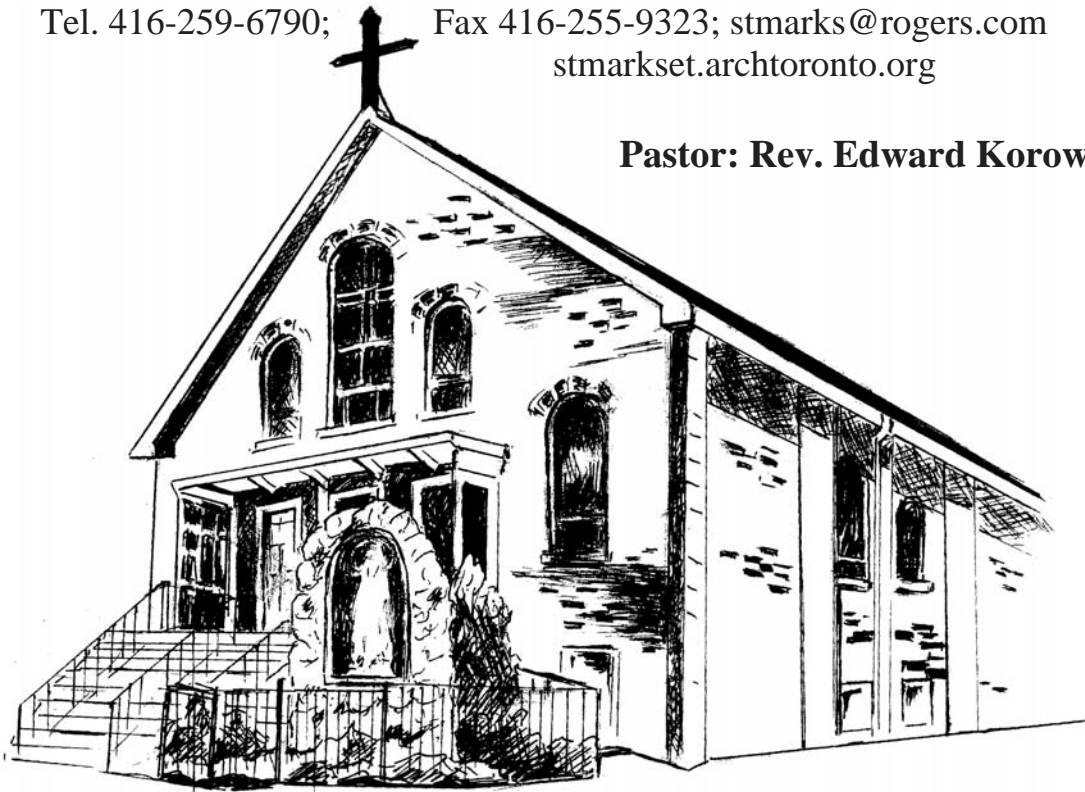


St. Mark's Catholic Church

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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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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.)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

IN CHINA: In honor of the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians (May 24), Pope Benedict XVI composed the following prayer in 2008. He asked that it be recited every year on May 24, and that the day be designated a World Day of Prayer for the Church in China.

**PRAYER OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI
TO OUR LADY OF SHESHAN
ON THE OCCASION OF THE WORLD DAY OF
PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN CHINA**

Virgin Most Holy, Mother of the Incarnate Word and our Mother, venerated in the Shrine of Sheshan under the title "Help of Christians", the entire Church in China looks to you with devout affection. We come before you today to implore your protection. Look upon the People of God and, with a mother's care, guide them along the paths of truth and love, so that they may always be a leaven of harmonious coexistence among all citizens.

When you obediently said "yes" in the house of Nazareth, you allowed God's eternal Son to take flesh in your virginal womb and thus to begin in history the work of our redemption. You willingly and generously cooperated in that work, allowing the sword of pain to pierce your soul, until the supreme hour of the Cross, when you kept watch on Calvary, standing beside your Son, who died that we might live. From that moment, you became, in a new way, the Mother of all those who receive your Son Jesus in faith and choose to follow in his footsteps by taking up his Cross.

Mother of hope, in the darkness of Holy Saturday you journeyed with unfailing trust towards the dawn of Easter. Grant that your children may discern at all times, even those that are darkest, the signs of God's loving presence.

Our Lady of Sheshan, sustain all those in China, who, amid their daily trials, continue to believe, to hope, to love. May they never be afraid to speak of Jesus to the world, and of the world to Jesus. In the statue overlooking the Shrine you lift your Son on high, offering him to the world with open arms in a gesture of love. Help Catholics always to be credible witnesses to this love, ever clinging to the rock of Peter on which the Church is built. Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and for ever. Amen!

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).



Fifty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the great Solemnity of Pentecost (a Greek word meaning "the fiftieth day"). It was the day the Holy Spirit came down upon Our Lady and the apostles, gathered in prayer in the upper room, in the form of tongues of fire. The apostles, strengthened by the gift of the Spirit, and the gift of being able to speak in different languages, were able to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church. It also marks the end of the Easter season in the Church. After Pentecost, the Paschal candle is moved away from the altar, and placed near the baptismal font, and is lit for baptisms and funerals.

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).

LIVING IN A SPIRIT OF UNITY. The Holy Spirit is often times the least recognized person of the Trinity. He seems more mysterious to us and harder to grasp. However, on this great Feast of Pentecost, let us take some time to reflect on the Holy Spirit and how He unites all of us in the Church. St. Cyril of Alexandria, a doctor of the church, says “All of us who have received one and the same Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit, are in a sense blended together with one another and with God.” There are two beautiful impacts of this statement.

First, this means that all the baptized are bound together as one. How often do we perceive this sense of unity in our own parish? As stewards, we should strive to create a charitable and hospitable community for all of our parishioners....

The second implication in St. Cyril’s words is that this is not a mere human club or group. Rather, we are connected to one another “and with God.” Our unity is essentially rooted in God Himself. This elevates our community to one that is truly divine, and as a divine community, we should strive to eliminate all anger and lack of forgiveness that may exist between us. These vices run the risk of wearing away at the life and joy of our parish. Let us strive to make amends with anyone in the parish who has wronged us so that a spirit of stewardship may continue to flourish among us. (source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

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; or bit.ly/SacredHeartLetter.



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.

Zesłanie Ducha Świętego

Zapał w nas ogień miłości. Pycha ludzka doprowadziła do podziału między ludźmi – symbolem tego podziału jest wieża Babel. Dziś wspominamy i przeżywamy przeciwieństwo tamtego wydarzenia – Pięćdziesiątnicę. Duch Święty przychodzi do młodego, zalęknionego i zamkniętego Kościoła zebranego w Wieczerniku. Jego powiew sprawia, że zgromadzeni tam uczniowie wychodzą do innych ludzi, aby mówić o wielkiej miłości Boga do człowieka objawionej w Jezusie, który za nich cierpiał, umarł, zmartwychwstał, przyniósł pokój i życie...

Ducha ofiarowanego przez Zmartwychwstałego Pana nie widać, ale można zobaczyć skutki Jego działania. W uczniów Chrystusa wstępuje odwaga, zapał, tworzy się jedność... Nie mogą usiedzieć w miejscu, Duch Święty przynagla ich do tego, by głosili, rozgrzeszali, rozpalali świat słowami Ewangelii. Napelnieni Jego siedmioma darami, potrafią mówić tak trafnie i z taką mocą, że owoce są zaskakujące.

Chrystus przekazał Ducha Świętego oraz ustanowił sakrament pokuty i pojednania. My dziś możemy odnowić w sobie misterium bierzmowania, przez które staliśmy się uczestnikami wydarzeń z wiecznika. Dary Ducha są w nas, ale potrzebują naszego otwarcia, wołania z wiarą, by zaczął działać. Duch Święty nie przymusza, bo jest Duchem miłości! Możemy też wyrazić wdzięczność za dar spowiedzi i z ufnością przyjść do krutek konfesjonału, by nie gasić Miłości, by nie gasić Ducha w sobie!

Otwórzmy dzisiaj nasze serca na owoce Ducha Świętego: miłość, radość, pokój, cierpliwość, uprzejmość, wierność, opanowanie... ! (ks. Bogusław Laskowski – paulista)

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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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