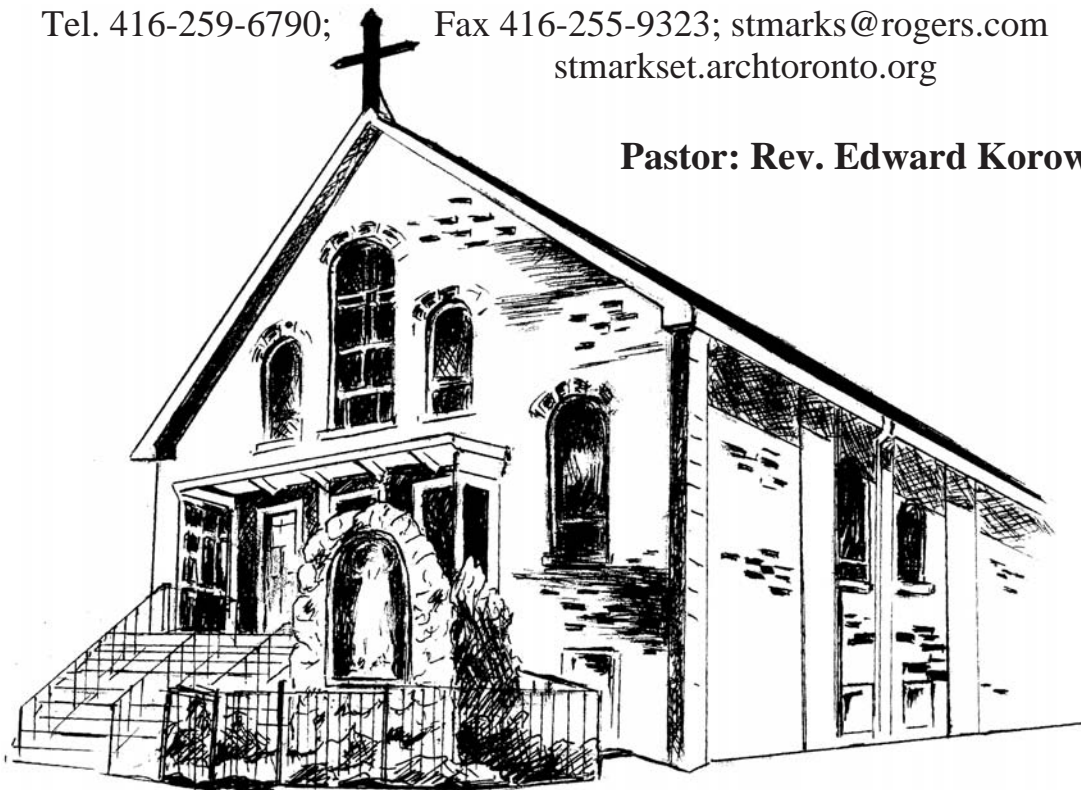


# St. Mark's Catholic Church

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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  
721 Royal York Road  
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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)  
uscgb.org (U.S. Catholic Bishops)  
lifesitenews.com (pro-life news)  
ccrl.ca (Catholic Civil Rights League)

tedsb.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!*



## Mass Intentions

- Sept.26: 5:00 p.m. Stanisław Ligas  
 Sept.27: 8:30 a.m. For the faithful departed  
 10:00 a.m. Za rodziców Jana i Józefę  
 Kuźmińskich, braci i siostry  
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's  
 Sept.28: 9:00 a.m. Teresa Kocleyda  
 7:00 p.m. Za Marię i Jana Konderak; i za  
 Natalię i Stanisława Świetlickich  
 Sept.29: 9:00 a.m. Enzo Belluomini  
 Sept.30: 9:00 a.m. Mary Grabham  
 Oct. 1: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention (C.L.)  
 Oct. 2: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving  
 7:00 p.m. Za Tadeusza Konderak  
 Oct. 3: 5:00 p.m. Deceased members of the  
 Jachna Family  
 Oct. 4: 8:30 a.m. Tadeusz and Danuta Małolepszy  
 10:00 a.m. Za Roberta Pietrewicza  
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's

## ★ FIRST FRIDAY ★

**FIRST FRIDAY:** This coming Friday is the First Friday of October. After the usual 9:00 a.m. Mass (in English), there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day until 7:00 p.m., when there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by evening Mass at 7:10 p.m. (in Polish). **CONFESSIONS** will be from **6:00 to 6:45 p.m.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Next **Saturday, October 3, 5:00 p.m.**, several children will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time at this Mass. (This was postponed from last spring because of the Church closures.)

**SEEKING TO SERVE RATHER THAN BE SERVED.** In today's second reading St. Paul offers us a radical way of living as Christians. He says that we should humbly, "regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." While this is a challenging way of life, it is at the very heart of being a steward.

To fully live with other people's interests above our own we require a dramatic interior conversion. Our society propagates the importance of the unholy trinity of "me, myself and I". In order to begin this conversion we need to turn to prayer and seek to imitate Jesus, the true steward. Jesus always sought to be a servant of others instead of demanding to be served. This was shown very poignantly when he washed the feet of the apostles. In this image, we see what it means to be a steward. To humble ourselves before others and seek their good before our own.

Imagine a parish community where everyone strives to serve their brothers and sisters. This service can be manifested in a variety of ways, whether it be simply going out of our way to say hello to a new family in the parish or supporting a family undergoing a major change or crises in their life. Let us constantly renew our commitment to being stewards and seek to serve rather than be served.

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

**LIFE CHAIN: Sunday, October 4, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Our nearest Etobicoke locations: Islington/Bloor; Kipling/Queensway. Life Chain is a peaceful and silent witness to the injustice of abortion and the harm it inflicts on women and the community at large. It is a simple but powerful reminder to our fellow citizens of the sanctity of human life and our duty to defend the weakest members of our society.

The very first Life Chain was held in 1987 in Yuba City, California and consisted of 2,500 people. The annual event grew by leaps and bounds in the following years, with Canada holding its first Life Chain in 1990, and almost 1,000,000 participating across North America in 1992. Last year, there were over 250 Life Chains in Canada and over 15,000 are estimated to have participated from coast to coast.

This year, we will be marking 30 years of Life Chain in Canada. Most Life Chains will be held on Sunday, October 4. Please determine the location and time of your nearest Life Chain by visiting: [www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain).

**CANADIAN BISHOPS' COLLECTION** (also known as the Needs of the Church in Canada) will take place *this* weekend.

**PAPAL CHARITIES COLLECTION:** The annual collection for the pastoral works of the Holy Father will take place *next* weekend. (This is normally held in May, but has been transferred because of the Church closure last spring.) Special white envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose.

**FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Parents of students in Grade 2 or older who would like their children to receive these sacraments this coming year (2020-2021) should attend one of the weekend Masses with their children, and obtain a registration form from Fr. Koroway afterwards. The form lists the five preparation meetings the students and parents must attend in the Church on Saturday mornings. The deadline for returning the registration forms is **Sun. October 25**.

**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. As there is no collection during Mass, you may leave your offerings in the baskets/boxes at the back of the Church or continue to drop them off, mail them in or donate online by **credit card** or through your **bank chequing account**. [Just 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, or your bank chequing account.]

**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.

### XXVI-A Niedziela w ciągu roku

**WIARA OTWIERA BRAMY KRÓLESTWA.** Bardzo dobrze pamiętamy słowa Jezusa, że nierządnicę i celnicę będą w raju przed nami. Zbyttno nas one nie szokują, a już na pewno nie gorszą tak, jak

musiały gorszyć sprawiedliwych i pobożnych żydów, arcykapłanów i starszych ludu. Gdybyśmy jednak w miejsce „jawnogrzesznic i celników” wstawili naszych osobistych wrogów albo ludzi, których z różnych powodów nie lubimy, to być może nasze zachowanie byłoby podobne do reakcji faryzeusza. Jak to? On lub ona przede mną?

Kto nie potrafi dostrzec, że jest człowiekiem grzesznym, niezasługującym na niebo, nie będzie też w stanie przyjąć łaski miłosierdzia. Jezus nikogo nie odsyła od bram nieba. Daje jedynie pierwszeństwo tym, którzy nawracając się, nie kryją, że są grzesznikami.

Na naszą grzeszność możemy patrzeć dwojako: bezbożnie i z wiarą. Bezbożnie, czyli zapominając o Bogu, którego miłosierdzie jest większe niż każdy, nawet najgorszy, najbardziej krępujący i zawstydzający nas grzech lub – z wiarą, która pozwala dostrzec w bolesnym doświadczeniu własnej słabości nieogarnioną łaskawość Boga. Mój grzech nie sprawia, że Chrystus ode mnie odchodzi, wycofuje się zatrwożony moją niegodziwością. To ja, grzesznik, odwracam się od Niego i próbuję iść swoją własną drogą. Jednak nawet wtedy Chrystus nie odstępował mnie ani na krok, bo przecież sam zapewniał, że nie przyszedł wzywać do nawrócenia sprawiedliwych, ale grzeszników, że nie zdrowi, lecz chorzy potrzebują lekarza. (o. Jarosław Krawiec – dominikanin)

„Celnicy i nierządnicę wchodzi przed wami do królestwa niebieskiego”. (Mt 21, 31)

**PIERWSZY PIĄTEK: 2-go października** przypada pierwszy piątek miesiąca października. Po Mszy Św. o godzinie **9-ej** rano, będzie wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu do godziny **7-ej** wieczorem, i Błogosławieństwo. Po Błogosławieństwie, będzie dodatkowa Msza Św. po polsku (o godzinie **7:10**). Będzie też okazja do spowiedzi świętej od godziny **6:00 do 6:45**.

**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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