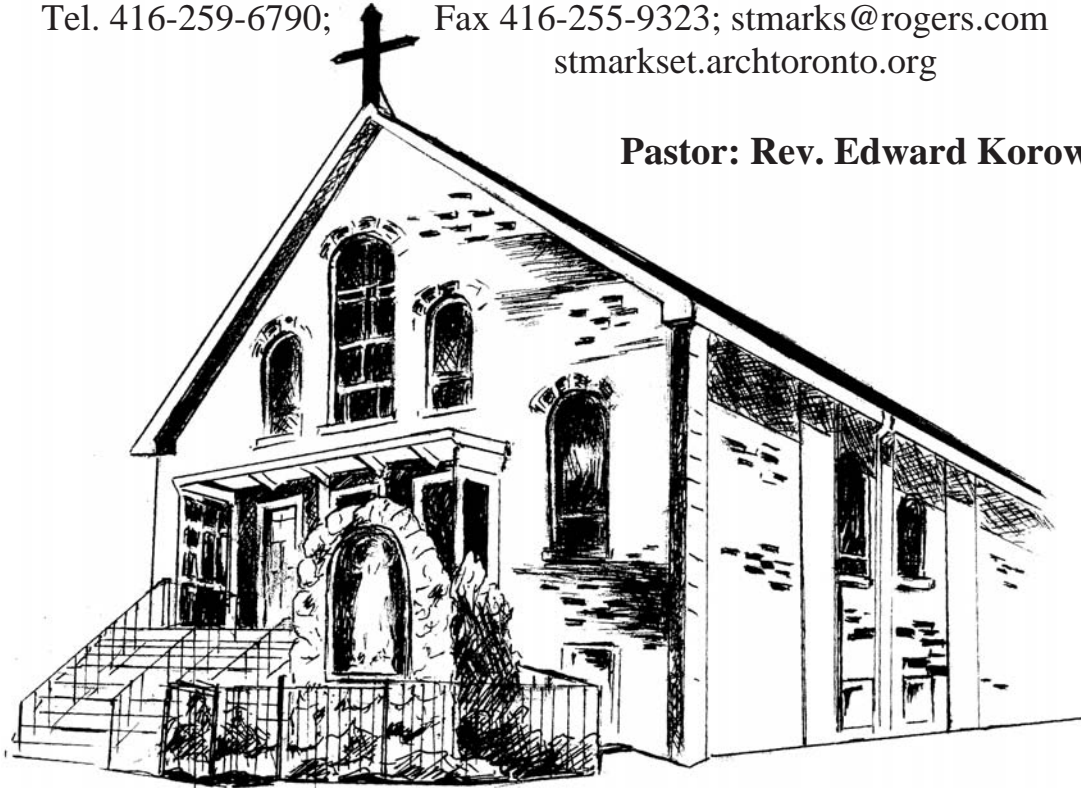


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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway



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

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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)

Please consider remembering St. Mark's Parish in your will. Thank you!

A very Happy and Blessed Easter to all of our Parishioners!

Mass Intentions



for the Week

- Apr.16: **7:00 p.m.** Easter Vigil
 Apr.17: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark
 10:00 a.m. Za wszystkich naszych parafian
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark
 Apr.18: **10:00 a.m.** W pewnej intencji
 Apr.19: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Apr.20: 9:00 a.m. Mary Lee
10:00 a.m. St. Mark's School Mass
 Apr.21: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Apr.22: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Apr.23: 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass
 Apr.24: 8:30 a.m. Nicolle Maikawa
 10:00 a.m. Za Danutę Kaczynską
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark

EASTER COLLECTION: On Easter Sunday, there will be a second collection. Special pink envelopes are included in the offertory envelope boxes for this purpose. Additional Easter Offering envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the Church for those who do not use the regular boxes. *Thank you!*

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). *Thank you!*



Eight young people will receive the sacrament of Confirmation next **Saturday, April 23**, at the **5:00 p.m.** Mass. We pray that the Holy Spirit may come down upon them and their families in abundance.

WHEN IS EASTER? In the western Church, Easter can fall between March 22 and April 25. The date is the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon, that is the full moon after the vernal equinox (first day of spring—taken to be March 21). This year the first full moon of spring is on April 16, so the first Sunday after that is April 17, Easter Sunday.

THE PARADOX OF THE CROSS. Alleluia, He is Risen! Today is the Sunday of Sundays, the Solemnity of Solemnities. Today is the day Christ broke through the chains of sin and death and triumphantly rose from the dead, winning for us our salvation. As Christians, we are an Easter people and we are called to live in the joy and peace of the Risen Christ. Let us take a moment to reflect on how Easter can profoundly impact our daily lives.

By human standards, the crucifixion was an utter humiliating defeat. It was the end of the story for the person of Jesus and His followers. Jesus would just be remembered as the influential and charismatic preacher that went too far by claiming to be God. All hope was seemingly lost. Yet, this is the paradox of the cross. The cross, the weapon of torture and death, becomes the very means of life and salvation. It was the necessary step in order for the resurrection. There simply is no Easter Sunday without a Good Friday.

This is the beautiful truth of our faith. The famous Portuguese proverb says that “God writes straight with crooked lines.” When all seems lost and broken, God can use these situations to bring about great blessings. As stewards, let us not be discouraged when we face crosses and trials in life or our ministry. If God was able to bring about the resurrection out of the crucifixion, just imagine the great deeds He will bring through our crosses. So let us rejoice on this Easter Sunday and thank God for the gift of His resurrection. *(source: archtoronto.org/stewardship)*

“EASTER DUTY”: Because of the central importance of Easter to the Christian faith, the Catholic Church requires that all Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion receive the Holy Eucharist sometime during the Easter season (canon 920.1), unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year (canon 920.2.) The Easter season lasts until Pentecost Sunday (June 5 this year), fifty days after Easter. In order to receive Holy

Communion worthily, we need to be in a state of grace. So also, after having reached the age of discretion (taken to be 7 years of age), each member of the faithful is obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year (canon 989). Of course, if we are in a state of grave sin, we should get to confession as early as possible, and not delay. We are also encouraged to confess lesser, or venial sins. For in the sacrament of penance we not only receive God's forgiveness, but also his grace, so we do not fall back into sin so easily in the future.

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.



Niedziela Wielkanocna Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego

Zmartwychwstał trzeciego dnia. Czy zastanawiałeś się kiedykolwiek nad tym, dlaczego akurat trzeciego dnia? Zmartwychwstanie jest przecież wywyższeniem Chrystusa, a ono dokonało się już w momencie śmierci, właśnie wtedy, kiedy Ukrzyżowany wypowiedział słowa: Wykonało się.

Nie Chrystusowi i nie Ojcu były potrzebne owe trzy dni. Były one potrzebne ludziom, aby dojrżeli i przygotowali się do oglądania Zmartwychwstałego. Nie mogli spoglądać na niego przez łyzy, które dają obraz zniekształcony, ani też w przestachu i przerażeniu, lecz w pokorze i z wdzięcznością. Na takim dojrzałym postrzeganiu Pana miała się opierać wiara Kościoła. Dlatego Jan, zwycięzca biegu do grobu Chrystusa, choć wyprzedził Piotra, zczekał na niego u wejścia do grobu i jemu pierwszemu dał prawo do obejrzenia miejsca, gdzie złożono ciało

Chrystusa. Ujrzał i uwierzył, niejako w imieniu Kościoła, który miał zostać umocniony jego wiarą.

My, choć nie znamy Chrystusa według ciała, należymy do wspólnoty błogosławionych wiarą w Zmartwychwstałego. Umacnia nas w tej wierze Eucharystia – dar Chrystusa zmartwychwstałego. I nie szukamy już, jak niewierny Tomasz, ran umęczonego Pana, ale każdy z nas, ubogacony Jego przenajświętszą obecnością, wyznaje z wiarą: Pan mój i Bóg mój.

Msza święta jest zawsze sakramentem paschalnym, znakiem Chrystusowego przejścia pomiędzy nami. Świętujmy ją z radością ze swojego nawrócenia, z nowego życia i z tego, że ono się nie kończy. (*bp Jan Bernard Szlaga*)

W przyszłą niedzielę, 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.

WILNA. Konferencja Polskich Księży na Wschodnią Kanadę, po dwóch latach przerwy, ponownie organizuje pielgrzymkę do Sanktuarium Miłosierdzia Bożego w Wilnie na Kaszubach, w sobotę **23 kwietnia** z okazji Święta Bożego Miłosierdzia. Program Pielgrzymki: 11:30 Różaniec; 12:00 Uroczysta koncelebrowana Msza św.; 13:00 Koronka do Bożego Miłosierdzia.

Pragnę złożyć wam wszystkim i waszym rodzinom— szczególnie chorym—serdeczne życzenia Wesołych Świąt Wielkanocnych, oraz błogosławieństwa Zmartwychwstałego Chrystusa—Alleluja!

ks. Edward Koroway

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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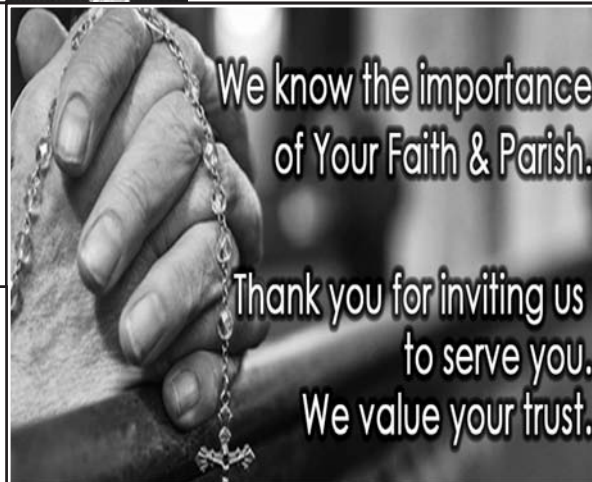


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