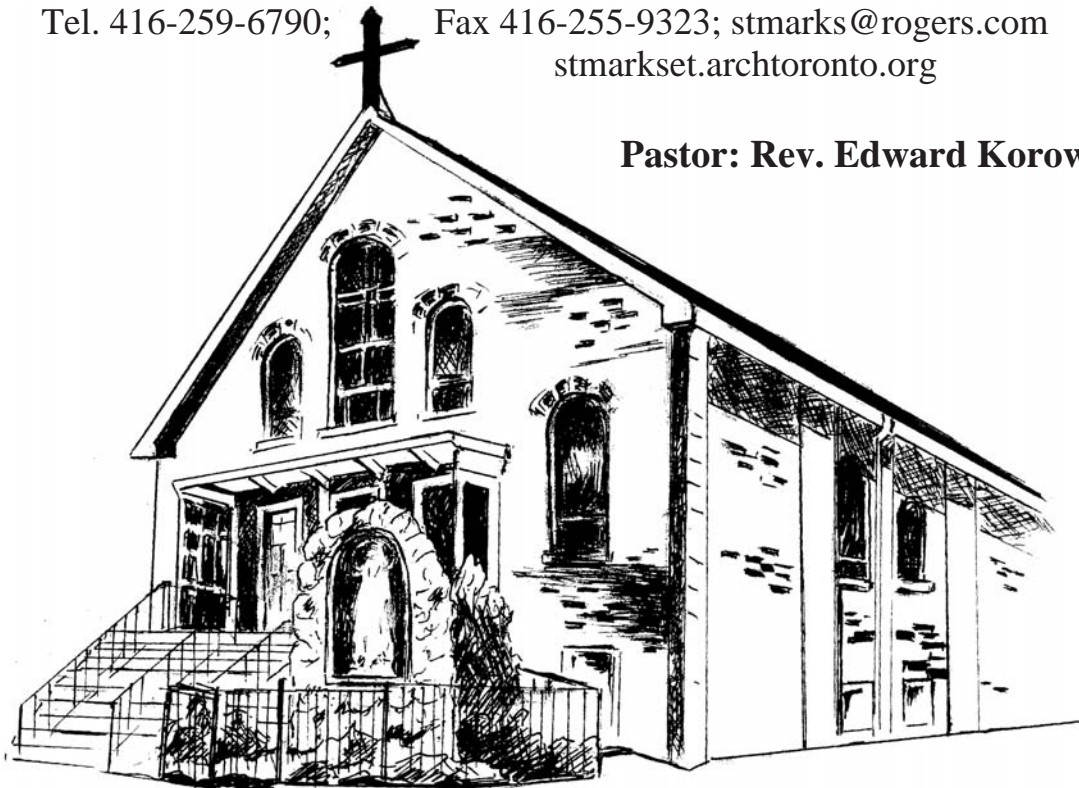


# St. Mark's Catholic Church

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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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## USEFUL INTERNET WEBSITES

archtoronto.org (Toronto archdiocese)  
vatican.va (the Holy See)  
cccb.ca (Canadian Catholic Bishops)  
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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)  
catholic-cemeteries.com (Catholic Cemeteries)  
katolik.pl (Polish Catholic website)  
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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—416-259-6790)**

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)).

**CARDINAL COLLINS** sent a letter recently on the **state of emergency** in Ontario. In it he writes: "It is our firm belief that spiritual sustenance is essential for the mental, spiritual and physical well-being of the faithful and the church offers essential support for many who are isolated or vulnerable. During this period of pandemic, churches in the archdiocese continue to offer livestream services and other creative outreach ministries for which I am most grateful. I also ask churches, that are able to do so safely, to continue to remain open for private prayer and, where feasible, to offer Holy Communion Services on weekends as previously communicated... participation is limited to no more than 10 people inside the church at any given time. ..."

The Cardinal adds, "those who are symptomatic, have a compromised immune system or are at a greater risk of infection, should remain home".

With respect to **Sanitizing Pews/Seating Areas**, a recent update of the WorshipSafe guidelines for Catholic churches throughout the province was

conducted. In relation to the sanitization of seating areas in churches, the following updated direction should now be utilized:

*If a pew will not be used within an hour of the last occupancy, there should be no need to disinfect, though periodic regular cleaning should still continue. Where the pew is scheduled to be used within an hour of last occupancy, disinfection should consist of running a disinfectant-laden cloth along the tops and sides of each pew. This approach is likely to be sufficient to combat pathogens, and as more research is done, such requirements may be eventually be dispensed with.*

### **Covid-19 Vaccine**

The Cardinal writes: "We pray that the vaccination process that has recently commenced in Canada and around the world will greatly contribute to a swift end to the pandemic. We long for the day where, once again, we may return, without restrictions, to full and active participation in the Eucharist, the source and summit of our spiritual journey. I encourage Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto to be vaccinated at the appropriate time, given the distribution plans outlined by the relevant authorities. ..."

"Thank you for your steadfast faith and ongoing prayers during these very challenging days. I ask you especially to keep close in prayer the many elderly and vulnerable people who have succumbed to the Covid-19 virus, those who are sick and those who care for them. I recognize that the current restrictions are incredibly frustrating for all of us. Out of love for one another, we must make every effort to combat this deadly pandemic that has taken the lives of so many, both here at home and around the world. May God continue to bless you now and always."

**FISHING FOR CHRIST.** "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people." Just as Jesus called his first disciples 2000 years ago, he continues to call us to follow him. As we reflect on this beautiful Gospel account, let us focus on one particular aspect, the fact that Jesus uses the image of being a "fisher." It is most interesting to note that as he is calling actual fishermen, he uses their own language.

There is a deep spiritual insight that can be gleaned from this, namely, that Christ uses what we bring to

the table to serve Him and the Church. While fishing may seem unrelated to being an apostle, Jesus does not downplay their past experience. He invites them to bring all of the gifts and talents that they've received from God, but instead of using it for their own gain, to use it to gain souls for Christ.

So too as stewards, we can sometimes think that God can only use us if we're already perfect disciples, or have degrees in theology or extensive training in ministry. However, the Lord wants us to bring all of our experiences, even our personal and professional backgrounds to serve Him. ... This is the heart of stewardship. To recognize that we all bring our own particular gifts that can be used to serve Christ. Let us reflect on our own gifts and graciously heed the call to become "fishers of people," each in our own way. ([www.archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship))

**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).

**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!

**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](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. Thank you!

### **III Niedziela w ciągu roku – B**

**Wyjątkowe Królestwo.** Nauka o królestwie Bożym zajmuje centralne miejsce w nauczaniu Chrystusa. W osobie Jezusa Bóg przychodzi do ludzi i chce królować w ich sercach. Na tyle „bliskie jest królestwo Boże”, na ile Bóg w Chrystusie zbliżył się do ludzkiego serca. Królestwo Boże posiada swoją specyfikę i różni się zdecydowanie od jakiegokolwiek ziemskiego królestwa. Jego wyjątkowość wyraża się w tym, że ma ono przeniknąć do wnętrza człowieka, opanować jego myśli, uczucia i pragnienia. Oznacza to, że królestwo Boże musi najpierw zaistnieć w sercu człowieka, aby on przez całą wieczność mógł korzystać z jego duchowego bogactwa.

Aby serce człowieka mogło stać się królestwem Bożym, konieczne jest jego nawrócenie, które nie może dokonać się bez głębokiej wiary w Ewangelię. Serce ludzkie zyskuje wtedy nową godność, staje się uprzywilejowaną przestrzenią królowania Boga. Konkretnym wyrazem obecności królestwa Bożego w sercu człowieka jest pójście za Chrystusem, stanie się Jego uczniem przez naśladowanie Jego postawy.

Bóg, powołując ludzi, pragnie swoim słowem nieustannie pielęgnować w nich swoje królestwo. Największym szczęściem człowieka jest odczucie, że „czas się wypełnił” i jego serce nie doświadczy już więcej pustki, bo sam Bóg objął w nim królowanie. Wszyscy oczekujemy na udział w królestwie Ojca u kresu dziejów, wierzący jednak zanim spoczną w królestwie niebieskim, nie przestają wołać, powtarzając bezustannie: "Przyjdź królestwo Twoje!" — przyjdź do mojego serca. (ks. Roman Mleczko, paulista)

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