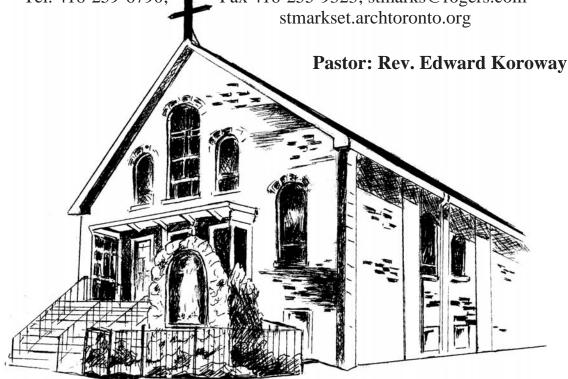
# St. Mark's Catholic Church

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#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (English) Sunday 8:30 a.m. (English) 10:00 a.m. (Polish)

10:00 a.m. (Polish) 11:30 a.m. (English)

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 9:00 a.m. (English)

7:00 p.m. (Polish) 9:00 a.m. (English)

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. (English)
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. (English)
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#### **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 Bishop Allen Academy Sainte-Marguerite-d'Youville 45 Cloverhill Road 721 Royal York Road 755 Royal York Road Toronto, ON M8Y 1T4 Toronto, ON M8Y 2T3 Toronto, ON M8Y 2T3 416-393-5332 416-393-5549 416-393-5418

#### **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)
catholicherald.co.uk (Catholic news)
catholicregister.org (The Catholic Register)
ksmradio.com (local Polish Catholic Family radio)

#### **Mass Intentions**



#### for the Week

Apr.17: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark

Apr.18: 8:30 a.m. Special Intention (E.L.)

10:00 a.m. Za Lucjana i Gertrudę Kocleyda

11:30 a.m. Stanisław Warmuz (health and

God's blessings)

Apr.19 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

7:00 p.m. Za Jerzego Klukowskiego

Apr.20: 9:00 a.m. Mary Lee

Apr.21: 9:00 a.m. Bronisław Jastrzembski (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.)

Apr.22: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Apr.23: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Apr.24: 5:00 p.m. Danuta Kaczynska (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.)

Apr.25: 8:30 a.m. Nicolle Maikawa (birthday)

10:00 a.m. Za Zofię Kalinowską i Halinę

Waszkiewicz

11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark

**BEFRIENDING GOD.** One of the most wholesome and life-giving relationships we can enjoy in this life is that of friendships. The book of Sirach says that "faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one has found a treasure." Of course, the greatest friendship that we can have is our friendship with God. However, many people find it difficult to see God, the creator of the universe, as a friend. This is why Jesus became incarnate as a man, so that He could reveal God to us in a way that we could more fully grasp.

The Catechism teaches that "Jesus is inseparably true God and true man. He is truly the Son of God who, without ceasing to be God and Lord, became a man and our brother" (CCC 469). Since we know what it is like to befriend other humans, we can extend this same means of friendship to Jesus. However, this friendship doesn't remain like all of our other friendships. Rather, since Jesus is also fully God, our friendship with Him also implies that we are friends with God.

This beautiful reality of Jesus being both God and man is visible in the Gospel today. Jesus appears to the disciples in His glorious new risen body, yet like all humans, he took a piece of fish and ate it. While this is a small example, it points to the reality of Jesus' identity. As stewards, our friendship with God is the most important relationship we need to foster. Let us take some time each day in prayer to converse with Jesus as we would a close friend and by doing so, enjoy friendship with God.

SHARE LIFE SUNDAY. This weekend is the first collection in our parish's annual ShareLife Parish Campaign. The ShareLife mission of "living the Gospel by providing for those in need" is at the core of how we are called to live as Christians. So many people – here in our parish, in our broader community, and around the world – have been severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Agencies funded by your gift to ShareLife are continuing their work to meet the needs our brothers and sisters. With your help, as we emerge from the pandemic, ShareLife will continue to be there, living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

Green envelopes and brochures are available at the back of the Church for those who did not receive them in the mail. You may place your offering in the collection box or basket on the tables at the back of the Church. You may also donate online, or mail your offering directly to the ShareLife office. (If you choose either of these two options, your receipt for tax purposes will come directly from the ShareLife office, and not be included in your parish receipt.)

**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).

#### PLANNING TO BE A CATHOLIC TEACHER?

It is important for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic School Board in Ontario as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you are planning to apply to teach in a Catholic School, please contact the pastor well in advance. It is also helpful to be a regular envelope user in order to verify that you do indeed regularly attend Mass in the parish.

ARCHDIOCESAN WEEK OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Monday, April 19 to Saturday, April 24. Let us all join, as a community, in prayer for vocations to the priesthood, religious or consecrated life. We also ask that you pray for our six soon-to-be priests, along with all who are discerning and who are currently in formation at St. Augustine's Seminary. Thank you for your continued support as we work and pray together to the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers into His vineyard. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

#### **Prayer for Vocations**

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, St Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for your Church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES TORONTO ONLINE SESSIONS. Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering online quick access single sessions. The single-session consultation is a quick and effective way for individuals, couples or families to address a mental health or relationship concern. To arrange for a session, please contact: info@cfstoronto.com or 416-921-1163 or 416-222-0048. Leave us a message with your name, email and phone number, and a staff person will contact you. Clients who are interested in pursuing other or additional services in the agency have the option to access our ongoing counselling, wellness or group programs. Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of his/her inability to pay fees.

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.

#### III Niedziela Wielkanocna - B

Jesteśmy Jego świadkami. Męka, śmierć i Zmartwychwstanie Chrystusa są centrum historii zbawienia i sercem naszego wyznania wiary. W okresie wielkanocnym, Kościół prowadzi nas do tego źródła życia i zachęca, abyśmy wyznanie wiary całej wspólnoty uczynili także naszym własnym aktem: odpowiedzią, jaką dajemy Bogu na to, co uczynił dla nas w Jezusie.

Dziś jest nam dane świadectwo o wydarzeniach, jakie dokonały się w historii Jezusa i ich interpretacja. Jezus rzeczywiście umarł na krzyżu i powstał z martwych. To jest sedno drugiej mowy św. Piotra, którą przytacza dzisiejsza liturgia Słowa. W Ewangelii o Zmartwychwstaniu mówi się jako o fakcie doświadczalnym dla Apostołów: Chrystus z nimi jadł, mogli Go dotknąć. Przekonanie o prawdziwości wydarzeń to jedna rzecz, a druga – równie ważna, to interpretacja tego, co się stało. Jezus zapowiadanym Mesjaszem, Jego śmierć jest ofiarą przebłagalną za grzechy – to znaczy wprowadza nas w nowe życie w Bogu, daje nam łaskę przebaczenia winy i pełnego pojednania z Ojcem. I wreszcie, wymaga od nas nawrócenia, abyśmy mogli doświadczyć jej uzdrawiającej mocy. A gdy już przejdziemy drogę od przyjęcia świadectwa do wyznania wiary, powinniśmy stać się świadkami dla innych. (o. Andrzej Kiejza – kapucyn)

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.

**LIMITY POJEMNOŚCI:** Prowincja ogranicza nas do 15% pojemności. W naszym przypadku jest to **85** osób. Po osiągnięciu limitu będziemy musieli zamknąć główne drzwi wejściowe. Dziękujemy za zrozumienie i współpracę.

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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