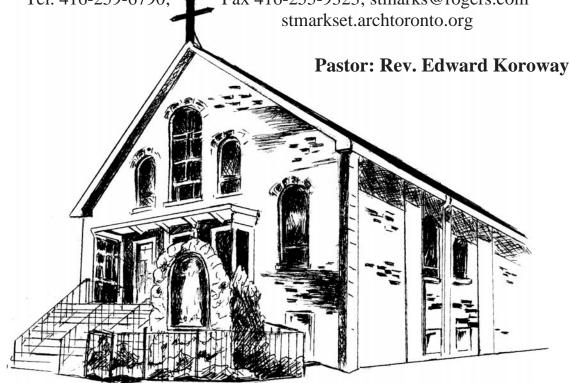
## St. Mark's Catholic Church

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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

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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)

# Masses For The Week

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

Apr.25: 9:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark

Apr.26: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Apr.27: 9:00 a.m. Jakub Świerzbiński

Apr.28: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Apr.29: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving

Apr.30: 5:00 p.m. Mary Grabham May 1: 8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving

10:00 a.m. Za Karolinę Skoczylas

(i rodzeństwo)

11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark

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!* 

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy, he asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of this day concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast, which had already been granted to Poland, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope St.John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000: "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened". (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy.

The Divine Mercy image is displayed in our Church above St. Joseph's chapel. The image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing mercy to the whole world. "The two rays denote blood and water. The pale ray stands for the water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross. ... Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him." (Diary 299)



Several young people will receive the sacrament of Confirmation this **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.



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Your Love.

Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created; and You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, who has taught the hearts of Your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of that same Spirit, we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit, come through the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well-beloved spouse.

FEAST OF OUR PATRON, ST. MARK, THE EVANGELIST (April 25): The second Gospel was written by St. Mark, who, in the New Testament, is sometimes called John Mark (Acts 12:12 & 25). The name "Mark" means "God is gracious". Both he and his mother, Mary, were highly esteemed in the early Church, and his mother's house in Jerusalem served as

a meeting place for Christians there. He is believed to be the young man who ran away when Jesus was arrested (Mk 14:51-52).

St. Mark wrote the second Gospel, probably in Rome sometime before the year 60 A.D.; he wrote it in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity. Tradition tells us that St. Mark was requested by the Romans to set down the teachings of St. Peter. This seems to be confirmed by the position which St. Peter has in this Gospel. In this way the second Gospel is a record of the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of the Prince of the Apostles. He was martyred on April 25, in the year 68 A.D., at Alexandria. His relics are said to have been brought to Venice, Italy, from Alexandria early in the ninth century.

In art, his usual symbol is that of a winged lion. The reason is that St. Mark's Gospel begins with a mention of the desert and the lion is lord of the desert. He is also often seen holding, or writing his Gospel, as in the statue we have of St. Mark next to Our Lady's chapel. There are also images of him helping Venetian sailors. St. Mark is the patron saint of Venice, Egypt, attorneys, barristers, captives (he was imprisoned himself), and stained glass workers.

SHARE LIFE. Next weekend is our second ShareLife Collection. Green envelopes are available at the back of the Church for those who did not receive on in the mail. Thank you to those who have contributed to our annual appeal. If you have not yet done so, you are invited to reflect on your ability to help those in need, and make a sacrificial gift to support those who turn to our agencies for assistance.

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.

### <u>Druga Niedziela Wielkanocna Miłosierdzia</u> <u>Bożego – C</u>

PAN MÓJ I BÓG MÓJ. Dzisiejsze święto Miłosierdzia Bożego ukazuje nam ogrom Bożej miłości względem każdego z nas. Jezus otwiera przed nami wnętrze swojego Najświętszego Serca, byśmy

mogli zaczerpnąć wiele łask dla siebie i całego świata. Dlatego i my otwórzmy się na bezmiar tej miłości uzdrawiającej, byśmy mieli pełny udział w radościach Zmartwychwstania. "Bóg bogaty w miłosierdzie" pragnie dotknąć nas swoją łaską, byśmy nie byli niewolnikami grzechu i szatana, ale stali się "dziećmi Światłości".

Zmartwychwstały Jezus zachęca nas do głębokiej wiary, pobudza naszą nadzieję i obdarza nową miłością. Miłość ta większa jest od śmierci, przezwycięża wszelkie zło i jest całkowicie bezinteresowna. Nie patrzy na to, co było, ale pragnie nam dać nową szansę na lepsze jutro. Dzisiejszy świat, tak bardzo poraniony grzechem egoizmu i pychy, potrzebuje tej miłości, by w sercu każdego człowieka zapanował pokój i radość, które płyną z faktu pustego grobu Zbawiciela.

Chciejmy dziś, wpatrując się w Miłosiernego Pana, powiedzieć za św. Tomaszem: "Pan mój i Bóg mój!", byśmy mieli udział w błogosławieństwie Zbawiciela: "Błogosławieni, którzy nie widzieli, a uwierzyli". Nie bądźmy jedynie wystraszonymi uczniami Chrystusa, zamkniętymi w skorupie swoich słabości, ale stańmy się mężnymi głosicielami Jezusowej Ewangelii, bo Pan pokonał wszelkie zło i pragnie naszego szczęścia. (ks. Jacek Zakrzewski — pallotyn)

"Kiedy sam odsłonisz tajemnice swego miłosierdzia, wieczności będzie za mało, aby Ci za to należycie podziękować". (św. Faustyna Kowalska, Dzienniczek, 1122).

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.

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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