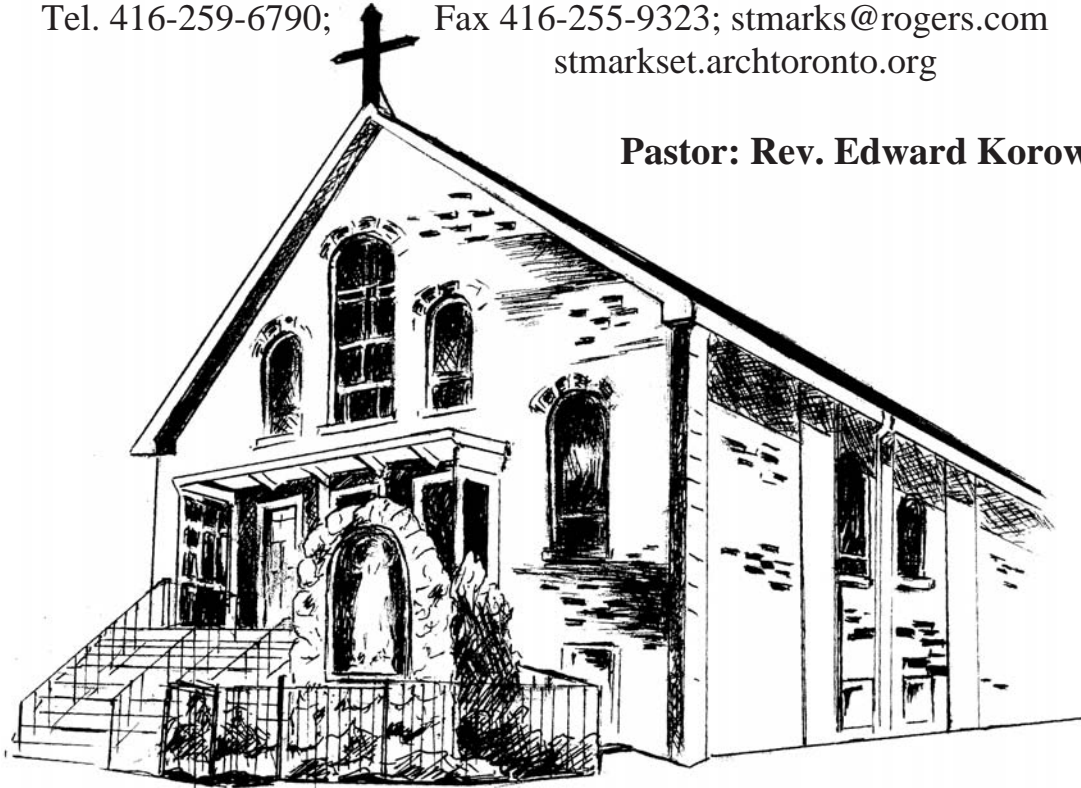


# St. Mark's Catholic Church

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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)  
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  
45 Cloverhill Road  
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416-393-5332

Bishop Allen Academy  
721 Royal York Road  
Toronto, ON M8Y 2T3  
416-393-5549

Sainte-Marguerite-d'Youville  
755 Royal York Road  
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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)  
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)  
catholicnewsagency.com (Catholic news)  
catholicherald.co.uk (Catholic news)  
catholicregister.org (The Catholic Register)

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they can commute the obligation into some other pious work.

## Stations of the Cross

During Lent, there will be the Stations of the Cross in English on **Thursdays, at 9:25 a.m.** (after Mass); and in Polish on **Mondays, at 7:30 p.m.** (after Mass).

**FIRST FRIDAY: Friday, March 4** is the First Friday of March. After the usual 9:00 a.m. Mass (in English), there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **until 3:00 p.m.** The Church will reopen at **6:00 p.m.** for Confessions until **6:45 p.m.**, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at **7:00 p.m.**, and evening Mass at **7:10 p.m.** (in Polish).

**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). *Thank you!*

- Feb.26: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's  
 Feb.27: 8:30 a.m. John Bannon  
 10:00 a.m. Za Halinę Waszkiewicz;  
 i za Zofię Kalinowską  
 11:30 a.m. Teresa Ławniczak  
 Feb.28: 9:00 a.m. Mary Grabham  
 Mar. 1: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 Mar. 2: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving  
**7:00 p.m.** W pewnej intencji  
 Mar. 3: 9:00 a.m. Jednoróg Family  
 Mar. 4: 9:00 a.m. Józefa Hurnowicz  
**7:10 p.m.** W pewnej intencji  
 Mar. 5: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's  
 Mar. 6: 8:30 a.m. Michelle Wojtal (Thanksgiving)  
 10:00 a.m. Za Zofię i Waclawa Witek  
 11:30 a.m. Tadeusz Świerzbiński (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.)



This coming Wednesday, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be distributed during the Masses at **9:00 a.m. (English)**, and **7:00 p.m. (Polish)**.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (for those from 18 years of age until the day of their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday), and abstinence from meat (for those 14 years of age and older). The following note from the Chancery outlines the Church's discipline in this area:

**Fast and Abstinence.** People frequently ask about the discipline of penance at this time of the year. They should be helped to understand that all Christ's faithful are obliged by divine law to do penance, but on certain days the Church prescribes that it be done... Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence is to be observed on all Fridays throughout the year... The law of abstinence forbids meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety. The law of fasting prescribes that only one meal be taken in a day; but it does not forbid taking some nourishment in the morning and evening. ...Pastors...in individual cases, and for a just reason, can give a dispensation from the obligation to observe a day of penance, or

### UNLOCKING THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS.

"Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." These are the words from the refrain of this Sunday's responsorial psalm. Thanksgiving is at the core of what it means to be a steward. We cannot offer our gifts to our parish communities if we don't first acknowledge and give thanks to God for giving us these gifts in the first place. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* says that, "deep stewardship begins with gratitude and ends with accountability ... We recognize gratefully that everything in life is a gift of God."

Not only does gratitude unlock a spirituality of stewardship, but it is also the first step in living a life of greater joy. The opposite of gratitude is indifference. Often times we are indifferent and unaware of all the great gifts in our lives. By adopting an intentional lens of gratitude we can begin to realize how blessed we truly are.

St. Gianna Molla beautifully tells us that "the secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness." Wherever we are reading this reflection, let us take a moment to thank God for three things around us. We can express our gratitude for having a roof over

our heads, food in our stomachs, or the joy of family and friends. Above all, we can always be thankful for the gift of God's love in our lives. As stewards, let us begin to adopt a spirituality of thanksgiving and begin living more joyful lives. (*source: archtoronto.org/stewardship*)

**VIRTUAL ORDINANDI DINNER: Tuesday, March 1, 7:00 p.m.** via youtube.com/archtoronto. Sponsored by the Serra Foundation of Canada and the six Serra Clubs in the Archdiocese of Toronto, the annual Ordinandi Dinner celebrates the nine men, who with God's grace, will be ordained to the priesthood in 2022 from St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary.

**COME AND SEE DAY RETREAT: Saturday, March 19 (9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)** at St. Augustine's Seminary: Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee). For more information, please contact (your Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

**LENTEN RETREAT: Saturday March 5, or, Tuesday March 15, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Cost: \$40. Lunch included. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blyth Road, Mississauga. 905-278-5229, or [office@goa.ca](mailto:office@goa.ca).

**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.

## VII Niedziela w ciągu roku – C

**JAKI JEST SKARBIEC TWEGO SERCA?** W każdej epoce powstawało wiele mądrych sentencji, które wprowadzone w życie miały je uczynić piękniejszym i lepszym. W dzisiejszej Ewangelii św. Łukasz zebrał aż pięć takich ważnych Jezusowych powiedzeń: o dwóch niewidomych, o nauczycielu i uczniu, o drzazdze i belce, o drzewie dobrym i złym, wreszcie o człowieku mającym dobre lub złe serce. Wszystkie te powiedzenia mają jeden cel: pomóc człowiekowi stać się bardziej odpowiedzialnym za swoje słowa i czyny.

Zazwyczaj szukamy obłudy u faryzeuszów żyjących w Palestynie w czasach Chrystusa, a przecież wypowiedziane przez Jezusa słowo: „obłudniku” być może dotyczy także i nas. Można być dobrym ojcem, matką, wychowawcą, księdzem, kimś ważnym w społeczeństwie, a nie dostrzegać „grubej belki” w swoim oku, wytykając innym niewielkie przewinienia.

Zarówno szlachetność, jak i fałsz mają swe źródło w sercu człowieka. Jezus nazywa je skarbcem, skrywającym w sobie dobro i zło. Człowieka należy mierzyć miarą jego serca, jego duchowego wnętrza, a przede wszystkim sumienia. Jesteśmy chrześcijanami, więc „miejmy serce” i wydobywajmy z tego skarbcza najpiękniejsze pokłady dobra. (*ks. Sławomir Zieliński*)

**Dzisiaj zbierana będzie druga składka przeznaczona na fundusz renowacyjny Kościoła. Specjalne koperty niebieskie na ten cel są wyłożone na stolikach przy wejściu do Kościoła. Zebrane fundusze zostaną przeznaczone na wiele projektów remontowych, którymi należy się zająć w naszej parafii, a także na zmniejszenie naszego zadłużenia z dobudowy windy. Bóg zapłać, i niech was Bóg błogosławi!**

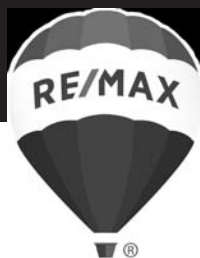
**ŚRODA POPIELCOWA (2-go marca):** Msze św. będą o godz. 9:00 rano i o 7:00 wieczorem (w języku polskim). Podczas Mszy św. będzie błogosławieństwo i posypanie popiołem.

**DROGA KRZYŻOWA:** W każdy poniedziałek podczas Wielkiego Postu o godzinie 7:30 wieczorem (po Mszy św. o godz. 7:00.)

**PIERWSZY PIĄTEK:** 4-go marca przypada pierwszy piątek miesiąca marca. Po Mszy Św. o godzinie 9-ej rano (po angielsku), będzie wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu do godziny 3-ej. Będzie też okazja do spowiedzi świętej od godziny 6:00 do 6:45 wieczorem, i Błogosławieństwo o godz. 7:00. Po Błogosławieństwie będzie dodatkowa Msza Św. po polsku o godz. 7:10.

**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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