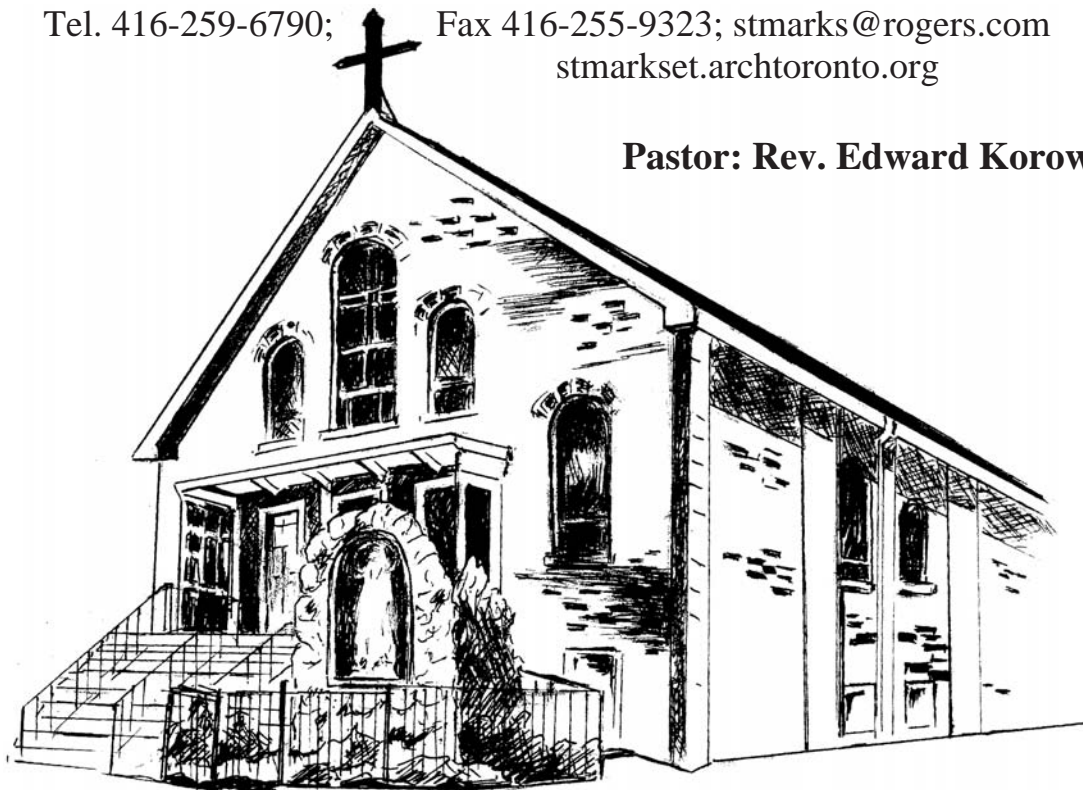


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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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.
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acbo.on.ca (Ontario Catholic Bishops)
uscgb.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)
catholicerald.co.uk (Catholic news)
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ksmradio.com (local Polish Catholic Family radio)

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



- Mar. 7: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
Mar. 8: 8:30 a.m. Michelle Maikawa (Thanksgiving)
10:00 a.m. Za Janinę i Andrzeja Klejka
11:30 a.m. Virgilio Enrique Crespo Riera
Mar. 9: 7:00 p.m. W pewnej intencji
Mar.10: 9:00 a.m. Victor, Franciszek and Tomasz
Gadzala
Mar.11: 9:00 a.m. Marie Manger (13th anniversary)
Mar.12: 9:00 a.m. Stan Bany (30th anniversary)
7:00 p.m. Za Jerzego Klukowskiego i całej
rodziny Klukowskich
i Pelszyńskich
Mar.13: 9:00 a.m. Agnieszka & Wiktor Matyszczuk
7:00 p.m. W pewnej intencji
Mar.14: 5:00 p.m. Joanne and Cheryl Patchett
7:00 p.m. Za Tadeusza Koroway
Mar.15: 8:30 a.m. Health and God's blessings for
Marko
10:00 a.m. Za Józefa i Roberta Celuchów
i zmarłych z rodziny Celuchów
11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During Lent, there will be the Stations of the Cross in English on **Thursdays, at 9:25 a.m.** (after Mass); and in Polish on **Mondays, at 7:25 p.m.** (after Mass).

STATEMENT FROM CARDINAL COLLINS re Introduction of Bill C-7: An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying):

The federal government has introduced new legislation expanding the eligibility criteria for euthanasia. The inaccurate term, medical assistance in dying (MAiD), is currently used to describe what this law would allow, but this process is more accurately called euthanasia or assisted suicide. Pain medication and other resources and procedures can be used effectively to medically assist people who are dying, but that is not what MAiD means. It means giving a lethal injection to people who are not dying, so that they will die.

Those who oppose euthanasia expressed concern in 2016, when it was first legalized, that once the state legally provided death for some, it would only be a matter of time before the criteria for that would be expanded. This was dismissed as a slippery slope

argument; we were told that “safeguards” would protect the most vulnerable. Now, less than four years later, we are far down the slope, and the criteria for euthanasia have been radically expanded.

There is no longer a requirement that the person receiving euthanasia be terminally ill. Under this legislation, any serious incurable illness, disease, or disability would render one eligible for euthanasia. Additionally, without any further study or direction from the courts, the new legislation would legalize euthanasia where consent is obtained by an advance directive. This is a new chapter of death on demand. Canada has cast aside restrictions at a far quicker pace than any other jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia.

As our legislators and country consider the legislation presented this week in Parliament, we should be mindful of the following:

- In 2016, the government indicated that before any new legislation would be introduced, there would be a thorough five-year review of the impact of euthanasia in Canada – no such review has taken place. Yet the government moves forward without such critical analysis, even though it is reported that since 2016 at least 13,000 people have died from lethal injection.
- Where is the political will to push forward on palliative care for all Canadians? Only 30 per cent of Canadians have access to quality palliative care even though we know that pain and loneliness are among the biggest fears of those who are suffering. Palliative care can address these issues. If all Canadians had access to quality palliative care, fewer would seek lethal injection. Instead of developing an overall culture of care, we are rushing towards death on demand. The same doctors who are trying to care for their patients will now be called on to endorse euthanasia for them.
- Under the proposed legislation, disabled Canadians with no terminal illness will now be eligible for lethal injection. People with disabilities already face substantial challenges relating to employment, housing, appropriate medical care and support. Their lives matter. They should never be seen as a burden to our society. We should be alarmed that those who have struggled for decades to be treated with equality may well be pressured, whether from family, friends or even their own health care

professionals, to “ease their burden” and end their lives. These people need assisted living, not assisted death.

I invite all Canadians concerned about this legislation to contact their Member of Parliament to voice their concerns. We should also take time to be truly present to those who may feel that they are on the margins in our community. Those who feel that their life no longer has value must be assured by all of us that this is absolutely not the case – there is dignity within each human life, not just when we are young, healthy and able, but even more so, when we are fragile and vulnerable.

It is up to every Canadian to foster a culture of care and love for one another. The answer is not assisted death in its many forms; it is accompanying our family, our friends and even strangers to assist them in life, recognizing the inherent dignity of every person.

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**Nurture Life, Oppose Death on Demand!
Contact Your Member of Parliament Today!**

The federal government has tabled legislation to expand what they refer to as medical assistance in dying but is more accurately called euthanasia/assisted suicide. More than 13,000 Canadians have been euthanized since 2016. New legislation would make assisted death available to those without life-threatening illnesses including those with disabilities and those no longer capable of making decisions for themselves. Some Canadians may even be euthanized on the same day they make the request. **Visit www.helptheliving.ca to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament expressing deep concern.** The process takes less than 5 minutes. More information can also be found at: www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia. We continue to pray and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

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.

Druga Niedziela Wielkiego Postu - A

PRAWDA, KTÓRA ROZJAŚNIA MROKI SERC.

Liturgia prowadzi nas dziś na wysoką górę (Mt 17, 1), abyśmy wraz z Piotrem, Jakubem i Janem przeżyli

tajemnicę przemienienia Jezusa. Wydarzenie na Taborze umożliwia apostołom doświadczenie w nowy, nieznan dotąd sposób prawdy o osobie Jezusa – pozwala ujrzeć Go w blasku Jego bóstwa. Jezus jest z jednej strony podobnym do nas uczestnikiem słabej ludzkiej natury, ale z drugiej – trwa w nim owa niezniszczalna siła życia (Hbr 7, 16), właściwa jedynie Bogu. Bardzo wymownie świadczą o tym słowa Ojca i znak światła. Dlatego też uczniowie, wpatrując się w Jezusa, wzmacniają swoje serca, poznają coraz lepiej, kim jest ich Pan i Nauczyciel. Wraz z nimi także Kościół idący za swym Panem uczy się, jak rozświetlać Ewangelią swoje drogi i jak umacniać swoją nadzieję w chwilach prób i doświadczeń.

Św. Jan Paweł II nazywa górę Tabor „górami ciszy i kontemplacji”, na której każdy uczeń Jezusa ma dać się zdobyć tajemnicy światła i miłości Boga (por. Flp 3, 12). Serca zdobyte przez Chrystusa, odmieniają życie. W tej perspektywie krzyże dnia codziennego nie tkwią już w mrokach beznadziejności i bezsilności, lecz w świetle modlitwy odsłaniają swoją „moc, która odnawia i pociesza”. A umocnienie łaską Bożą pozwala nie tylko z ufnością trwać przy Chrystusie, ale także dodaje siły i odwagi, by z radością wziąć udział w trudach i przeciwnościach znoszonych dla Ewangelii (2 Tm 1, 8). (o. Adam R. Sikora – franciszkanin)

DROGA KRZYŻOWA: W każdy poniedziałek podczas Wielkiego Postu o godzinie **7:25** wieczorem (po Mszy św. o godz. **7:00**.)

REKOLEKCJE WIELKOPOSTNE odbędą się w naszej parafii w **czwartek, 12-go marca**, o godzinie **7:00** wieczorem; w **piątek, 13-go marca**, o godzinie **7:00** wieczorem; w **sobotę, 14-go marca** o godzinie **7:00** wieczorem; i w **niedzielę, 15-go marca**, o godzinie **10:00** rano. Okazja do spowiedzi świętej od godziny **6:00 do 6:45**, w czwartek, piątek i sobotę przed Mszą Św. Rekolekcje wygłosi ks. Piotr Prokopowicz, CSMA (Michaelita z Polski).

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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