 Royal York Road
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416-393-5549

Sainte-Marguerite-d'Youville
755 Royal York Road
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USEFUL INTERNET WEBSITES

archtoronto.org (Toronto archdiocese)
vatican.va (the Holy See)
cccb.ca (Canadian Catholic Bishops)
acbo.on.ca (Ontario Catholic Bishops)
uscbb.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)
katolik.pl (Polish Catholic website)
catholicnewsagency.com (Catholic news)
catholicherald.co.uk (Catholic news)
catholicregister.org (The Catholic Register)

Please consider remembering St. Mark's Parish in your will. Thank you!



Masses For The Week

- May 16: 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving
- May 17: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
- 10:00 a.m. O opiekę Bożą dla Małgorzaty i Czesława Doroszów
- 11:30 a.m. Maryla Chmielewski (health)
- May 18: 9:00 a.m. Zbigniew Rymarz
- May 19: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
- May 20: 9:00 a.m. Bridie McNamara
- May 21: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
- May 22: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
- May 23: 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving
- May 24: 8:30 a.m. Special Intention
- 10:00 a.m. Za Jana Dechnika (9. rocz.)
- 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's



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 to Sunday to enable more people to participate in the Holy Eucharist on this important feast.

PAPAL CHARITIES COLLECTION: The annual collection for the pastoral works of the Holy Father will take place *this* weekend. Funds raised allow him to offer help especially to countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. Special white envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: Our monthly Building Fund collection will take place *next* weekend. Special envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose. The funds raised will go towards the many renovation projects that need to be addressed in our parish. *Thank you for your generosity.*

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)



The next preparation class for candidates *and their parents* will be held in the Church on **Saturday, May 23, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

HELP NOT HARM. Take Action to Support Bill C-218 Write your Member of Parliament Today! Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca. You're invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act), which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) (assisted suicide) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD (assisted suicide) will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone

beginning in March 2027. We are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

A DAY WITH MARY: Saturday, May 30 at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis. There will be music, fellowship and more. Registration is now open online at: <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>. There is no fee to register – this is a free event open to all. Attendees are welcome to pre-purchase lunch if desired or bring their own lunch as they please. There will be no lunch sales on the day of the event: lunches are sold in advance only for the little ones.

MICHAEL POWER – ST. JOSEPH HIGH

SCHOOL REUNION: The graduating class of '76 is happy to announce its 50th Anniversary Reunion Celebration to take place on **Thursday, June 11**, at Markland Wood Golf Club in Etobicoke. If you or a family member or someone you know graduated from MPSJ in 1976, please invite them to register for the reunion at mpsjclassof76.com.

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Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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 ...

W przyszłą niedzielę, zbierana będzie druga kolektka na fundusz renowacyjny Kościoła. Specjalne koperty na ten cel są wyłożone na stolikach przy wejściu do Kościoła. Z góry bardzo wam dziękuję za ofiary przeznaczone na ten cel.

PIELGRZYMKA. Parafia św. Kazimierza w Toronto zaprasza na pielgrzymkę na Sycylię w dniach od 24 września do 10 października, 2026 r. Sycylia to największa wyspa Morza Śródziemnego i jednocześnie jego prawdziwa perła z niesamowitą historią, tradycją oraz kulturą. Po więcej informacji prosimy o kontakt z biurem podróży: Polimex, tel. 416-537-0000. Pielgrzymce będzie przewodniczył o. Janusz Błażejask OMI.

Święty Michale Archaniele, wspomagaj nas w walce, a przeciw niegodziwości i zasadzkom złego ducha bądź naszą obroną. Oby go Bóg pogromić raczył, pokornie o to prosimy, a Ty, Wodzu niebieskich zastępów, szatana i inne duchy złe, które na zgubę dusz ludzkich po tym świecie krążą, mocą Bożą strąć do piekła. Amen.



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