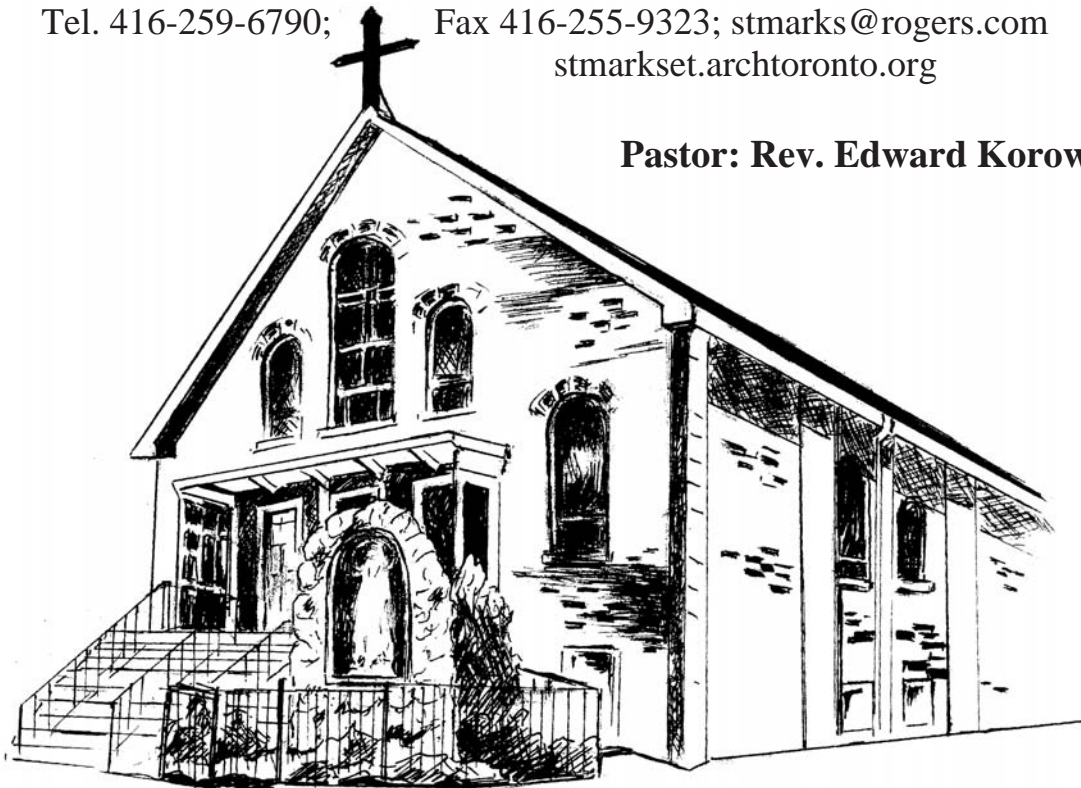


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WEEKEND MASSES

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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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)
catholicerald.co.uk (Catholic news)
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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), the Premier (correspondence.premier.gov.on.ca), and the Mayor (mayor.tory@toronto.ca).

REFLECT. This Sunday, one central theme that runs through all of the readings is that of evangelization. St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians says “woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!” At the end of the Gospel reading today it says that “Jesus went throughout Galilee proclaiming the message in their synagogues.” St. Francis Xavier says that “many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians.” As stewards, evangelization is one of our core responsibilities so let us take some time to reflect on how we can offer our time and talents to this important work.

First, in order for us to encourage people to follow Christ, we must take the time to journey with them. This is perhaps the most important gift we can offer someone as we evangelize. Jesus often spent His time conversing and interacting with the people of Judea. We too should follow this practice and intentionally make an effort to spend time with those whom we know are away from the faith. It is in these

interactions that they will be able to see the joy and love that emanates from the presence of Christ within us.

Secondly, as stewards we are invited to perform concrete actions to help bring others to Christ. St. Teresa of Avila says that “we must all try to be preachers through our deeds.” By performing selfless acts of love we can point others to Love Himself and help them come to know Jesus. Therefore, as stewards, let us take the time and effort to intentionally share the Gospel through our daily witness. (www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

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.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: FEBRUARY 11:

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

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.*

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Canada's Next Census of Population will take place in spring 2021. Statistics Canada will be hiring across the country in every community, big and small, in preparation for the 2021 Census. In the current context of COVID-19, we are committed to hiring locally and ensuring the safety of our employees and your community members at all times. For more information, and to apply, visit: www.census.gc.ca.

Answered Prayer

I asked for strength that I might achieve;
 I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.
 I asked for health that I might do greater things;
 I was given sickness that I might do better things.
 I asked for riches that I might be happy;
 I was given poverty that I might be wise.
 I asked for power that I might have the praise of others;
 I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.
 I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;
 I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
 I received nothing that I had asked for, but everything that I had hoped for.
 Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered;
 I am, among all others, most richly blessed.

V Niedziela w ciągu roku – B

PERSPEKTYWY. Raz po raz przekonujemy się o tym, jak bardzo trudne jest życie. Jednak pesymizm, jaki rodzi zetknięcie się z cierpieniem i śmiercią, nie jest do końca uzasadniony. Wierząc, wiemy, że jest Ktoś, na Kogo możemy zawsze liczyć.

Skargę Hioba na marność życia, przemijania i beznadziei dzielą miliony ludzi na świecie, którzy codziennie walczą o przetrwanie. Zmagają się z upokarzającą nędzą, chorobami, śmiercią, wrogością i odrzuceniem ze strony innych. Cierpieniem spowodowanym brakiem poczucia sensu życia. Doczesność boleśnie rozczarowuje i męczy (I czytanie). Boli nas brak miłości, samotność nawet w rodzinie; pustka, której nie potrafią wypełnić drobiazgi i drobne satysfakcje. Czy w ostateczności Hiob ma rację? Czy mamy prawo ulegać tak wielkiemu pesymizmowi?

W naszych życiowych dramatach nie pozostajemy jednak sami. Na kogo możemy liczyć? Na Pana Jezusa, któremu nie jesteśmy obojętni. „Wszyscy Cię szukają” – mówi dzisiejsza Ewangelia. Szukajmy Go również i my. Idźmy do Niego z naszą gorączką, obolałym sercem, niepewnością i lękami, pragnieniem miłości i akceptacji. Wiara upewnia nas, że On jest Bogiem dającym nowe perspektywy. „On leczy złamanych na duchu i przewiązuje im rany” (Psalm). Możemy Mu całkowicie zaufać. Chociaż nie zawsze zdejmie krzyż z naszych barków, to zawsze da siłę do jego dźwigania.

Nie tylko żyjemy nadzieją, którą daje nam wiara, ale jak św. Paweł stał się jej głosicielami. Stał się „słabi dla słabych” (II czytanie), aby pomóc im odnaleźć się w trudnych sytuacjach. Bądźmy świadkami Bożej nadziei. To nasze życiowe zadanie. (ks. Zbigniew Sobolewski)

Modlitwa

Prosiłem Boga o danie mi mocy do osiągnięcia powodzenia,
 — uczynił mnie słabym, abym się nauczył pokornego posłuszeństwa.
 Prosiłem o zdrowie dla dokonania wielkich czynów,
 — dał mi kalectwo, ażeby robić rzeczy lepsze.
 Prosiłem o bogactwo, abym mógł być szczęśliwym,
 — dał mi ubóstwo, żebym był rozumny.
 Prosiłem o władzę, żeby mnie ludzie cenili,
 — dał mi niemoc, abym odczuwał potrzebę Boga.
 Prosiłem o towarzysza, aby nie żyć samotnie,
 — dał mi serce, abym mógł kochać wszystkich braci.
 Prosiłem o radość,
 — a otrzymałem życie, aby móc cieszyć się wszystkim.
 Niczego nie otrzymałem, o co prosiłem,
 — ale dostałem wszystko to, czego się spodziewałem.
 Prawie na przekór sobie,
 — moje modlitwy nie sformułowane zostały wysłuchane.
 Jestem spośród wszystkich ludzi najhojniej obdarowany.

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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