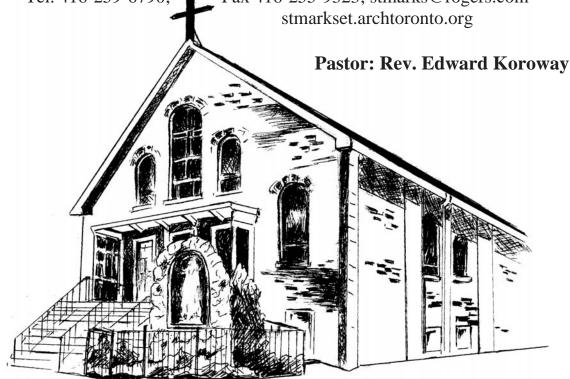
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WEEKEND MASSES

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) 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:

First Friday Exposition: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., followed by Benediction and Mass in Polish at 7:00 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) catholicnewsagency.com (Catholic news) catholicherald.co.uk (Catholic news) catholicregister.org (The Catholic Register)



Jan. 8: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
Jan. 9: 8:30 a.m. Clarita and Osmundo Angeles
10:00 a.m. Za Gertrudę i Lucjana Kocleyda
11:30 a.m. Sławomir and Małgorzata
Świerzbiński (25th wedding

anniversary)

Jan.10: 9:00 a.m. Myungja Chiara Chun

Jan.11: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
Jan.12: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
Jan.13: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
Jan.14: 9:00 a.m. Ruth Zammit

Jan.15: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Jan.16: 8:30 a.m. Gloria and John McDonald

10:00 a.m. Stanisław, Stefania, Frank, Emilia,

Witold, Maria Kaczmarczyk

11:30 a.m. Stanisław Ligas

BECOMING ROLE MODELS. This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Catechism says that the sacrament of "baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission." Let us reflect on how Jesus' baptism can teach us more about our own baptism.

First, Jesus didn't need to get baptized because he was already without sin. However, in doing so, He became a model for how we should be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins. Similarly, as stewards we are called to be authentic models of the faith to others. When people see us, do they see what it means to be a disciple? We should be examples of how to live a holy and virtuous life so that others may be inspired by our lives of stewardship.

Moreover, not only is it important to do good, but we must also consciously try to avoid anything that may scandal others. All of the baptized, especially stewards, represent Christ and the Church. If we perform actions that are negative or hurtful, people who observe us may be turned away from the faith. Of course, we are all human and are bound to make

mistakes, but we should strive to avoid anything that may significantly hinder others from accepting the faith. Let us always turn to Jesus for help, our true model of holiness and stewardship,

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2022 have been placed on the table at the back of the Church, in numerical order. You should have the same number you had in 2021 (except for numbers above 250). Blank envelopes for those who have not been using them this year are now available at the back of the Church. Please take the *whole* box, and not just one envelope. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this convenient means of supporting our parish. They also provide a record of your participation in our parish should you require a reference letter. Envelope users receive a receipt for their charitable donations, which reduces their income tax payable. For total annual donations over \$200, there is a combined federal and provincial tax credit of approximately 40 per cent. Thank you!

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2021. This year the tax receipts will be mailed by the Chancery towards the end of January. They have organized a procedure that will reduce the cost of postage, as well as facilitating the process for parishes.

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.

<u>CATHOLIC ART CALENDARS</u> (English) for 2022 are available at the back of the Church. Our thanks to the **RIDLEY FUNERAL HOME** (3080 Lake Shore Blvd.) for so generously providing these beautiful calendars.

NEW LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS are for sale in the vestibule of the Church for \$5.00 each. In addition to the Mass prayers and readings for every Sunday, there are many other prayers and hymns, and other materials at the back.

Take time...

Take time to think, it is the source of power.

Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to play, it is the secret of staying young.

Take time to be quiet, it is the opportunity to seek God.

Take time to be aware, it is a time to help others.

Take time to love and be loved, it is God's greatest gift.

Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.

Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.

Take time to dream, it is what the future is made of.

Take time to pray, it is the greatest power on earth.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS: Sunday, February 13, 2:30 p.m. St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022. Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to preregistered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one (1) guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Given the limited attendance at the cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register may join the celebration via livestream Mass here: stmichaelscathedral.com/live. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING: Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our parish bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2022 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422 for more information on how to advertise.

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.

Święto Chrztu Pańskiego

DAR CHRZTU ŚWIĘTEGO. Dziś, w święto Chrztu Pańskiego kończy się okres Bożego Narodzenia. Ewangelie zgodnie zaświadczają, że gdy Jezus wyszedł z wody, zstąpił na Niego Duch Święty w postaci gołębicy i z nieba zabrzmiał głos Ojca, który powiedział: "Ty jesteś mój Syn umiłowany, w Tobie mam upodobanie" (*Mk 1, 11*).

Jezus, wmieszany w tłum pokutników, poprosił Jana Chrzciciela o chrzest, czym głęboko zaskoczył Prekursora. Lecz to właśnie ten gest objawia szczególny rys mesjanizmu Jezusa: ma On wypełnić wolę Ojca, wydając się w "ofierze przebłagalnej za nasze grzechy" (1 J 4, 10). Pokorna solidarność z grzesznikami doprowadzi Go do śmierci na krzyżu. Zanurzenie w śmierci i zmartwychwstaniu Chrystusa jest radykalnym wyzwoleniem człowieka z grzechu i śmierci oraz stanowi nowe narodziny z Ducha do życia, które nie będzie miało końca.

Chrzest dzieci, w bardzo prosty i wymowny sposób pozwala nam pojąć prawdziwą naturę zbawienia. Jest ono łaską, czyli darmowym darem Pana. Dlatego rodzice chrześcijańscy powinni spieszyć ze swoimi dziećmi do chrzcielnicy, aby mogły one otrzymać na mocy wiary Kościoła wielki dar życia Bożego. Rodzice ci poprzez swój przykład, modlitwę i pouczenia mają też być pierwszymi wychowawcami w wierze swoich dzieci. [Św. Jan Paweł II]

Boże w Trójcy Jedyny, przez łaskę chrztu św. pragnę być Twoim dzieckiem teraz i w wieczności.

KALENDARZE: Mamy polskie kalendarze na rok **2022**. Serdecznie dziękujemy *G.H. HOGLE FUNERAL HOME* (63 Mimico Ave.) za piękne kalendarze.

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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