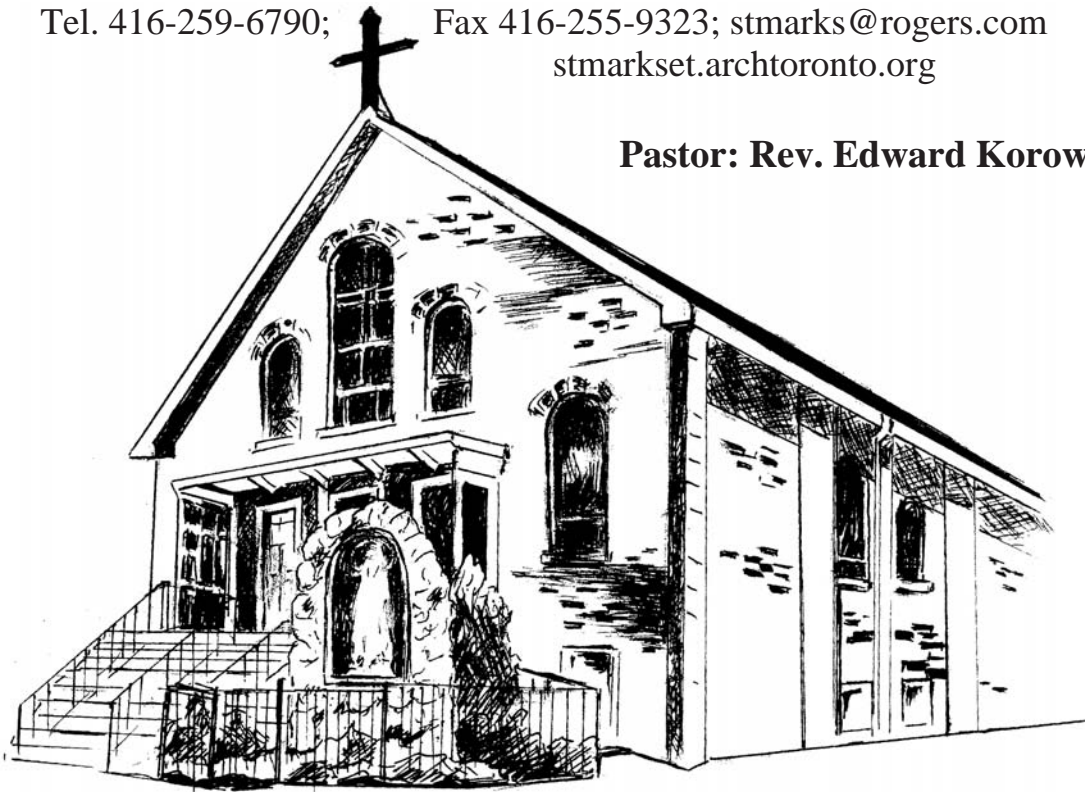


# St. Mark's Catholic Church

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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 9:00 a.m. (English)  
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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416-393-5549

Sainte-Marguerite-d'Youville  
755 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)

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!*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### PREPARING THE WAY OF THE LORD.

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” This was the prophecy by Isaiah concerning John the Baptist who ends the line of prophets pointing to Jesus. John the Baptist played his role in preparing the people of Judea for the coming of Christ. As stewards, we can look to John as a model of how to best lead others to Christ.

First, we must remember that it is never our own merits that convert people but is instead always a pure gift from God. John the Baptist fully recognizes this when he says that he baptizes with water while the one coming after him, Jesus, will baptize with the Holy Spirit. We too should always remember that it is the Lord who does great things, and we are only his instruments.

However, while we may not cause the actual conversion, we do play an important role in helping others encounter Christ. During the encounter, God does all the work, but we must still help facilitate this encounter. People can most readily encounter Christ through His Church which is why we must play our part in making our parishes as hospitable and welcoming as possible. ... The angels and saints in heaven rejoice whenever someone comes back to Church, shouldn't we do the same? Let us strive to be charitable stewards and say hello to any new parishioners we may encounter this season as a sign of our love and hospitality.

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

### CONFESSIONS

(in the children's room, at the right front of the Church beside the elevator side door entrance)

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 21: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 23: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(or by appointment: tel. 416-259-6790)

**ADVENT RETREAT:** Imitation of Christ. **Saturday, December 12, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** A virtual event hosted by St. Augustine's Seminary. Presented by Dr. Josephine Lombardi. Cost: \$25. Contact St. Augustine's Seminary, 416-261-7207;

**Due to the provincial government limitation of 10 persons in places of worship, Cardinal Collins has cancelled all public Masses in Toronto and Peel Region, until further notice. The Church will be open for private prayer during the following times, subject to a limit of 10 persons:**

**Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

**Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**(Confessions will be heard Saturday in the children's room beside the sanctuary from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.)**

**Sunday: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

If you are concerned about the restrictions placed on places of worship by the government, please contact your local M.P.P. ([christine.hogarth@pc.ola.org](mailto:christine.hogarth@pc.ola.org)), the Premier ([correspondence.premier.gov.on.ca](mailto:correspondence.premier.gov.on.ca)), and the Mayor ([mayor\\_tory@toronto.ca](mailto:mayor_tory@toronto.ca)).

**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. You may, of course, still leave your offerings in the baskets/boxes at the back of the Church during the times the Church is open. To 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 “Support your parish” icon, or 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. During this period of restrictions, our finances will be facing challenges. So please in your charity remember your parish. Thank you!

email: lay.formation@staugustines.on.ca;  
staugustines.on.ca.

**TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS WAFERS (from Poland) (OPŁATKI)** are available on the table in front of Our Lady's Chapel for \$2 per envelope.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2021:** These have been placed on tables at the back of the Church, *in numerical order*. You should have the same number you had in 2020. The labels reflect the information that we currently have on record. *If there are any mistakes, please write a note with the corrections on the next envelope you use so that we can make the necessary changes.* Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this convenient means of supporting our parish. Envelope users receive a receipt for their charitable donations, which reduces their income tax payable. For total annual donations over \$200, there is a *combined federal and provincial* tax credit of approximately 40 per cent.

**MARRIAGE SUNDAY:** Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of February 13/14, 2021 as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. To celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community, our parish is participating in a program to offer a personalized, special blessing certificate signed by Cardinal Thomas Collins to married couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2021. To request a special blessing certificate for milestone wedding anniversaries in 2021, visit <https://bit.ly/2021MS-SpecialBlessing>.

**NEW ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS** are now for sale in the vestibule of the Church for **\$5.00** each. Simply place the money in the offering box on which the Missals are displayed.

## **II Niedziela Adwentu – B**

**Przygotujcie drogę Panu!** (Mk 1, 3) Droga jest przestrzenią pomiędzy punktem wyjścia i celem. Kiedy człowiek wchodzi na drogę, musi wiedzieć, że ma ona swoje prawa, że wymaga podjęcia konkretnych obowiązków. Zapytajmy dzisiaj siebie o nasze drogi. Skąd na nie wyruszamy i dokąd nimi zmierzamy?

W czasie Adwentu Bóg daje, wskazuje nam drogę. Ona też łączy nasz punkt wyjścia (życie doczesne) z naszym celem (życiem wiecznym). Jest drogą pomiędzy pokusą a obietnicą. Przygotować drogę, oznacza nie tylko wyprostować ją. Oznacza także szukanie odpowiedzi na pytanie o to, gdzie jest mi bliżej: do pokusy, powrotu do początku czy do obietnicy prowadzącej do celu?

Nasza droga byłaby zbyt trudna, gdyby nie była drogą Pańską. A jest nią dzięki obecności na niej głosu. Jest to głos, który „przemawiał przez” Jana Chrzciciela, głos Mesjasza, który ma się narodzić, wreszcie głos sumienia, który zawsze będzie towarzyszył naszej drodze.

Na drodze adwentowego czuwania i wyborów nie jesteśmy więc sami. Jest z nami głos. Ten sam, który był u naszego początku, ten, który jest z nami w czasie dzisiejszej Eucharystii, i ten, który powita nas u kresu naszej drogi. Głos bowiem, który słyszymy na drodze jest tym, który jest, który był, i który przychodzi. (ks. Jarosław A. Sobkowiak – marianin)

**OFIARY NA KOŚCIÓŁ.** Jesteśmy bardzo wdzięczni parafianom którzy przynoszą regularnie niedzielne ofiary. Ofiary można wrzucać do koszyczków czy skrzynki umieszczonych na stolikach przy wejściu do kościoła. Również ofiary można składać w biurze parafialnym wrzucając do skrytki na listy przy schodach, wysłać pocztą, lub przez kartą kredytową na naszej stronie internetowej parafialnej. W tym okresie ograniczeń, nasze finanse staną przed wyzwaniem. Więc proszę, w swojej miłości, pamiętajcie o swojej parafii. Wielkie Bóg zapłać!

**KOPERTKI PARAFIALNE.** Kopertki są wyłożone na stolikach przy wejściu do Kościoła według numerów. Zachęcamy wszystkich do korzystania z kopert na ofiarę, ponieważ zapewniają one zapis darowizn. Składając ofiarę w kopercie, możemy otrzymać pokwitowanie do podatku dochodowego od darowizny na cele charytatywne. Zaświadczenia podatkowe za każdy rok są wysyłane w styczniu.

**OPŁATKI:** Opłatki wigilijne (z Polski) są do nabycia przy ołtarzu Matki Boskiej. Prosimy o ofiarę **\$2** za jedną kopertkę.

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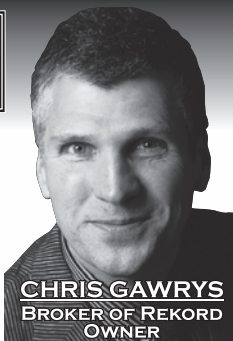


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