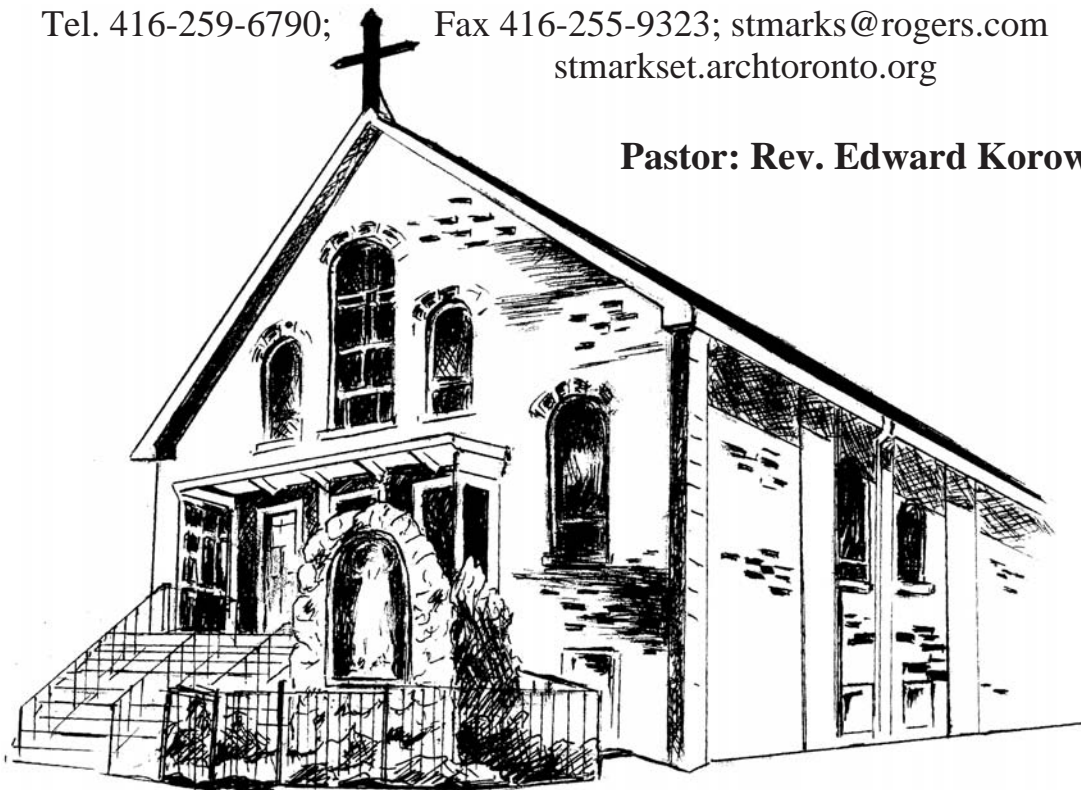


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WEEKEND MASSES

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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St. Mark
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acbo.on.ca (Ontario Catholic Bishops)
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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)
catholicregister.org (The Catholic Register)
ksmradio.com (local Polish Catholic Family radio)

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

Mass for the Intentions Week

- Sep.28: 5:00 p.m. Enzo Belluomini
 Sep.29: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 10:00 a.m. Za Aleksandra Stępień
 11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Sep.30: 7:00 p.m. Za Tadeusza Konderak
 Oct. 1: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Oct. 2: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Oct. 3: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Oct. 4: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 7:10 p.m. Za Marię i Jana Konderak; i za
 Natalię i Stanisława Świetlickich
 Oct. 5: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 Oct. 6: 8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving
 10:00 a.m. Za Roberta Pietrewicza
 11:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Jachna
 Family

FIRST FRIDAY

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday, **October 4** is the First Friday of October. After the usual 9:00 a.m. Mass (in English), there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day until 7:00 p.m., when there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by evening Mass at 7:10 p.m. (in Polish). **CONFESSIONS** will be heard from **6:00 to 6:45 p.m.**

CANADIAN BISHOPS' COLLECTION (also known as the Needs of the Church in Canada) will take place *this* weekend. Special white envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: Thank you to all who contributed \$1,454 in last weekend's monthly collection towards the many renovation projects that need to be addressed in our Church.

THE FEAST DAY OF ST. MICHAEL, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels, falls on **September 29**, a Sunday this year. Normally the Sunday readings and prayers would take precedence. But as St. Michael is the patron saint of our diocese, Cardinal Collins has asked that we celebrate the feast of the Archangels this year, in place of the regular Sunday. So the prayers and readings will not be those in the St. Joseph

Sunday Missal. Instead, the First Reading is from the Book of Daniel 7:9-10.13-14; the Psalm 138; Second Reading from the Book of Revelation 12:7-12a; and the Gospel is from St. John 1:47-51.

Feast of St. Michael the Archangel reflection: *Joining the Celestial Battle.* All of us love a good story that involves a fierce battle between two opposing sides where goodness ultimately triumphs over evil. We get exactly this story in the first reading from the Book of Revelation, in which the war between St. Michael and the angels and the devil and his army is depicted. Often in our lives as disciples, we too seek to take up arms and fight the good fight to overcome the evilness that pervades our society.

This desire is inherently good, but how can we live this out practically. A good, albeit unexpected, way in which we can join the heavenly armies is by taking up the consistent, daily practice of prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that prayer "always presupposes effort ... prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God" (CCC 2725).

The Church herself describes prayer inherently as a battle. We can thus channel our desire for a celestial combat into our taking up the arms of prayer. How often do we fight to make time for prayer each day? How often do we recognize how efficacious prayer is for the good of our soul and the Church as a whole? Perhaps one practice we can adopt as stewards is to offer God the first and last thoughts of our day. Let us strive to commit to praying daily, safeguarding this practice from all competing distractions for our time and in doing so, enrich our parish community with the foundation of prayer.

(source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

CONFIRMATION: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in our parish on **Saturday, April 18, 2020**, at the **5:00 p.m.** Mass. Students in **Grade 7 or older**, and any adults who wish to be confirmed should attend one of the weekend Masses, and obtain a registration form from Fr. Koroway afterwards. The form lists the dates of the three preparation meetings the candidates and their parents must attend on Saturday mornings in the Church. The deadline for returning the registration forms is **Sunday, Nov. 10.**

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Parents of students in Grade 2 or older who would like their children to receive these sacraments this coming year should attend one of the weekend Masses with their children, and obtain a registration form from Fr. Koroway afterwards. The form lists the five preparation meetings the students and parents must attend in the Church on Saturday mornings. The deadline for returning the registration forms is **Sunday, October 27.**

LIFE CHAIN: **Sunday, October 6, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Our nearest Etobicoke locations: Islington/Bloor; Kipling/Queensway. Life Chain is a prayerful, peaceful, witness to the evil of abortion and to the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception. Life Chain is for one hour, on one day of the year. It is a simple and powerful way to spread the Gospel message, to be a light to our nation, and to create a culture of life in Canada.

AN EVENING AT THE SEMINARY: **Monday, October 7.** St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd. Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? Spending an evening at the seminary offers discerners a glimpse into the place where priestly formation begins. The evening includes Holy Mass in the beautiful seminary chapel, dinner, a talk by Director of Vocations Fr. Chris Lemieux, and a tour of the seminary. This event is for men in grade 12 and above; however, those aged 15-17 may attend if accompanied by their parish priest. Registration is required. Office of Vocations, tel. 416-968-0997. vocations@archtoronto.org; www.vocationstoronto.ca

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.

Świętych Archaniołów: Michała, Gabriela i Rafała

Archaniołowie – życie na styku dwóch światów. Należą do grona istot duchowych, które jak powiedział Chrystus zwracając się do Nikodema: “zstępują z nieba na Syna Człowieczego” (J 1,51). Przebywając w innej rzeczywistości prowadzą walkę z siłami zła; jednocześnie

wspierają człowieka prowadząc go po ścieżkach życia ku zbawieniu. Ich zadanie wyraża imię jakie posiadają. Tak bowiem tłumaczy św. Grzegorz Wielki: “imię anioł nie oznacza natury, lecz zadanie. (...) Duchy, które zapowiadają wydarzenia najbardziej doniosłe nazywają się archaniołami. (...) Niektórzy z nich mają imiona własne, wskazujące na określone ich zadania czy posługę”. Co zatem oznaczają ich imiona?

Święty Michał – “Któż jak Bóg?” – według tradycji, miał on wystąpić z tym okrzykiem, gdy Lucyfer zbuntował się przeciw Bogu. Jako pogromca sił wrogich Bogu i Kościołowi wspiera ludzi w walce ze złem (Ap 12,7-9). Istnieje przekonanie o jego obecności przy umierającym człowieku w chwili przejścia ku wieczności.

Święty Gabriel – “Bóg jest mocą”. Jego zadaniem było przekazywanie ludziom woli Bożej. Dotyczy to zwłaszcza najważniejszego zamysłu Boga widocznego w obrazie Zwiastowania (Łk 1,26-38). Z tego też względu papież Pius XII ogłosił go patronem telegrafu, telefonu, radia i telewizji.

Święty Rafał – “Bóg uleczył”. To jeden z siedmiu aniołów, którzy stoją w pogotowiu i wchodzą przed majestat Pański (Tb 12,15). Jego osoba i posłannictwo zostało ukazane w księdze Tobiasza. Jest patronem chorych oraz podróżujących. (ks. Zbigniew Kosik)

PIERWSZY PIĄTEK: **4-go października** przypada pierwszy piątek miesiąca października. Po Mszy Św. o godzinie **9-iej** rano (po angielsku), będzie wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu do godziny **7-iej** wieczorem, i Błogosławieństwo. Po Błogosławieństwie, będzie dodatkowa Msza Św. po polsku (o godzinie **7:10**). Będzie też okazja do spowiedzi świętej od godziny **6:00 do 6:45**.

ŁAŃCUCH ŻYCIA – LIFE CHAIN: doroczna, pokojowa demonstracja w obronie życia dzieci nienarodzonych odbędzie się w **niedzielę 6-go października** o godz. **14:00** przy skrzyżowaniu ulic Islington i Bloor; oraz Kipling i Queensway. Przez godzinę będziemy trwać na modlitwie i dawaniu świadectwa o godności każdego życia ludzkiego.

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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