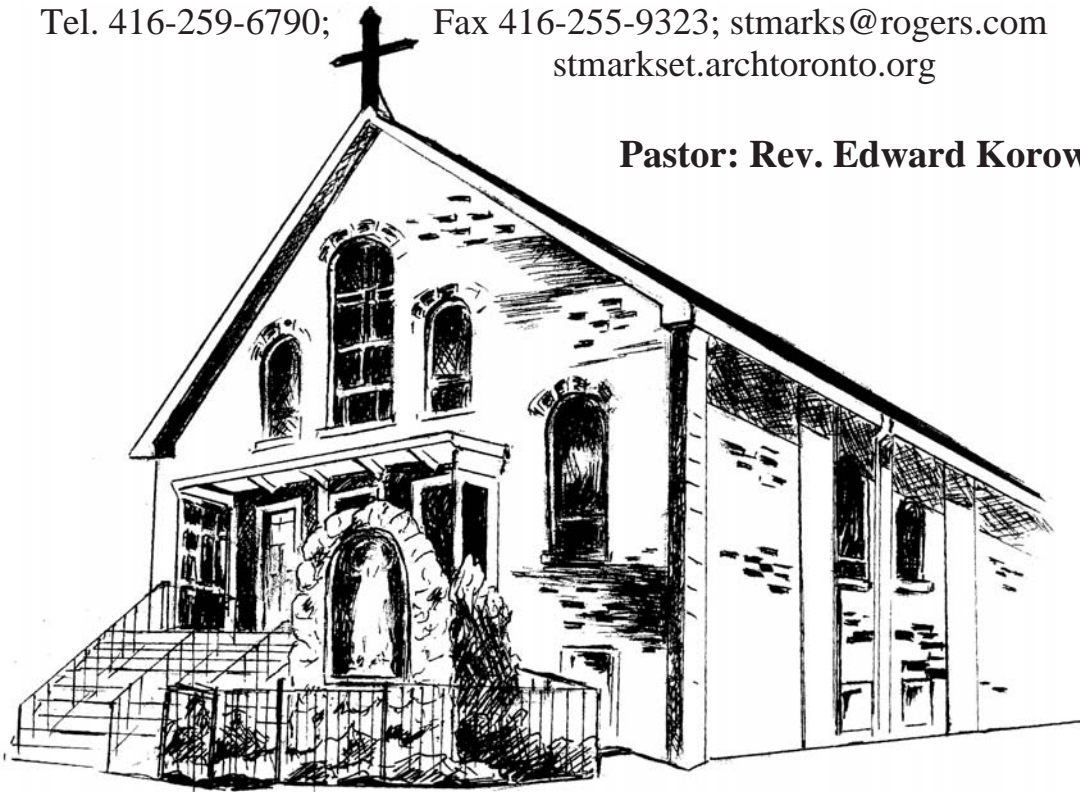


# St. Mark's Catholic Church

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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.  
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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Bishop Allen Academy  
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## USEFUL INTERNET WEBSITES

archtoronto.org (Toronto archdiocese)  
vatican.va (the Holy See)  
ccc.ca (Canadian Catholic Bishops)  
acbo.on.ca (Ontario Catholic Bishops)  
uscba.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)

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

## *A very Happy and Blessed Easter to all of our Parishioners!*

**CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY, HE IS RISEN!** On this glorious Easter morning, the Sunday of Sundays, the Solemnity of Solemnities, we are filled with the joy of the risen Lord. On this great day, death and sin was defeated as the Lord triumphed over all evil, leading us to the joy and love of eternal life. As stewards of Christ we should always have the identity of an Easter people. ...

The early disciples witnessed the risen Lord on Easter morning and from there went on to spread the good news of His resurrection to the ends of the earth. They received the gift of Easter, the same gift we receive today. As good stewards we should not keep this gift for ourselves but seek to share it generously with our parish community. One concrete practice we can adopt is to share our Easter joy with our family, friends and fellow parishioners by spreading the news of Christ's resurrection to those who do not yet fully believe. Let us share the joy of the Gospel as we strive to become better stewards.

(source: [www.archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship))

**LOVE AND MERCY—FAUSTINA:** This is a movie which tells the story of the Divine Mercy and the mission of Saint Faustina. It sets out to prove that Saint Faustina has seen the Lord Jesus indeed, because of the similarities of the Divine Mercy image and the Turin shroud. The film was shot in the US, Poland and Lithuania. It is directed by renowned Polish director Michael Kondrat who specialises in Christian films. Some trailers for the film are here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=3&v=PMCQISIoNk4&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=PMCQISIoNk4&feature=emb_logo).

[https://www.fathomevents.com/events/faustina-love-and-mercy?video\\_id=xXNvIW0tYB0](https://www.fathomevents.com/events/faustina-love-and-mercy?video_id=xXNvIW0tYB0)

The official web site with full details is here:

<http://www.loveandmercymovie.com/>

As movie theatres are now closed, the producers of this wonderful inspirational film have an exclusive 30 day on line 'pay per view' rental screening program with their internet screening partner *FanForce TV*. This will allow parishioners, family and friends to

screen the film in the comfort and safety of their own homes. The film will be available on line until May 6. It will be available to screen for a one time viewing of 24 hours at the following web site at a cost of \$9.99:

<https://www.fanforcetv.com/>. In these troubled times we can rejoice in our love and faith in Jesus Christ and see how this is a film 'for the times'.

**WHEN IS EASTER?** In the western Church, Easter can fall between March 22 and April 25. The date is the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon, that is the full moon after the vernal equinox (first day of spring—taken to be March 21). This year the first full moon of spring was on April 7, so the first Sunday after that is April 12, Easter Sunday.

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION.** Because we are unable to offer Mass publicly at the present time, the faithful are encouraged to make a Spiritual Communion. This is a way to be united with Christ when we cannot physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. It can be made at home or anywhere.

### *How do I do it?*

1. Start with the sign of the cross and prayer.
2. If possible, read and reflect on the readings from Mass that day (available on our or the diocesan website), or another passage of Sacred Scripture.
3. Have a real desire to be united with Christ.
4. Acknowledge your sins and ask for pardon and forgiveness.
5. Receive Christ in your soul and pray an act of Spiritual Communion (see below).
6. Offer thanksgiving.

### *St. Alphonsus Liguori's Act of Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**SPIRITUAL RESOURCES FOR COVID 19:** The home page of our parish website ([stmarkset.archtoronto.org](http://stmarkset.archtoronto.org)) has a link to the diocesan website on the Covid19 virus: [www.archtoronto.org/covid19](http://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](http://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. **Internet:** [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com); [www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass).

**PARISH SUPPORT:** 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 Easter or 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](http://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](http://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.

### **Niedziela Wielkanocna Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego**

**Zmartwychwstał trzeciego dnia.** Czy zastanawiałeś się kiedykolwiek nad tym, dlaczego akurat trzeciego dnia? Zmartwychwstanie jest przecież wywyższeniem Chrystusa, a ono dokonało się już w momencie śmierci, właśnie wtedy, kiedy Ukrzyżowany wypowiedział słowa: Wykonało się.

Nie Chrystusowi i nie Ojcu były potrzebne owe trzy dni. Były one potrzebne ludziom, aby dojrżeli i przygotowali się do oglądania Zmartwychwstałego. Nie mogli spoglądać na niego przez łyzy, które dają obraz zniekształcony, ani też w przestrachu i przerażeniu, lecz w pokorze i z wdzięcznością. Na takim dojrzałym postrzeganiu Pana miała się opierać wiara Kościoła.

Dlatego Jan, zwycięzca biegu do grobu Chrystusa, choć wyprzedził Piotra, zczekał na niego u wejścia do grobu i jemu pierwszemu dał prawo do obejrzenia miejsca, gdzie złożono ciało Chrystusa. Ujrzał i uwierzył, niejako w imieniu Kościoła, który miał zostać umocniony jego wiarą.

My, choć nie znamy Chrystusa według ciała, należymy do wspólnoty błogosławionych wiarą w Zmartwychwstałego. Umacnia nas w tej wierze Eucharystia – dar Chrystusa zmartwychwstałego. I nie szukamy już, jak niewierny Tomasz, ran umęczonego Pana, ale każdy z nas, ubogacony Jego przenajświętszą obecnością, wyznaje z wiarą: Pan mój i Bóg mój.

Msza święta jest zawsze sakramentem paschalnym, znakiem Chrystusowego przejścia pomiędzy nami. Świętujmy ją z radością ze swojego nawrócenia, z nowego życia i z tego, że ono się nie kończy. (*bp Jan Bernard Szlaga*)

***Pragnę złożyć wam wszystkim i waszym rodzinom—  
szczególnie chorym—serdeczne życzenia Wesołych  
Świąt Wielkanocnych, oraz błogosławieństwa  
Zmartwychwstałego Chrystusa—Alleluja!***

***ks. Edward Koroway***

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