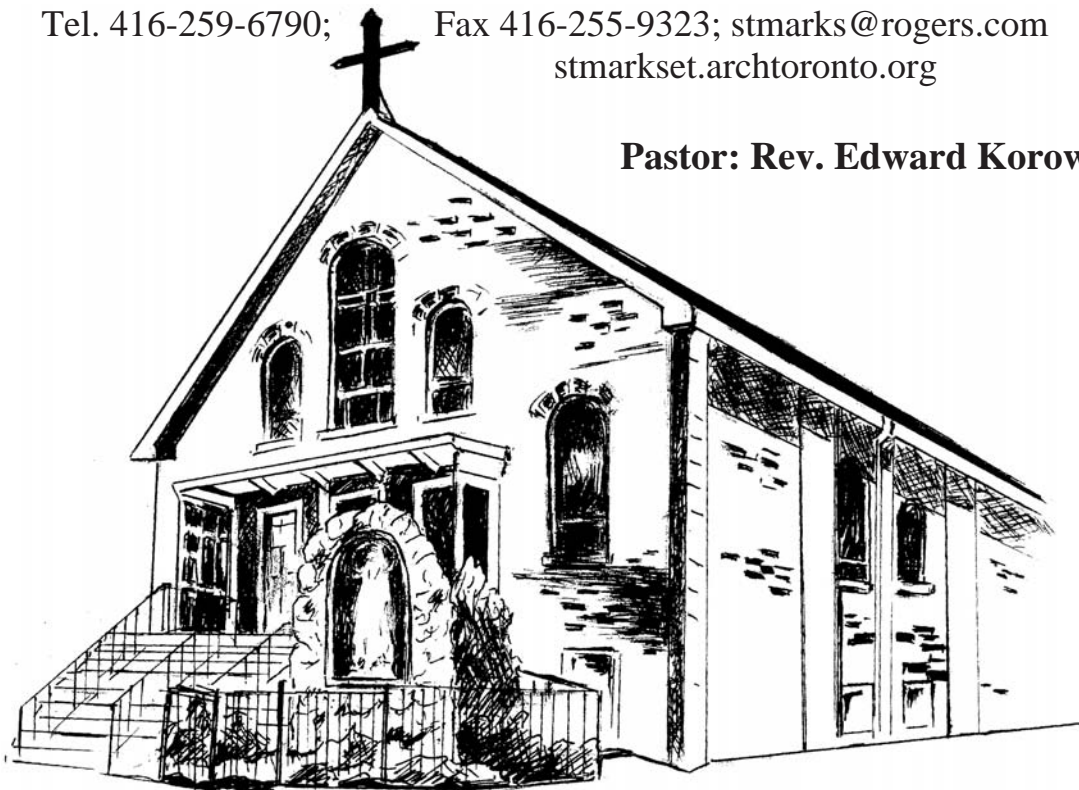


St. Mark's Catholic Church

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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)
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)
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 - 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).

FIGHTING TEMPTATIONS. During this First Sunday of Lent we hear the account of Jesus's temptation in the wilderness. Facing temptations is a part of life. St. Anthony the Great says to "Expect temptation to your last breath." Each time we face a temptation we have the choice of whether we follow Christ or turn away from Him. We should ask ourselves, how hard do we fight to resist temptations?

St. Josemaria Escriva says to fight temptations "Saint Francis of Assisi rolled in the snow, Saint Benedict threw himself into a thorn bush, Saint Bernard plunged into an icy pond ... what have you done?" When temptations come our way we must intentionally distance ourselves from the source of temptation and pray for strength. Perhaps one practice we can start is praying a Hail Mary as we physically walk away from any potential occasions of sin.

Let us also realize that every sin is tempting us with a twisted version of something good. So instead of just running away from evil, let us run towards what is true, good and beautiful. For example, we won't fall

into the temptation to gossip if we form the habit of building people up with our words. We will be less likely to get angry if we practise kind acts towards our neighbour. We won't fall into the sin of lust if we strive to sacrificially love others. This Lent, let us begin to run away from sinful temptations and fill ourselves with good things from God instead. ...
(source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

Lenten Resolutions

Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred; return good for evil.
Give up negativism; be positive.
Give up complaining; be grateful.
Give up pessimism; be an optimist.
Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts.
Give up worry; trust Divine Providence.
Give up discouragement; be full of hope.
Give up anger; be more patient.
Give up pettiness; be more mature.
Give up gloom; enjoy the beauty around you.
Give up jealousy; pray for trust.
Give up gossiping; control your thoughts.
Give up sin; turn to virtue.

(Fr. John Catoir)

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).

SANITIZING PEWS / SEATING AREAS: 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.

A Tragic Choice

On the table, side by side,
the Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
One is well worn, but cherished with pride,
not the Bible, but the TV Guide.
One is used daily to help folks decide.
No! It isn't the Bible, it's the TV Guide.
As papers are turned, what shall they see?
Oh, what does it matter? Turn on the TV!
So they open the book in which they confide.
No, not the Bible, it's the TV Guide.
The Word of God is seldom read,
maybe a verse when they fall into bed.
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be,
not from reading the Bible, but watching TV.
So then back to the table, side by side,
are the Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
No time for prayer, no time for the Word;
the plan for salvation is seldom heard.
Forgiveness of sin, so full and free,
is found in the Bible, not on TV.

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.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Pierwsza Niedziela Wielkiego Postu – B

PUSTYNIA – BŁOGOSŁAWIONY DAR. Co można robić na pustyni przez czterdzieści dni? Nic. Kogo można tam spotkać? Nikogo. Co można zobaczyć? Nie za wiele. Co można znaleźć? Pana Boga i siebie.

Greckie słowo eremos oznacza nie tylko pustynię, z piaskiem i brakiem wody, ale również miejsce bezludne, niezamieszkałe. Duch wyprowadza Chrystusa na pustynię. Tam zmagają się On z kusicielem, z myślami, przeżywa samotność. Po powrocie mówi krótkie zdanie: „Nawracajcie się i wiercie w Ewangelię” (Mk 1,15).

My również wychodzimy czasem na „pustynię”. Szukamy miejsca bezludnego, pustego kościoła, pustej ławki w parku. Niekiedy we własnym domu zamykamy się w pokoju, krążymy po ogrodzie, odmawiając różaniec. Szukamy „pustyni”, aby poradzić sobie z myślami i rozważyć wiele spraw. Po powrocie jesteśmy zamyśleni, inaczej spoglądamy na wszystko i też odpowiadamy bliskim krótkimi zdaniami. Być może jasne stają się wtedy słowa: „Kto idzie na pustynię, ten nie szuka tam chleba, lecz niesie w sobie głód za czymś większym” (bp J. Angerhausen).

Warto wychodzić czasem na „pustynię”. Warto chodzić tam z Chrystusem. Może w tych momentach chce nam Pan coś ważnego powiedzieć, coś przetłumaczyć... Nie wolno bać się tej „pustyni”: wewnętrznej walki, chwilowej samotności, obcowania tylko z Panem. Być może kiedyś, po powrocie, powiesz podobnie: „Nawróciłem się i wierzę w Ewangelię”. Być może?!

Zawsze jednak, gdy będziesz na pustyni, powtarzaj dzisiejsze słowa psalmisty: „Daj mi poznać Twoje drogi, Panie, naucz mnie chodzić Twoimi ścieżkami” (Ps 25,4). On nas przeprowadzi przez każdą pustynię. (ks. Przemysław Pokorski)

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.

Święty Michale Archaniele, wspomagaj nas w walce, a przeciw niegodziwości i zasadzkom złego ducha bądź naszą obroną. Oby go Bóg pogromić raczył, pokornie o to prosimy, a Ty, Wodzu niebieskich zastępów, szatana i inne duchy złe, które na zgubę dusz ludzkich po tym świecie krążą, mocą Bożą strąć do piekła. Amen.

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in our hearts.
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it's your faith and trust
that guides you to the
comfort of your Parish.



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