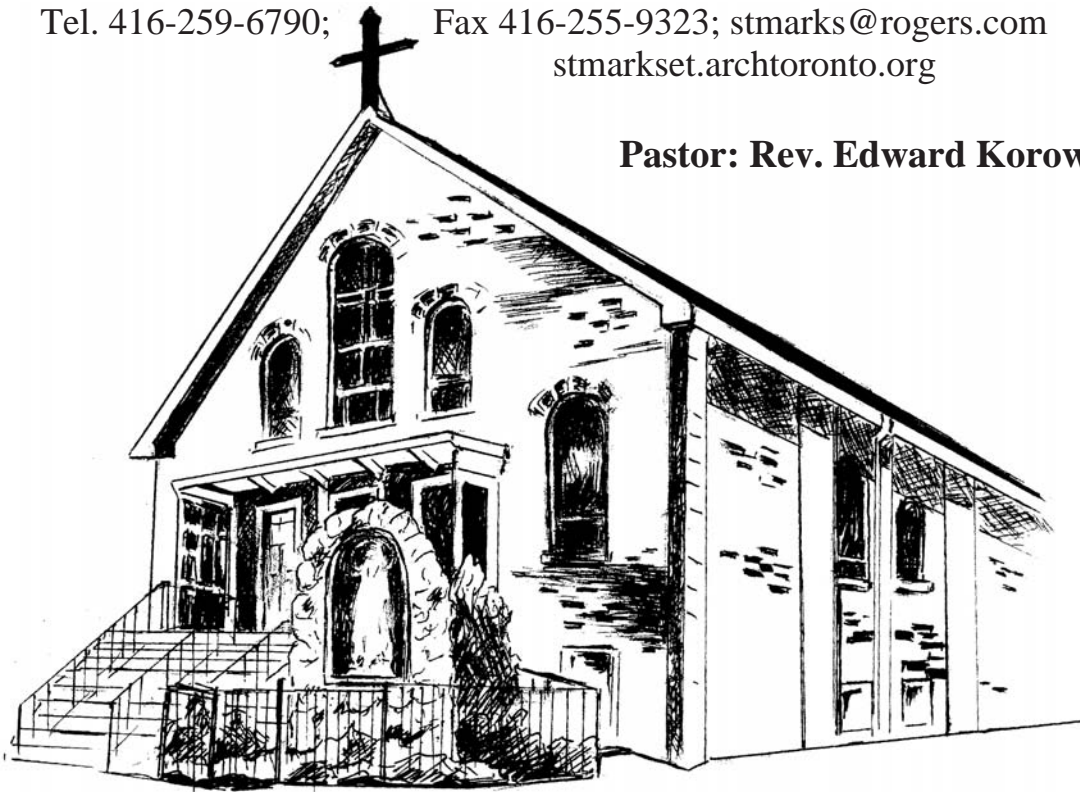


St. Mark's Catholic Church

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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

SCHOOLS

St. Mark
45 Cloverhill Road
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416-393-5332

Bishop Allen Academy
721 Royal York Road
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416-393-5549

Sainte-Marguerite-d'Youville
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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.)

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).



Friday, May 7, is the First Friday of May. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church from **8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** You are invited to sign up on the schedule on the bulletin board in the vestibule to pray for an hour before the Lord.

ABIDING IN CHRIST. Abiding in Christ In today's Gospel we are invited to reflect on the image of Jesus, the true vine. Jesus says "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." As stewards, there is much to be gleaned through reflecting on this passage.

First, Jesus desires to abide in us. He does this whenever we receive Him in the Eucharist. In the same way, we are called to abide in Him by prayerfully placing our very selves in His presence, whether it's through praying in our rooms or before the Blessed Sacrament. This close relationship with Jesus is where our stewardship originates and is

sustained. Jesus bluntly proclaims that we can do nothing without abiding in Him first.

As stewards, more than the actual works we perform, we are giving other people Christ through our time and talents. We can only give what we have first received. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that we focus on our prayer life above all. For example, before we plan on giving our time to a fellow parishioner and journeying with them, let us say a prayer asking God for the strength to work through us. Similarly, before we offer up our talents through various ministries in the parish, we should try to say a prayer asking that our works may point others to Christ, not to ourselves. Therefore, through abiding in Christ we may share His love and presence with others. (source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

BISHOP ALLEN ACADEMY NEW SCHOOL TOWN HALL: **Tuesday, May 11, 7:00 p.m.** hosted by Trustee Teresa Lubinski. To join the meeting or to submit a question, email teresa.lubinski@tcdsb.org; or BAnewschool@gmail.com.

HOLY NAME OF MARY COLLEGE SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE: **Saturday, May 1.** This is a private girls' school, where we strive to always take the best aspects of Catholic teaching and interpret it in the modern context. Join us for our virtual Open House of May 1 and see how HNMCS educates, inspires, empowers and shapes the girls of today to become the next generation of confident female leaders of character. For more information or to register for this event, email Giselle Fernandes at admissions@hnmcs.ca. The school is located at 2241 Mississauga Rd., Mississauga, ON L5H 2K8. Tel: 905-891-1890.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF 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.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE: Recently the diocese changed the web platform for parishes using the common diocesan program to comply with the Access for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. St. Mark's website is stmarkset.archtoronto.org. This is a kind of "hybrid" website, in that it offers information that is specific to our parish, but also has regularly updated information from the diocese that is sent to all parishes participating in the program. On it you will find the weekly bulletin, the Sunday Homily (select Parish Life, then Parish Blog and Sunday Homily), as well as an online Donation option. This is still a "work in progress", and we hope to improve it over time.

EMAIL IMPERSONATION SCAM TARGETS PARISHIONERS: ... the Archdiocese of Toronto has received reports from parishioners who have received suspicious emails supposedly from our priests or staff members. These emails attempt to start an online conversation or they have a suspicious document attached to the message.

These emails are not from the Archdiocese of Toronto. Online fraudsters are impersonating members of the archdiocese and we ask you to be on the lookout for online scam attempts.

For this fraud effort, it is helpful to look at the sender's information to determine if an email is legitimate or not. The fraudster is unable to access the email accounts of our priests or staff, so they are using other email services to impersonate archdiocesan clergy and employees. For instance, the name in the "from" line will seem familiar, but the email address listed after the name will not be that person's usual account. Or the "from" line will list the familiar person's regular email address (instead of their name), but the email address listed after it will be another address entirely.

If the sender information seems odd or if the message is out of character for the sender, do not reply to the message or download any of its attachments. Please report the email to the sender at a known email address or by phoning them. If we are vigilant with

our online security, these fraud attempts should stop soon.

V Niedziela Wielkanocna – B

PASTYLKA NIEŚMIERTELNOŚCI. Być latoroślą w Kościele oznacza prowadzić życie w łączności z Jezusem Chrystusem. Latorośle nie są samowystarczalne, bo zależą od krzewu winnego. On jest źródłem życia.

Święty Ignacy Antiocheński nazywał Eucharystię medykiem, czyli pastylką nieśmiertelności. Ten epitet nawiązuje do dzisiejszej Ewangelii o krzewie winnym i latoroślach. Wiemy, na czym polega żywotność gałązek. Czerpią one soki z korzeni. Chrystus porównuje Siebie do winnego krzewu, a wierzących w Niego do latorośli. Tak, jak gałązki winnego krzewu, wydajemy dobre owoce, gdy jesteśmy ściśle związani ze Zbawicielem.

Czasami zachowujemy się jak wyschnięta latorośl, jak krzak na stepie czy pustyni. Wybieramy miejsca spalone, ziemię bezludną. Nie potrafimy dostrzec chwili, gdy nawiedza nas Boża miłość. Co gorsza, nie płoniemy jak krzak Mojżesza, który świadczył, że Pan jest blisko. Tymczasem trzeba trwać w Chrystusie, to znaczy żyć w Jego obecności. Pozwolić Ojcu niebieskiemu na przycinanie nieprzydatnych pędów, by nas oczyszczał.

Jest w nas wiele dzikich odrośli, stale wyrastających. Przywiązujemy się do rzeczy nieużytecznych, czasem pełnych blasku, ale wyjaławiających, które nas rozpraszają. Nie koncentrujemy się na tym, co żywotne. W przypowieści o krzewie winnym należy dopatrzeć się tajemnicy eucharystycznej. Czyż można było pójść dalej w gloryfikacji, czyli wywyższeniu krzewu winnego?

Prośmy Pana Boga, by nas wyrwał wraz z korzeniami i zasadził w pobliżu wody, byśmy nasze korzenie mogli ponownie skierować do Źródła. (ks. Jan Augustynowicz)

PIERWSZY PIATEK: 7-go maja przypada pierwszy piątek miesiąca maja. W kościele w godzinach 8:30 - 4:00 odbędzie się wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu. Zapraszamy do zapisania się na tablicy ogłoszeń w przedsionku na godzinną modlitwę.

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