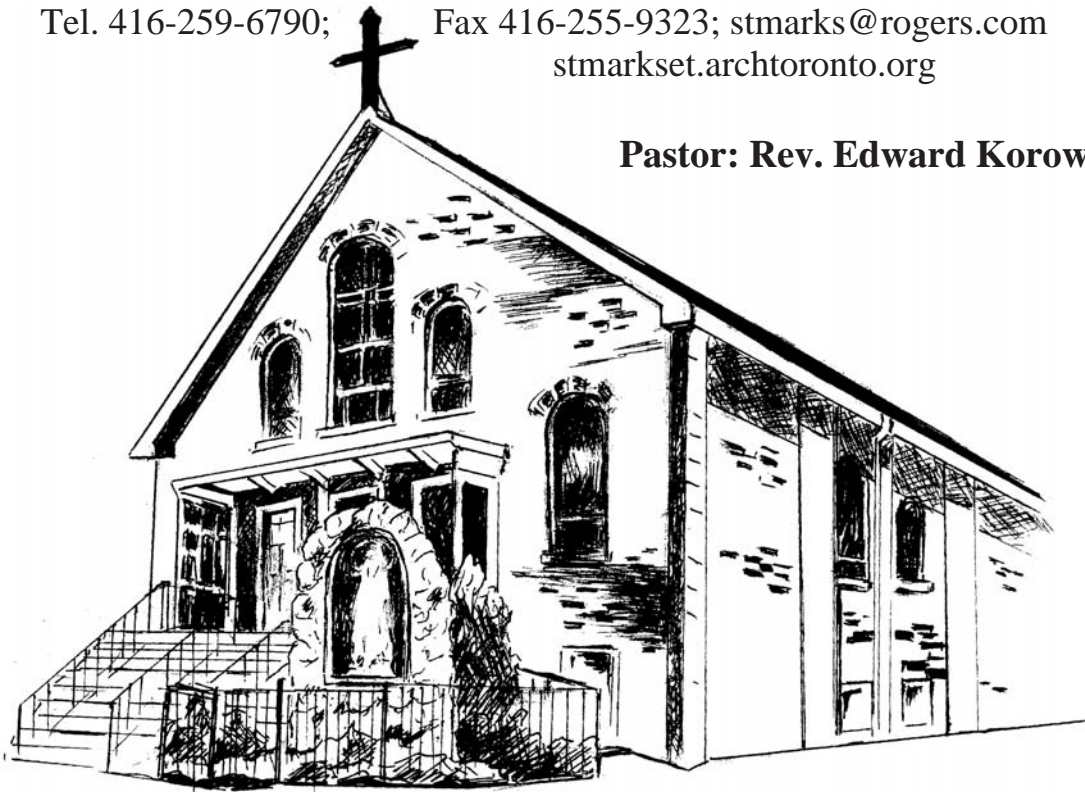


# St. Mark's Catholic Church

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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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Bishop Allen Academy  
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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)  
uscbb.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](mailto:christine.hogarth@pc.ola.org)), the Premier ([correspondence.premier.gov.on.ca](mailto:correspondence.premier.gov.on.ca)), and the Mayor ([mayor\\_tory@toronto.ca](mailto:mayor_tory@toronto.ca)).



After Our Lord rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, he appeared on earth to his disciples for forty days. He then ascended into heaven, promising to send the Holy Spirit upon them, so as not to leave them as orphans. The apostles then gathered with Mary and some other women in continuous prayer in the Upper Room. Then on the fiftieth day after Easter, Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit came down upon them in the form of tongues of fire. Traditionally the Ascension was celebrated on a Thursday. But in Canada, the feast was moved years ago to Sunday to enable more people to participate in the Holy Eucharist on this important feast.

**BEING AUTHENTIC STEWARDS:** This Sunday we celebrate the great solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Before Jesus ascended into heaven he told his apostles, and us as well, to “go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”

To spread the Gospel is an essential aspect of our stewardship. The greatest gift we possess is the knowledge and experience of Christ’s love and mercy and we should seek to share this with as many people as possible.

In order to spread the Gospel, we must overcome the temptation of having a split personality or a double life. We shouldn’t hang up our faith on the door as if it were a jacket we took off when we walked into the office. Our faith should instead be woven into every aspect of our lives. To always live as a disciple of Christ and showcase the joy of being a Catholic is perhaps the greatest good we can do in evangelizing our neighbour.

St. Charles Borromeo says, “Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head.” If people know we are practising Catholics, we can potentially scandalize them if we act uncharitably or contrary to the faith. Therefore, let us strive to make our entire lives a reflection of God so that we may constantly spread the Gospel. (source: [www.archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship))

**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).

**HUMANITARIAN RELIEF: India’s COVID-19 Outbreak.** If you would like to make a donation towards humanitarian relief in India, you may do so in one of the following ways:

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411

Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Mark—India Covid Relief.

**PASTORAL LETTER.** Cardinal Collins has released a new pastoral letter *Heart Speaks to Heart* on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is a significant reflection on one of the most sacred symbols in the

Catholic faith and what it can teach us in these difficult times. It is available on the diocesan website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org); or [bit.ly/SacredHeartLetter](http://bit.ly/SacredHeartLetter).

**RECLAIMING LOVE 2021 – THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR EVERYONE** with Jason Evert. The Archdiocese of Toronto's Office of Formation and Office of Catholic Youth are hosting a free webinar on the Theology of the Body on **Thursday, May 20** from **7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** with Jason Evert. Jason is an internationally-known Catholic speaker and author who will lead a discussion beyond feelings to help us embrace an integrated understanding of the truth of our identity. Leading us in praise and worship is Chico Nuguid, worship leader in the Archdiocese of Toronto. To register visit: [archtoronto.org/reclaiminglove](http://archtoronto.org/reclaiminglove).

**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](mailto: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.

### **Wniebowstąpienie Pańskie – B**

**Chrystus nie pozostawia nas samymi.** Wniebowstąpienie Pana Jezusa jest jedynie zakończeniem Jego widzialnej obecności na ziemi. Po Wniebowstąpieniu Chrystus nie ukazuje się już w postaci cielesnej swoim uczniom, ale wcale nie znaczy to, że przestaje być obecny wśród nich, wśród nas ...

Sam przecież powiedział: "*Ja jestem z wami przez wszystkie dni, aż do skończenia świata*". Ta jego wieloraka obecność w Kościele i w naszym życiu jest nam wszystkim znana. Niestety nie zawsze jesteśmy tego świadomi i nie zawsze zwracamy na to uwagę. Bardzo często jesteśmy zniechęceni i mamy pretensje do Boga, że nas opuścił, że o nas zapomniał, że (szczególnie w chwilach trudnych) odwrócił się do nas plecami. Czy jednak nie jest raczej tak, że to my o Nim zapominamy, że to my odwracamy się do Niego plecami, że to my Go lekceważymy, a przypominamy sobie o Nim jedynie w sytuacji kryzysowej, na zasadzie powiedzenia "*jak trwoga to do Boga*"?

Co więcej, czy nie jest i tak, że czasami chcielibyśmy aby nie był obecny w naszym życiu żeby nie przypominał nam o swojej obecności np. wyrzutami sumienia, czy krzywdą wyrządzoną innym przez nas lub faktem, że zamykamy oczy na potrzeby bliźnich i usypiamy swoje sumienie obojętnością? Czy nie jest tak, że ta Jego obecność jest czasami drażniąca i niewygodna i wolelibyśmy o niej zapomnieć? Czy nie jest tak, że chcielibyśmy się przed tą Jego niewygodną obecnością ukryć, pozbyć się jej i tym samym móc czasami coś zrobić bez wyrzutów sumienia i tego niewygodnego poczucia winy?

Chrystus nigdy nie pozostawia nas samymi i właśnie wtedy, kiedy wydaje się nam, że jest bardzo daleko lub kiedy chcielibyśmy aby był bardzo daleko, On jest najbliżej nas i pochyla się nad nami cierpliwie i z Miłością. Wstępując do nieba stał się niewidzialny dla naszych oczu, ale to wcale nie znaczy, że stał się nieobecny, odległy i daleki ...

*Panie nie pozwól mi nigdy zapomnieć o Twojej - w moim życiu - obecności.*

**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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