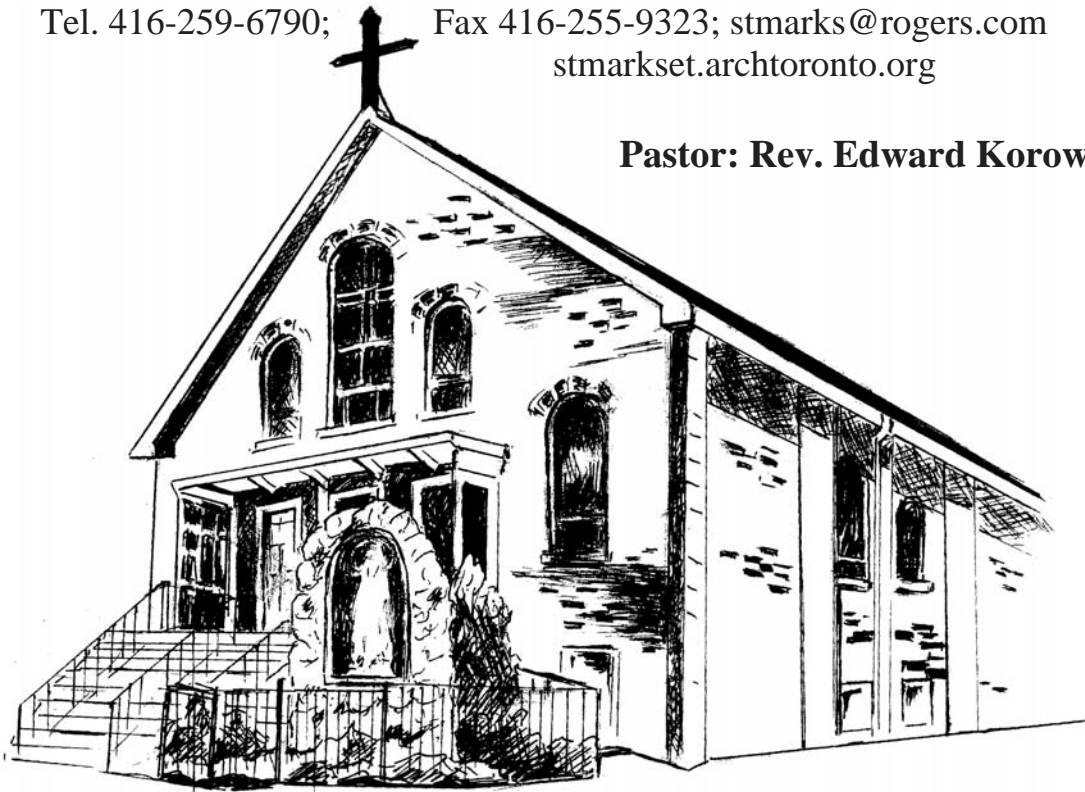


St. Mark's Catholic Church

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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

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St. Mark
45 Cloverhill 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!

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), the Premier (correspondence.premier.gov.on.ca), and the Mayor (major_tory@toronto.ca).

PARISH OFFERING: During this period of restrictions, our finances will be facing challenges. Our expenses are never in lockdown. So please, in your charity, remember your parish, especially in this Christmas season.

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, 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.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: Our monthly Building Fund collection is scheduled for *next* weekend. Special blue envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose. The funds raised will go towards the many renovation projects that need to be addressed in our parish, as well as reducing our debt (from the Family of Faith elevator addition).



CHOOSING JOY. "Rejoice always!" These are the words that St. Paul writes in the second reading this *Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday*. He exhorts all of us to always rejoice. It is important to note that he doesn't say to always be happy, but to rejoice always. Happiness, by definition, is utterly circumstantial. We are happy when we are experiencing something good, like eating ice cream on a hot day. However, when the ice cream melts, or it begins to rain our happiness quickly ceases because that good thing we were experiencing is fleeting.

Joy on the other hand is radically different. To experience joy is to remain happy despite the circumstances. This everlasting joy springs solely from recognizing that we are beloved children of God and being aware that we are living in the smiling gaze of Christ. But how do we live in joy? St. James in his letter says, "My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy," To experience joy is to intentionally call to mind God's love in the midst of our trials.

As stewards, let us not keep this practice of joy to ourselves. One way we can help people rejoice in suffering is by not partaking in complaining about our difficult situations. The next time we are in a tough moment and people around us begin to complain, let us strive to steer the conversation into one of gratitude for the good things the Lord is doing in our lives. This slow adjustment of choosing joy in our trials will begin to revitalize our parishes and communities, and the entire world. (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)

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. 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.

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.

III Niedziela Adwentu – B

ZAUWAŻMY BOŻE KRÓLESTWO WŚRÓD NAS. Dzisiejsza liturgia wzywa nas do radości i do ufności. Tym, którzy są ubodzy, których serce jest złamane i którzy są na różne sposoby zniewoleni, ukazywana jest dzisiaj dobra nowina o zbliżającym się wyzwoleniu i tryumfie miłosierdzia i sprawiedliwości.

Kiedy jednak rozglądamy się wokół nas i może także kiedy spoglądamy na nasze własne życie, o wiele łatwiej dostrzegamy motywy do niepokoju i obaw. Wystarczy włączyć radio czy spojrzeć do Internetu, aby dowiedzieć się o wciąż nowych wydarzeniach naznaczonych nienawiścią i rozpaczą. Wystarczy rozejrzeć się dokoła, aby ujrzeć choroby, rozczarowanie, przerażenie i śmierć. To nie pokój, miłość i dobro, ale raczej ból, przemoc, kryzysy

rodzinne, problemy finansowe i polityczne zawirowania zdają się dominować wokół nas.

Zbliżające się Boże Narodzenie nie usuwa ze świata grzechu i cierpienia, ale mówi nam o tym, że zło nie jest ostatnim słowem historii. To w tym świecie Bóg staje się ciałem. Rodzi się w zwykłej rodzinie. W niej wzrasta, rozwija się, dojrzewa. Co więcej, staje się Dzieckiem, które może przeżyć tylko wtedy, gdy zostanie przyjęte, nakarmione i ubrane. Boże królestwo sprawiedliwości, radości i pokoju przychodzi do nas dokładnie w ten sam sposób. Boże królestwo wydaje się pozbawione znaczenia i słabe jak małe ziarno gorczycy czy odrobina zaczynu. Kiedy jednak przyjmiemy je do siebie i o nie się zatroszczymy, także ono będzie w nas wzrastać i na końcu przyniesie pokój, miłość, sprawiedliwość, wolność, dobro i radość, do której już dzisiaj wzywa nas liturgia. (*ks. Mariusz Górny – paulista*)

FUNDUSZ RENOWACYJNY. W przyszłą niedzielę zbierana będzie składka przeznaczona na fundusz renowacyjny Kościoła. Specjalne koperty niebieskie na ten cel są wyłożone na stolikach przy wejściu do Kościoła.

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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