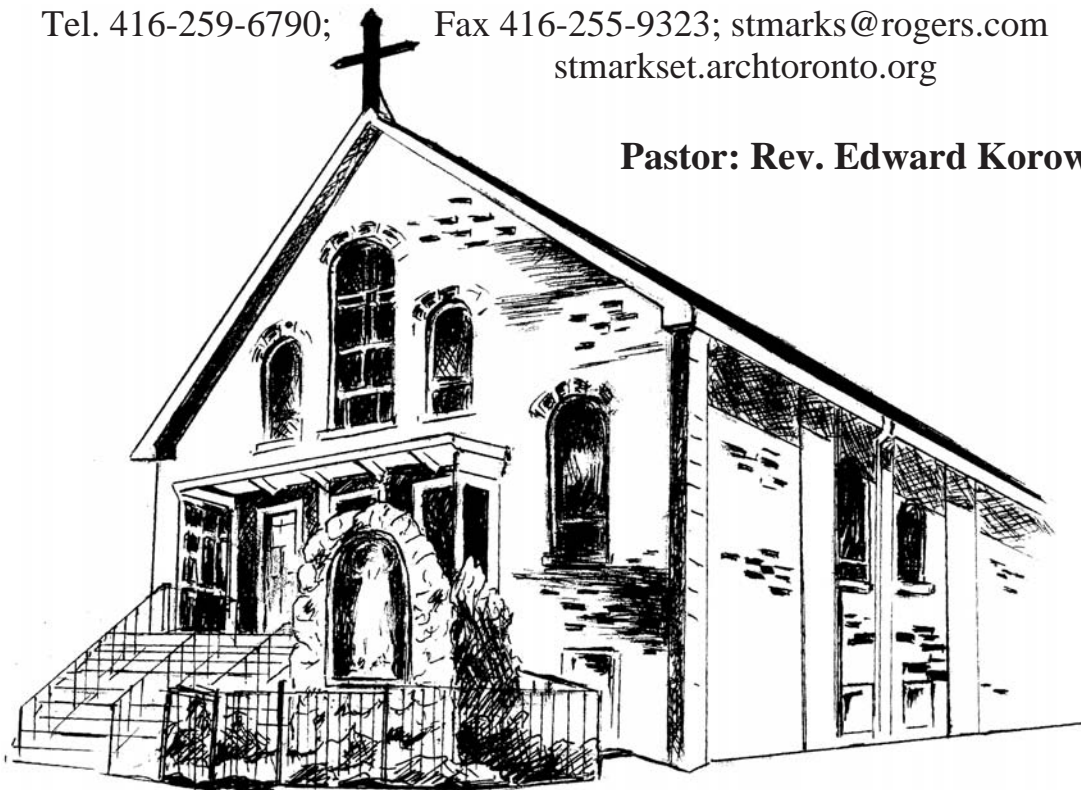


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WEEKEND MASSES

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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lifesitenews.com (pro-life news)
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Please consider remembering St. Mark's Parish in your will. Thank you!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS **to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is...a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

[The two prayers can be found on our website under the Covid19 Resources tab:
stmarkset.archtoronto.org].

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday, as we always hear the Gospel which presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is also the annual World Day of Prayer for vocations. Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially here in our own diocese. The following is a reflection on vocation.

A Meditation

By Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission—I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work, I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place *while not intending it*—if I do but keep His Commandments.

Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me—still He knows what He is about.

Prayer for Vocations:

Lord Jesus, as you once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let Your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me!

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice.

Support our bishops, priests, and consecrated people in their apostolic labour.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to Your service.

Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness.

Lord, send workers to Your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say “yes” to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

Amen.

Pope St. John Paul II

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES FOR COVID 19: The home page of our parish website (stmarkset.archtoronto.org) has a link to the diocesan website on the Covid19 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:** www.dailytvmass.com; 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 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! 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.

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.

IV Niedziela Wielkanocna – A **Niedziela Dobrego Pasterza**

PROWADZI NAS PASTERZ. Starotestamentalni prorocy oraz psalmiści nazywali Boga pasterzem Izraela. Zapowiadali też, że w czasach ostatecznych Bóg da swojemu ludowi Pomazańca, który będzie się troszczył o naród jak pasterz o swoje owce. Jezus oznajmia dziś, że to właśnie On wypełnia zapowiedzi proroków. Nie jest jednym z owych przywódców, którzy oszukiwali swych zwolenników i prowadzili ich na manowce. Nie chce też być potężnym wojownikiem lub ziemskim królem – nie przyszedł po to, by walczyć orężem. On jest Pasterzem – dobrym i miłosiernym.

Podobnie jak pasterz owiec idzie na początku stada, aby wskazywać właściwą drogę, tak też Jezus swoim życiem i nauką ukazuje ludziom drogę do Ojca. Dla Niego ważne jest życie i szczęście każdego bez wyjątku człowieka. Jego Ewangelia to niezawodny drogowskaz dla tych, którzy się zagubili na ścieżkach życia i nie umieją znaleźć drogi do Boga. Jezus pochyła się nad ich słabością jak pasterz nad skaleczoną owcą. W sakramencie pojednania goi ludzkie rany zadane przez grzech i dodaje sił do walki ze złem. Kiedy zaś doświadczamy pokus ponad nasze siły, On staje w naszej obronie, wiedząc, że sami nie będziemy w stanie przeciwstawić się atakom szatana.

Jezus oddał za nas życie i zmartwychwstał, abyśmy razem z Nim mogli żyć wiecznie. Chcemy więc z ufnością iść za naszym Panem, Nauczycielem i Pasterzem, bo u Jego boku czujemy się bezpieczni. Idąc z Nim przez życie, na pewno nie zginiemy. (ks. *Franciszek Mickiewicz – pallotyn*)

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