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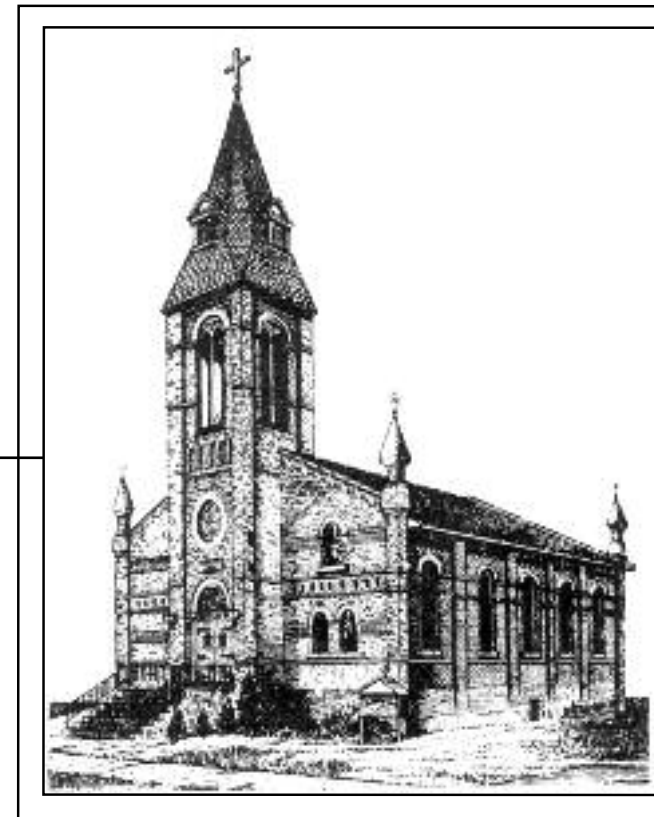
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 Saturday Vigil 5:15 p.m.  
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 Thursday 9:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION**  
 Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
 Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
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**BAPTISMS:** By appointment only.

**HOLY COMMUNION FOR SICK, SHUT-INS:** Holy Communion is brought regularly to sick and shut-ins. Please notify the rectory.

**MARRIAGES:** Couples planning to get married must contact a priest one year in advance for an appointment. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. Please do not book the time and place of your reception before your appointment with the priest.

If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's Office has been consulted.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

**BULLETIN NOTICES** must be received at the parish office by Wednesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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## MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> 2021 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Mon May 17<sup>th</sup> **NO MASS**  
 Tue May 18<sup>th</sup> **NO MASS**  
 Wed May 19<sup>th</sup>  
 10:00 to 11:00am PRIVATE PRAYER & ADORATION

Thurs May 20<sup>th</sup>  
 10:00 to 11:00am PRIVATE PRAYER & ADORATION

Fri May 21<sup>st</sup>  
 10:00 to 11:00am PRIVATE PRAYER & ADORATION

Sat May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 3:30pm TO 4:30pm – CONFESSIONS  
 5:00pm LITURGY OF THE WORD & COMMUNION  
 6:00pm LITURGY OF THE WORD & COMMUNION

Sun May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 10:00am LITURGY OF THE WORD & COMMUNION  
 11:00am LITURGY OF THE WORD & COMMUNION  
 12:00pm LITURGY OF THE WORD & COMMUNION

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns  
 For The Intentions of Mary Millar  
 May 16<sup>th</sup> to May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021



**PLEASE PRAY for the SICK**  
 And all those afflicted in mind,  
 Body and spirit, especially:



Dorothy Dynes, Fred Coulson, Chelsea Cando, Ron Murray, Joshua Skara, Joan Godsoe, Doris Artuso, Maureen Whittaker, Bruce Chapman, Ashley Cartwright, Giuseppe La Selva, Cathy Garrett, Gwen Collard, Bill Murdoch, Lina Sawitz, Danny Gomes, Elinore Van Der Vechte, Henryka Szewczyk, John Ford.  
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**PLEASE PRAY for the RECENTLY DECEASED especially**  
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Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8.

Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

Just a reminder that we do have a new website.  
<https://stmarysco.archtoronto.org>



### CONGRATULATIONS

TO:  
 The Catholic Women's League of the Archdiocese of Toronto who are celebrating their 100th Anniversary this coming Saturday, May 15th. The first Convention was held in 1921. Due to the pandemic, their Convention will be held virtually on May 15th. A live-streamed Mass will take place on that day at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to join virtually – the Mass can be accessed at:  
<http://bit.ly/CWL100th>

For the Catholic Women's League of the Archdiocese of Toronto as it celebrates 100 years of faithful service within the many parishes of the Archdiocese; may God bless members both past and present for their years of dedicated service to the Church and grant them strength and guidance as they continue to serve God's people. We pray to the Lord.

### Humanitarian Relief – India's COVID-19 Outbreak

Since the pandemic began, India's Catholic Church, acting principally through Caritas India, has been supporting some of the most disadvantaged groups, such as those with inadequate housing, migrant labourers, persons with special needs and widows. Relief services and materials provided by the Church, or with its support, include:

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- Public education campaigns on infection prevention and vaccination
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To learn more about Caritas' work in India, please watch this video: <http://bit.ly/CaritasIndiaRelief>

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- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:  
 Name of Parish – India's COVID-19 Outbreak – Disaster Relief

### Remembering the Parish in Your Will

A bequest is a beautiful way to express your faith and your gratitude for a lifetime of blessings! A gift to the parish or any of our diocesan charities in your Will creates a lasting legacy that will help the Church continue its heritage of service and pastoral care to the faith community. When making your Will, please consider a bequest to your parish. To learn more about making a bequest, please call the parish office or the Development Office of the Archdiocese at 416-934-3411 ext. 519 or visit [www.archtoronto.org/development](http://www.archtoronto.org/development)

**Ascension of the Lord  
 World Communications Day  
 May 16, 2021**

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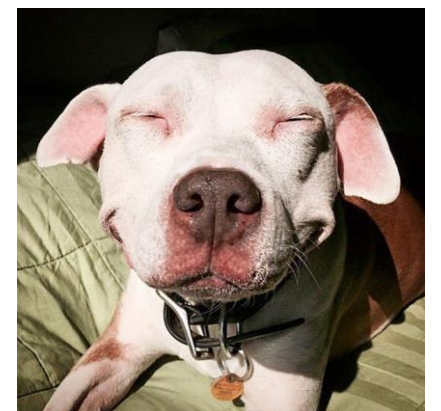
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SL Contributions 2020	\$33,653.00
2021 Goal	\$43,000.00
Collected as of May 9 <sup>th</sup> /21	\$ 11,715.00

### TWEET BY POPE FRANCIS

The Solemnity of the Ascension lifts our gaze upwards, beyond earthly things. At the same time, it reminds us of the mission the Lord has entrusted to us here on earth. May the Holy Spirit guide us in the good battle we must wage.



**BEGIN EVERY DAY WITH GRATITUDE.**