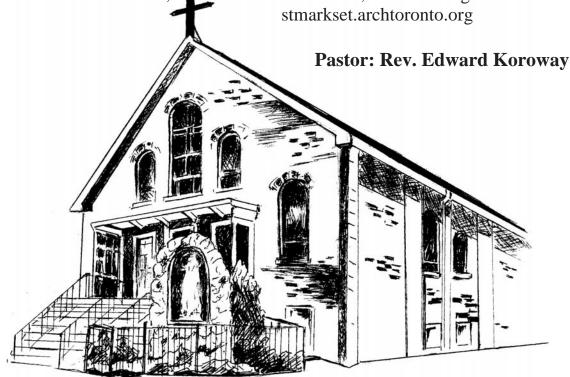
St. Mark's Catholic Church

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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

St. Mark Bishop Allen Academy Sainte-Marguerite-d'Youville 45 Cloverhill Road 721 Royal York Road 755 Royal York Road Toronto, ON M8Y 1T4 Toronto, ON M8Y 2T3 416-393-5332 416-393-5549 416-393-5418

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)

<u>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:</u> Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is known as *Divine Mercy Sunday*. During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy, he asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of this day concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast, which had already been granted to Poland, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope St. John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000: "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened". (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy.

The Divine Mercy image, is displayed in our Church above St. Joseph's chapel. The image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing mercy to the whole world. "The two rays denote blood and water. The pale ray stands for the water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross. ...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him." (Diary 299)

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:

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=PMCQISIoNk4&feature=emb_logo.</u>

https://www.fathomevents.com/events/faustina-love-and-mercy?video_id=xXNvlW0tYB0
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'.

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.

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) has a link to the diocesan Covid19 website on the 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. **Internet:** <u>www.dailytvmass.com</u>; <u>www.youtube.com/dailytvmass</u>.

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**, 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.

THANK YOU! to all who have been contributing to our parish by dropping off your envelopes at the rectory mail box, mailing them in, or donating online.

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.

<u>Druga Niedziela Wielkanocna Miłosierdzia</u> <u>Bożego – C</u>

PAN MÓJ I BÓG MÓJ. Dzisiejsze święto Miłosierdzia Bożego ukazuje nam ogrom Bożej miłości względem każdego z nas. Jezus otwiera przed nami wnętrze swojego Najświętszego Serca, byśmy mogli zaczerpnąć wiele łask dla siebie i całego świata. Dlatego i my otwórzmy się na bezmiar tej miłości uzdrawiającej, byśmy mieli pełny udział w radościach Zmartwychwstania. "Bóg bogaty w miłosierdzie" pragnie dotknąć nas swoją łaską, byśmy nie byli niewolnikami grzechu i szatana, ale stali się "dziećmi Światłości".

Zmartwychwstały Jezus zachęca nas do głębokiej wiary, pobudza naszą nadzieję i obdarza nową miłością. Miłość ta większa jest od śmierci, przezwycięża wszelkie zło i jest całkowicie bezinteresowna. Nie patrzy na to, co było, ale pragnie nam dać nową szansę na lepsze jutro. Dzisiejszy świat, tak bardzo poraniony grzechem egoizmu i pychy, potrzebuje tej miłości, by w sercu każdego człowieka zapanował pokój i radość, które płyną z faktu pustego grobu Zbawiciela.

Chciejmy dziś, wpatrując się w Miłosiernego Pana, powiedzieć za św. Tomaszem: "Pan mój i Bóg mój!", byśmy mieli udział w błogosławieństwie Zbawiciela: "Błogosławieni, którzy nie widzieli, a uwierzyli". Nie bądźmy jedynie wystraszonymi uczniami Chrystusa, zamkniętymi w skorupie swoich słabości, ale stańmy się mężnymi głosicielami Jezusowej Ewangelii, bo Pan pokonał wszelkie zło i pragnie naszego szczęścia. (ks. Jacek Zakrzewski — pallotyn)

"Kiedy sam odsłonisz tajemnice swego miłosierdzia, wieczności będzie za mało, aby Ci za to należycie podziękować". (św. Faustyna Kowalska, Dzienniczek, 1122).



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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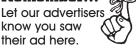
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