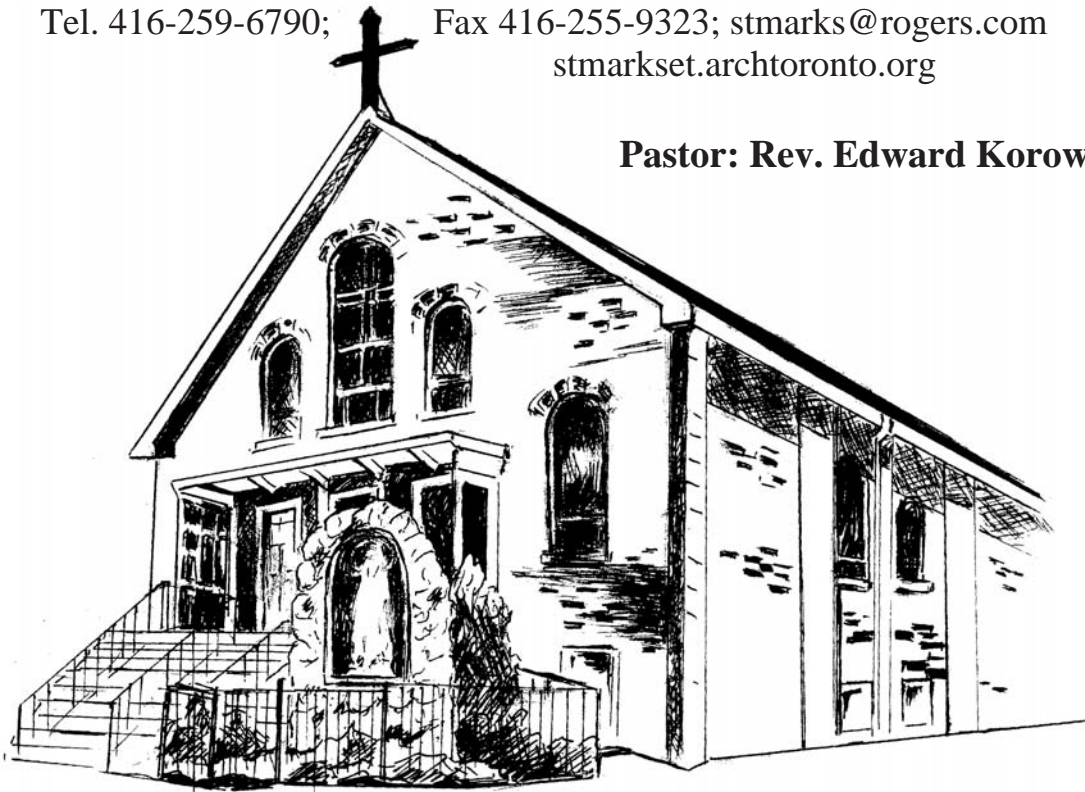


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WEEKEND MASSES

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)
acbo.on.ca (Ontario Catholic Bishops)
uscgb.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)

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 the diocese 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.)

harvest, that He may send more labourers” (Matthew 9:38). Therefore, all of us have a role to play in fostering vocations. God continues to call priests, and through our prayers we can help young men answer the call. One great practice we can adopt is praying one Hail Mary every day for an increase in vocations.

(source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

ARCHDIOCESAN WEEK OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

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 (only two of whom are being ordained for service in the Toronto diocese), 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.

A Meditation (on vocation)

By Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission—I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work, I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place *while not intending it*—if I do but keep His Commandments.

Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity

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).

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: Sheep and Shepherds. This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Jesus shepherds us, His flock, by protecting us from any ravaging dangers, helping us stay in the fold and seeking us when we're lost. We as sheep must listen to and obey His voice. There is a familiarity and closeness between a shepherd and his sheep, and so too, there is an intimacy between Jesus and us.

As stewards, we are called to imitate Jesus in all ways, including His role as shepherd. We all have people in our lives we are called to look out for, whether it be our families, friends or fellow parishioners. The most important step in effectively shepherding others is to first become a holy sheep in Jesus' flock. We must seek to grow in prayer and virtue, and through that flows the grace to journey with others heavenward.

Within this call for all of us to be shepherds, God gives a special grace to particular men to more closely imitate the Good Shepherd through the vocation of priesthood. In regards to vocations, Jesus gives us only one instruction: “to pray to the Lord of the

may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me—still He knows what He is about.

FEAST OF OUR PATRON, ST. MARK, THE EVANGELIST (April 25): The second Gospel was written by St. Mark, who, in the New Testament, is sometimes called John Mark (Acts 12:12 & 25). The name “Mark” means “God is gracious”. Both he and his mother, Mary, were highly esteemed in the early Church, and his mother's house in Jerusalem served as a meeting place for Christians there. He is believed to be the young man who ran away when Jesus was arrested (Mk 14:51-52).

St. Mark wrote the second Gospel, probably in Rome sometime before the year 60 A.D.; he wrote it in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity. Tradition tells us that St. Mark was requested by the Romans to set down the teachings of St. Peter. This seems to be confirmed by the position which St. Peter has in this Gospel. In this way the second Gospel is a record of the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of the Prince of the Apostles. He was martyred on April 25, in the year 68 A.D., at Alexandria. His relics are said to have been brought to Venice, Italy, from Alexandria early in the ninth century.

In art, his usual symbol is that of a winged lion. The reason is that St. Mark's Gospel begins with a mention of the desert and the lion is lord of the desert. He is also often seen holding, or writing his Gospel, as in the statue we have of St. Mark next to Our Lady's chapel. There are also images of him helping Venetian sailors. St. Mark is the patron saint of Venice, Egypt, attorneys, barristers, captives (he was imprisoned himself), and stained glass workers.



BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: Our monthly Building Fund collection is scheduled for *this* 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).

ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE: Wednesday, April 28, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If your son loves singing and is in Grades 2-10, join St. Michael's Choir School staff, alumni, parents and students to learn more about our choral and academic programs. Visit our website at (www.smcs.on.ca) for more information about the school. Register: <http://bit.ly/ChoirSchoolOHRegister>.

IV Niedziela Wielkanocna – B: Niedziela Dobrego Pasterza

Ty, Panie, nas poprowadź! Krótkie jest życie człowieka. Przychodzimy na świat, przeżywamy radość dzieciństwa i ani się nie obejrzymy, a już wchodzimy w świat dorosłych. Któregoś dnia odkrywamy, że jesteśmy „już” starzy... Dlatego w życiu nie ma czasu na eksperymenty. Potrzebny jest ktoś, kto wskaże nam jak żyć, aby się nie zagubić.

Jezus w Ewangelii składa nam niecodzienną propozycję: chce być naszym przewodnikiem, „Dobrym Pasterzem”. Przewodnik to ten, która zna drogę, wie dokąd ona wiedzie i dlatego może prowadzić innych. Jezus jest naszą drogą. On jeden zna cel tej podróży, jaką jest życie. Jednak my wolimy iść swoją drogą, potykając się co chwilę i tracąc kierunek. Dlatego św. Benedykt powie: „Żaden wilk nie ubiera się tak chętnie w owczą skórę, jak samowola”. A Jezus cierpliwie bierze na siebie nasze winy i nie przestaje nam ufać. Dlaczego to robi? Bo nas kocha. Jeśli ktoś nigdy nie kochał, nie zrozumie, do czego zdolna jest miłość. Bóg jest Miłością i miłość jest jedynym kluczem otwierającym tajemnicę życia. Iść za Jezusem to pozwolić prowadzić się tej Miłości, która powołała nas do istnienia i pragnie naszego szczęścia. Przez życie nie da się przejść samotnie. Trzeba wybrać dobrego przewodnika. Czy już wybraliśmy? (*ks. Krzysztof Burski – paulista*)

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