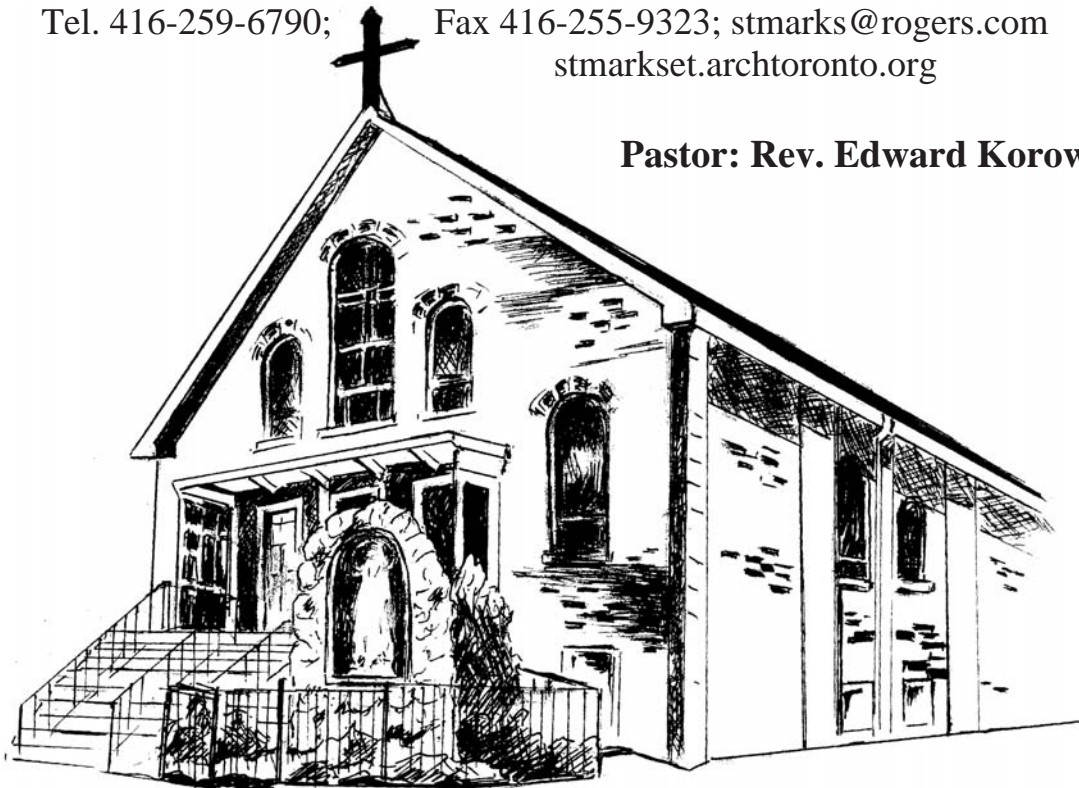


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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway



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
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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)
usccb.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)
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katolik.pl (Polish Catholic website)
catholicerald.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 until further notice. The Church will be open for private prayer during the following times, subject to a limit of 10 persons:

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

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 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. every Saturday in the children's room beside the sanctuary, or by appointment)

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 (mayor_tory@toronto.ca).

LIVING OUT OUR BAPTISMAL MISSION. This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. On this feast day we are invited to reflect on the meaning and importance of our own baptism as well. St. Gregory of Nazianzus beautifully expresses that "Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift." But why is baptism so important?

The Catechism states that "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission" (CCC 1213). Baptism gives us our identity as beloved children of God as well as anoints us for mission.

This baptismal mission can be readily lived out through our commitment to stewardship. As stewards, we are called to gratefully recognize that our time and talents are gifts from God and then strive to generously offer them back to Christ within our parish

community. ... Let us recommit to our baptismal call of stewardship and joyfully serve Christ and His Church. (www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2020 are being mailed or distributed to those whose total donations given in the parish were \$50 or more for 2020. (Those whose donations were over \$25 but under \$50 may obtain a receipt upon request.) The receipts are good for five years, in case you do not have enough income this year to benefit from the tax refund available. If married, either spouse may use the receipt, if you have the same address. In order to receive proper credit for your weekly donations, please write the amount on the envelope each week.

We encourage everyone to use envelopes. They provide a record of your registration in the parish and attendance at Mass, should you require a sacramental or other reference letter at some stage. Blank envelopes for those who have not been using them this year are available at the back of the Church. They allow us to issue you a tax receipt for charitable donations. For total charitable donations (from all sources) of *over* \$200, you receive a combined federal (29.0 per cent) and provincial (11.16 per cent) tax credit of 40.16 per cent. This means for every \$100 you contribute, you get \$40.16 back on your tax payable when you file your income tax return. [The combined federal (15.0 per cent) and provincial (5.05 per cent) credit for total donations *under* \$200 is 20.05 per cent.] ***Please note that any donations made to the Family of Faith campaign (or for ShareLife directly to the Chancery, or online through the Donate Now option) will be receipted separately, from the Chancery.***

EMAIL ADDRESSES: We would like to increase the number of email addresses we have for our parishioners. We invite you to print your email address on the back of your offering envelope, so we can enter it into our database, *or simply send us an email.* This will help us contact parishioners on short notice (if, for example, there are further developments related to the pandemic). Thank you!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2021: If you are unable to get to the Church to obtain your box, please phone the rectory and we can arrange for you to pick it up at the rectory.

Step by Step

*God does not lead me year by year
Nor even day by day;
But step by step my path unfolds
As He directs my way.
Tomorrow's plans I do not know;
I only know this hour.
And Him who bids me walk each step
Supported by His power.
And I am glad that it is so
Today's enough to bear.
And when tomorrow comes, His grace
Will far exceed my care.
What need to worry then or fret?
My Lord, who gave His Son,
Holds all my moments in His hand
And gives them one by one.*

MARRIAGE SUNDAY: Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of February 13/14, 2021 as Marriage Sunday in our diocese. We are offering 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, go to <https://bit.ly/2021MS-SpecialBlessing>. *The deadline to order is January 17, 2021.*

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. ***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.

NEW ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS are for sale in the vestibule of the Church for **\$5.00** each, *or available for pickup at the Rectory.*

Święto Chrztu Pańskiego

DAR CHRZTU ŚWIĘTEGO. Dziś, w święto Chrztu Pańskiego kończy się okres Bożego Narodzenia. Ewangelie zgodnie zaświadcza, że gdy Jezus wyszedł z wody, zstąpił na Niego Duch Święty w postaci gołębicy i z nieba zabrzmiał głos Ojca, który powiedział: "Ty jesteś mój Syn umiłowany, w Tobie mam upodobanie" (Mk 1, 11).

Jezus, wmieszany w tłum pokutników, poprosił Jana Chrzciciela o chrzest, czym głęboko zaskoczył Prekursora. Lecz to właśnie ten gest objawia szczególny rys mesjanizmu Jezusa: ma On wypełnić wolę Ojca, wydając się w "ofierze prześlągalnej za nasze grzechy" (1 J 4, 10). Pokorna solidarność z grzesznikami doprowadzi Go do śmierci na krzyżu. Zanurzenie w śmierci i zmartwychwstaniu Chrystusa jest radykalnym wyzwoleniem człowieka z grzechu i śmierci oraz stanowi nowe narodziny z Ducha do życia, które nie będzie miało końca.

Chrzest dzieci, w bardzo prosty i wymowny sposób pozwala nam pojąć prawdziwą naturę zbawienia. Jest ono łaską, czyli darmowym darem Pana. Dlatego rodzice chrześcijańscy powinni spieszyć ze swoimi dziećmi do chrzcielnicy, aby mogły one otrzymać na mocy wiary Kościoła wielki dar życia Bożego. Rodzice ci poprzez swój przykład, modlitwę i pouczenia mają też być pierwszymi wychowawcami w wierze swoich dzieci. [św. Jan Paweł II]

ADRESY E-MAIL: Chcielibyśmy zwiększyć liczbę adresów e-mail, które mamy dla naszych parafian. Zapraszamy do wydrukowania adresu e-mail na odwrocie koperty z ofertą, lub wyślij nam e-mail, abyśmy mogli wprowadzić go do naszej bazy danych. Pomoże nam to skontaktować się z parafianami w krótkim czasie (na przykład w przypadku dalszych wydarzeń związanych z pandemią). Dziękujemy!

KOPERTKI NA NIEDZIELNĄ KOLEKTE NA ROK 2021. *Jeśli nie możesz dostać się do kościoła, aby odebrać swoje kopertki, zadzwoń do plebanii, a możemy zorganizować dla Ciebie odbiór na plebanii.*



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