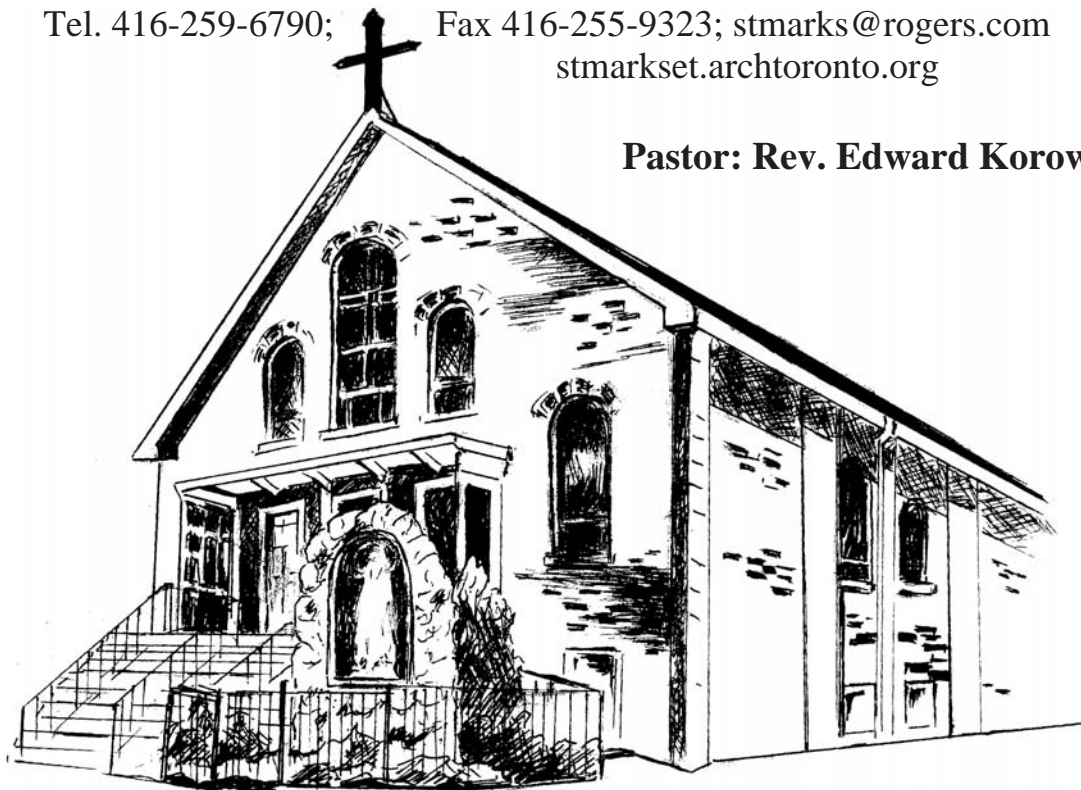


St. Mark's Catholic Church

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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
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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)
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 - Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Thursday – 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.)

ASH WEDNESDAY: This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be distributed between **9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**; and between **6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Because of Covid, ashes will *not* be placed on the forehead with the sign of the cross in the traditional manner. Instead they will be *sprinkled on the top of each person's head*. There will be a brief prayer service (similar to the Holy Communion services we have on weekends). You will need to *stand* (if able) at the front of the Church for the brief ceremony. The priest will say once for everyone: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel". Then you will kneel (if you can) to have the ashes sprinkled on your head.

You are asked to leave the Church immediately after the service to permit the next group to enter. *There will be no private prayer on Ash Wednesday to enable as many people as possible to receive the ashes.* Remember there is a limit of 10 in the Church at any one time. You will need to wait outside the Church until the group ahead of you departs.

Fast and Abstinence. All Christ's faithful are obliged by divine law to do penance, but on certain days the Church prescribes that it be done. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash

Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence forbids meat. The law of fasting prescribes that only one meal be taken in a day; but it does not forbid taking some nourishment in the morning and evening.

The obligation to fast binds those between eighteen and fifty-nine years of age. The law of abstinence pertains to everyone fourteen or older. Pastors in individual cases, and for a just reason, can give a dispensation from the obligation to observe a day of penance, or they can commute the obligation into some other pious work.

(Apart from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, *all Fridays throughout the year are penitential days*. Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year, unless they are solemnities, though in Canada, Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.)

MARRIAGE SUNDAY: Cardinal Collins has designated this weekend as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The event provides an opportunity to honour husband and wife while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the marriage covenant. To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend.

Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community. Let us also pray and extend loving support to those who have lost a spouse or are struggling from a broken relationship. For more information and resources on marriage, visit: www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

BEING A BILLBOARD FOR CHRIST. "You are a billboard for Christ." These are the words of popular Catholic speaker Father Mike Schmitz. He's trying to convey that if we are disciples of Christ, everything we do is a representation of Him. This beautiful reality is combined with a heavy responsibility. We must regularly ask ourselves, are we faithfully reflecting the love and goodness of Christ in our lives?

In today's second reading St. Paul says that "whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." As stewards, every facet of our lives should be done to try to glorify God. This does

not mean that we must always be in the chapel or being performing extraordinary works of charity. Rather, it means that we must infuse the ordinary events of our life with the powerful love of Christ. One aspect that we can sanctify is our daily work.

We should strive to realize that our work can be the sacrifice that we offer up to God. In realizing that we are working for God, we ourselves will be sanctified. We will slowly realize that everything we do is for Him, spurring us onto greater virtue. This will ultimately lead us to sanctify others for they will see the glory of God in our simple witness. Therefore, let us strive to intentionally say a prayer every morning asking God to help us glorify Him through our daily tasks. (source: 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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The Toronto Catholic District School Board is actively recruiting for the positions of: Supply Education Assistant, Occasional Library Technician, and Permanent Library Technician. Applications are to be submitted online through www.ApplyToEducation.com. For more information, please visit www.tcdsb.org/careers or e-mail us at hr.recruitment@tcdsb.org, or see the poster on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

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PROSIĆ, ALE NIE ŻADAĆ. Ludzie w kontakcie z Bogiem przybierają różne postawy. Są tacy, którzy nie dowierzają, że Pan może wysłuchać ich prośb. Uważają się za grzeszników i sądzą, że Najwyższy wysłuchuje tylko tych, którzy są czystszy i doskonalszy.

Łatwo zatem poddają się zniechęceniu i wycofują z drogi prowadzącej do Boga. Są także i tacy, którzy bez ustanku zasypują Pana swoimi prośbami i żądaniami. Gdy jednak dochodzą do wniosku, że nie zostali wysłuchani, obrażają się na swojego Stwórcę.

Bohaterem dzisiejszej Ewangelii jest człowiek, od którego możemy się nauczyć, jak powinniśmy się modlić. Naznaczony śmiertelną chorobą, nie traci nadziei i gdy w jego zasięgu pojawia się Jezus pada przed nim na kolana i prosi Go o uzdrowienie. Jednak nie czyni tego nachalnie i z przesadną egzaltacją. Jest głęboko przekonany, że Syn Boży może go uzdrowić. Jednocześnie liczy się z tym, że Opatrzność może mieć wobec niego zupełnie inne plany. Dlatego do Jezusa zwraca się jedynie z pokorną prośbą: „jeśli chcesz”, tak daleką od roszczeniowej: „musisz”.

Postawa tego człowieka uczy nas, że w każdym położeniu (także w obliczu śmiertelnej choroby) powinniśmy mieć odwagę, aby zwracać się do Boga o pomoc. Niemniej jednak nie możemy od Niego nigdy wymagać, aby spełniał nasze prośby według z góry ustalonego przez nas planu. Bóg sam najlepiej wie, czego nam potrzeba, i daje to, co jest potrzebne z punktu widzenia naszego zbawienia. (ks. Mariusz Krawiec – paulista)

ŚRODA POPIELCOWA. Nadchodząca środa to Środa Popielcowa, początek Wielkiego Postu. Popiół zostanie posypany w godzinach od **9:00 do 10:00**; i między **6:00 i 7:00**. Ze względu na Covid, prochy nie będą składane na czole ze znakiem krzyża w tradycyjny sposób. Zamiast tego zostaną spryskane czubkiem głowy każdej osoby. Odbędzie się krótka modlitwa (podobnie jak w weekendy podczas Komunii Świętej). Podczas krótkiej ceremonii będziesz musiał stać (jeśli to możliwe) przed ołtarzem. Kapłan raz na zawsze powie: “Odwracajcie się i wiercie w Ewangelię.” Wtedy wierni uklękną (jeśli mogą), aby posypać im głowę popiołem.

Jesteś proszony o opuszczenie kościoła natychmiast po nabożeństwie, aby umożliwić wejście następnej grupie. Nie będzie prywatnej modlitwy w Środę Popielcową, aby umożliwić jak największej liczbie osób przyjęcie popiołu. Pamiętaj, że w każdym momencie w Kościele jest limit 10 osób. Będziesz musiał poczekać na zewnątrz kościoła, gdy w środku zostanie osiągnięty limit, aż grupa przed tobą odejdzie.



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