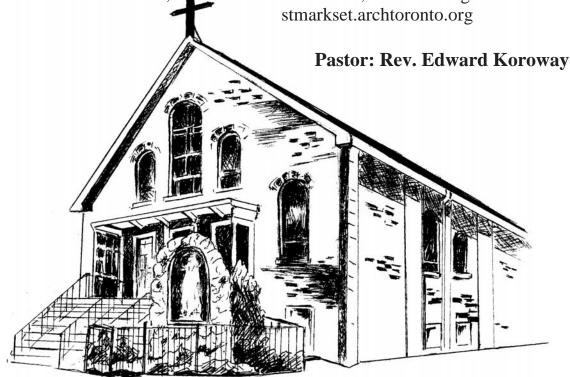
St. Mark's Catholic Church

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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

SCHOOLS

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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) usccb.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)
catholicherald.co.uk (Catholic news)
catholicregister.org (The Catholic Register)
ksmradio.com (local Polish Catholic Family radio)

Dear Parishioners of St. Mark's,

I hope you are well and managing to keep healthy physically and emotionally. This is a trying time for all of us. Although all public Masses in our diocese have been cancelled, priests are still offering Mass privately every day for the intentions of our parishioners. This situation may continue for some time.

Today [March 24] in order to limit the spread of the virus, the Cardinal has asked us to close the Church for individual prayer. So we will not be able to open the Church even for private prayer. This also means we will not be able to offer confessions in the Church. He has also asked us to close parish offices to the public.

Our bulletin company (Liturgical Publications), is no longer printing bulletins. They may still be available on our website: stmarkset.archtoronto.org. (as well as past bulletins). On the top line, click "News and Events", and then select "Bulletin Library" in the drop down box. The home page also has a link to the diocesan website the Covid19 on 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 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. www.dailvtvmass.com; **Internet:**

www.youtube.com/dailytvmass.

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 regular weekly offertory 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 for your understanding in these challenging times.

The pandemic crisis has come to us during the season of Lent, a time when we are called to draw closer to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. have, this year, an especially strong motive to reflect on the meaning of life, and our relationship with God and one another. We can feel helpless before such a disturbing event. That is all the more reason to place our trust in God and in his divine providence. God loves us more than we can possibly imagine, and he will never abandon us, so long as we do not abandon him. That is why we should try to find more time for prayer during this Lenten season, to help us through this difficult time, doing so with the hope that and trust that is so central to our faith. As Jesus says, "Remember, I am with you always, until the end of time." (Mt 28:20) May God continue to bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

(Rev.) Edward Koroway, Pastor

Pope Francis' prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to implore her protection during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,

with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,

through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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.



Piata Niedziela Wielkiego Postu - A

WIERZE W CIAŁA ZMARTWYCHWSTANIE.

Dzisiejsza liturgia Słowa przypomina nam prawdę o zmartwychwstaniu ciała. Wiele religii i systemów filozoficznych dopuszcza możliwość istnienia życia po śmierci. Jednak chrześcijańskie Objawienie do prawdy o nieśmiertelności duszy dodaje także wiarę w "ciała zmartwychwstanie". Jaka rzeczywistość kryje się za tymi słowami?

Ewangelia ukazuje nam, jak Jezus przywraca życie Łazarzowi. Dzieje się to w szczególnym momencie, kiedy po czterech dniach od śmierci ciało zaczęło już się rozkładać. Św. Jan opisuje nam tę scenę z detalami. Możemy sobie wyobrazić, jak wielki musiał to być szok dla rodziny Łazarza i dla wszystkich osób, które były świadkami tego wydarzenia. Ten, którego już pożegnano, odzyskał życie!

Każde niespodziewane wyzdrowienie można nazwać cudem, ale wydaje się, że wskrzeszenie umarłego jest tego najbardziej ewidentnym przykładem. Nieważne, czy człowiek leży w grobie sto lat, czy tylko godzinę. Nikt nie potrafi ożywić zmarłego, bo nikt poza Bogiem nie ma władzy nad życiem. Dlatego wskrzeszenie Łazarza jest wielkim cudem. O ileż jednak bardziej zdumiewające będzie dla nas zmartwychwstanie ciał do nowego, wiecznego życia! Otrzymamy wówczas ciało chwalebne, duchowe, inne od ziemskiego. Nie potrafimy nawet wytłumaczyć, jak się to dokona.

Jezus daje nam dziś klucz, który otwiera bramy życia wiecznego. Tym kluczem jest wiara: Kto we Mnie wierzy, choćby i umarł, żyć będzie (J 11, 25). Aby więc zmartwychwstać i móc cieszyć się szczęściem wiecznym, trzeba szukać w Bogu sensu życia. (ks. Krzysztof Burski – paulista)

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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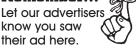
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