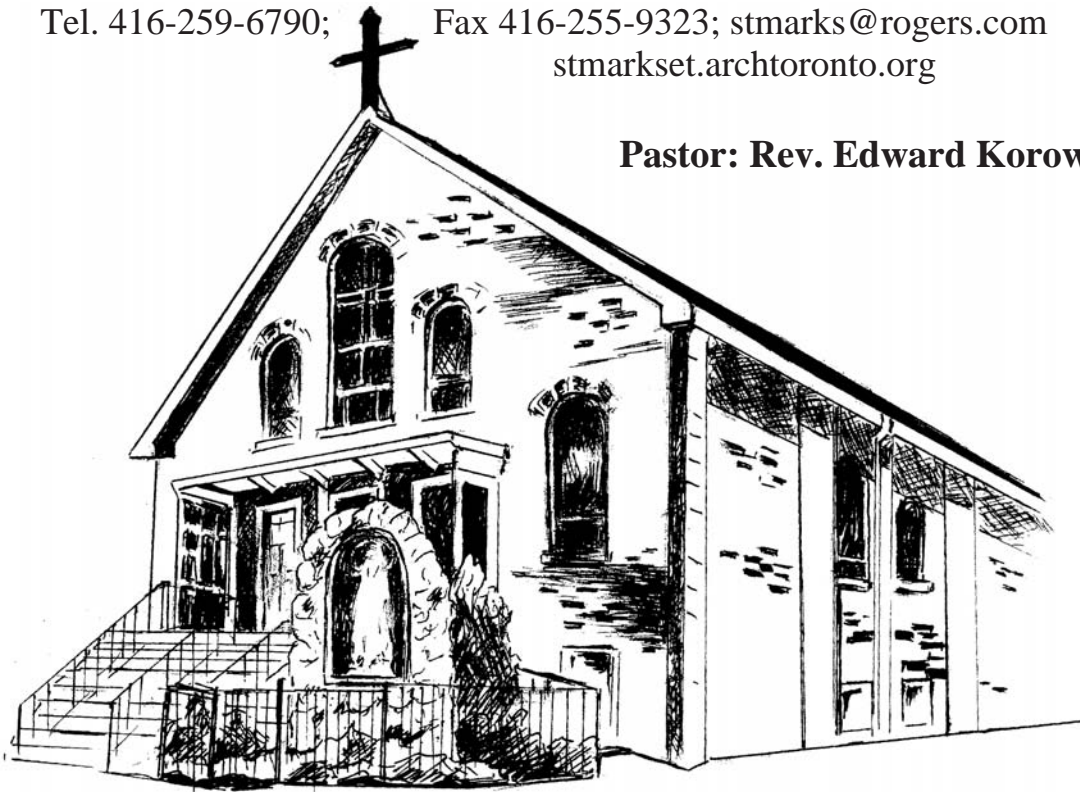


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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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

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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)
uscbb.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 Mother's Day to all
of our Mothers, Grandmothers,
Godmothers, and Mothers-in-Law!***

Beatitudes for Mothers

Blessed are mothers who did without for us, they will be rewarded.

Blessed are mothers who lost sleep when we were sick, they will find rest.

Blessed are mothers who taught us how to pray, they will share God's kingdom.

Blessed are mothers who comforted us, they shall be comforted.

Blessed are mothers who taught us right from wrong, they will know justice.

Blessed are mothers who shared with us the meaning of peace, they shall know peace.

Blessed are mothers who taught us the importance of loving God and each other, they shall see God.

Exercising our Priestly Call. “Beloved: let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood.” These are the words of St. Peter that we find in the second reading today. St. Peter exhorts us to see ourselves as priests. The Catechism says “the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king” (CCC 1546).

What is the primary and essential act that priests perform? The answer is simply that priests offer sacrifices. The USCCB [U.S. bishops] in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship says that “In exercising this office, [disciples] most fully realize the meaning of [their] Christian stewardship.

To be an authentic steward is to offer our God-given gifts back to God for the good of the Church and our parishes. Essentially, it is to sacrifice our lives for Christ, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. That is why He is the true, high priest that we strive to emulate. The USCCB goes on to say that “part of what is involved here for Catholics is a stewardship of time, which should include setting aside periods for family prayer, for the reading of Scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for attendance at Mass during

the week whenever this is possible.” Let us conclude this reflection by asking ourselves, how well are we living up to the call of being part of the royal priesthood of Christ?

(source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

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.

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.

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.

V Niedziela Wielkanocna –A

CZY WIERZYSZ WE MNIE? Dziwne są sformułowania kierowane przez uczniów do Chrystusa. Tomasz pyta o drogę do nieba; Filip domaga się spojrzenia na Ojca. Apostołowie ci, to przedstawiciele nas, zwykłych ludzi, którzy mamy wiele podobnych niejasności. Czasem formujemy je w przeróżne pytania do Boga: „A dlaczego tak źle się dzieje wokół? Skąd tyle nieszczęścia, bólu i łez, i cierpienia? Skąd tylu niedobrych ludzi pośród nas?” I to ostateczne, ponoć najważniejsze pytanie – „czy Bóg naprawdę istnieje?” Brak odpowiedzi czy odpowiedź niezadowolająca powoduje nasze zwątpienie, odejście od Boga, od wiary, od Kościoła.

A co Pan Jezus odpowiada dziś, nam wątpiącym: „Kto we Mnie wierzy...” Tylko tyle i aż tyle. Co było dalej z Apostołami – wiemy. Za wiarę w Chrystusa wszyscy oprócz Jana ponieśli śmierć. Podobnie i pierwsi chrześcijanie, którzy uwierzyli tym, co głosili im Słowo Boga. A my dziś?

To takie trudne oprzeć się na wierze, na zaufaniu słowom Chrystusa – chcielibyśmy wszystko zmierzyć, zbadać, dotknąć. A nie na tym polega wiara. Czy nasza wiara opiera się na modlitwie i Bożym Słowie? Czy mimo światowej niechęci do Boga i Kościoła wierzę w siłę modlitwy i Boga w Ewangelii? Jeśli Boga zabraknie w naszym życiu, to nie ma wiary, nie ma drogi do Boga, nie ma niczego.

Kościół żyje przez wieki, dlatego, że wciąż są w nim ludzie, dla których wiara, Słowo Boga, modlitwa i wszystko, co Boże, jest najważniejsze! Życzę Ci i proszę Cię, byś do takich ludzi należał. (ks. Krzysztof Stosur)



Dzisiaj obchodzimy Dzień Matki. Życzymy wszystkim Matkom i Babciom dużo zdrowia i błogosławieństwa Bożego i Matki Najświętszej!

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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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