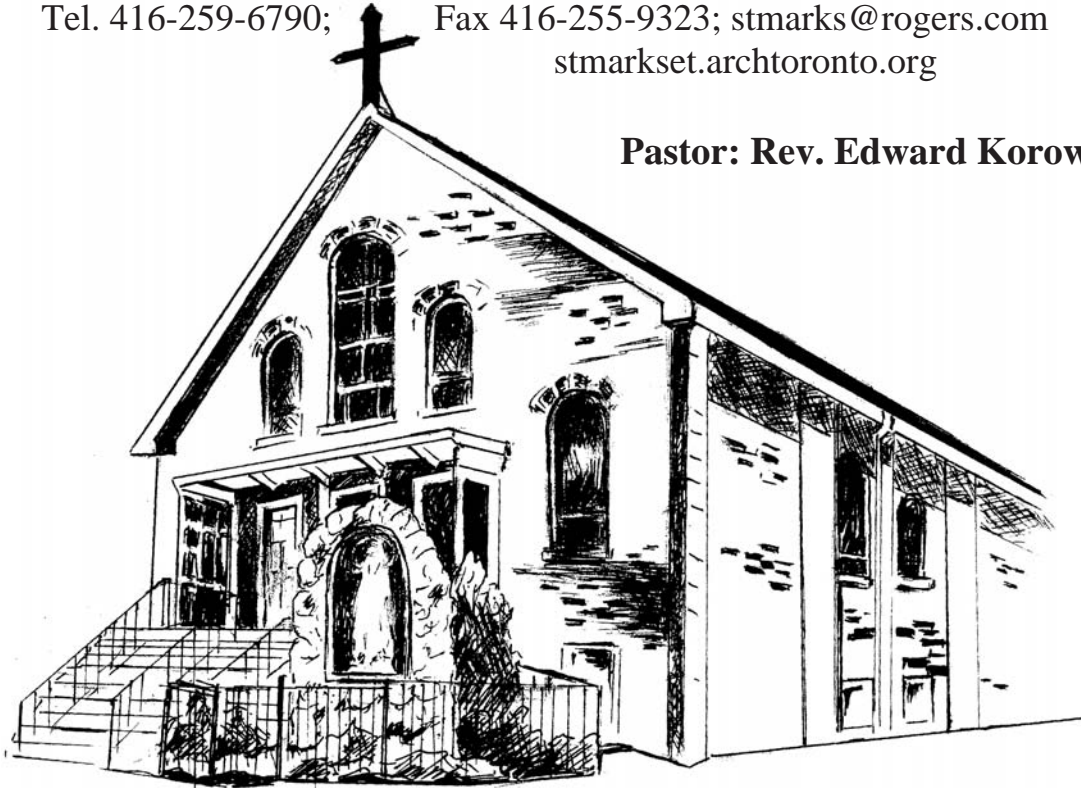


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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway



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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Toronto, ON M8Y 2T3
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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)
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!

Mass Intentions



for the Week

- Sept. 3: 5:00 p.m. Hope Banisch Venneri
 Sept. 4: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 10:00 a.m. W pewnej intencji
 11:30 a.m. Jan and Helen Prelich
 Sept. 5: 9:00 a.m. Waldemar Golianek (birthday)
 Sept. 6: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Sept. 7: 9:00 a.m. Eileen Jones
 Sept. 8: 9:00 a.m. Teresa Bany
 Sept. 9: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Sept.10: 5:00 p.m. Barbara and Krzysztof Witek
 (20th wedding anniversary) and
 for their children
 Sept.11: 8:30 a.m. Christopher & Tadeusz Sadowski
 10:00 a.m. W pewnej intencji
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's

ORGANIST: Our organist/cantor, Joey Jang, has been with us for some twelve years. As part of his studies at Osgoode Hall Law School, he has gone to Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland on a student exchange. He will return to us for Christmas. We wish him well in his studies. Dr. Daniel Lee will be substituting for him on Saturdays at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Jeff Glover will do the same for most Sundays at 11:30 a.m. We are still working on a substitute for the 8:30 a.m. Mass. This weekend, we welcome back David Simon, our former organist/cantor.

GIVING THE GIFT OF OURSELVES. At first glance, Jesus' words in the Gospel this Sunday seem like a cruel and impossible ideal for any Christian to live. Surely he doesn't mean for us to hate our fathers and mothers and even life itself...? However, these words all point to the most central mystery of today's gospel, that "whoever of you does not give up all their possessions cannot be my disciple." Now the Lord doesn't mean to suggest that all of us should have no possessions, but rather to live with a lens that gratefully views all our possessions as gifts from God, that are meant to be used for His glory and the good of the Church. This lens is at the very core of what it means to live as a steward.

Cardinal Collins, in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship states that good stewards are "meant to use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God's gifts to Him with increase." These gifts do not involve simply financial goods, but the gifts of our time and talents as well.

As the new school year is beginning ... we should ask ourselves, how can we lend our time and gifts to serve others? By taking today's Gospel message to heart, we can learn to be even more generous with the gift of our lives, as we boldly and joyfully proclaim our identity as Jesus' disciples.

(source: archtoronto.org/stewardship)

RETREAT FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS: Wednesday, September 28, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. A relic of St. Peregrine will be in our Chapel during the retreat. Come, let Jesus hold you lovingly in His gentle arms and fill you with strength. Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. Cost: \$45.00 hot lunch included. Contact: Jean – office@qoa.ca or 905-278-5229.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: Attention Grade 12 students. Are you moving on to post-secondary education in the fall? Campus Ministry is waiting for you! Check out Campus Ministry, by visiting www.chaplaincyconnect.ca and find your Catholic home on campus.

THANK YOU to all who were thoughtful enough to make up their offerings for the weeks they were away during the summer. Please remember that our Church expenses never go on holiday!

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The Cross in My Pocket

I carry a cross in my pocket
A simple reminder to me
Of the fact that I am a Christian
No matter where I may be.

This little cross is not magic
Nor is it a good luck charm
It isn't meant to protect me
From every physical harm.

It's not for identification
For all the world to see
It's simply an understanding
Between my Saviour and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket
To bring out a coin or key
The cross is there to remind me
Of the price He paid for me.

It reminds me, too, to be thankful
For my blessings day by day
And to strive to serve Him better
In all that I do and say.

It's also a daily reminder
Of the peace and comfort I share
With all who know my Master
And give themselves to His care.

So I carry a cross in my pocket
Reminding no one but me
That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life
If only I'll let Him be.

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple (Luke 14:27).

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.

XXIII-C Niedziela w ciągu roku

TRUD PODAŻANIA ZA JEZUSEM. Słowa o nienawiści, krzyżu i wyrzeczeniu się wszystkiego mogły zdziwić tłum idący z Jezusem. Nie każdy może więc być Jego uczniem? Mieć w nienawiści ojca, matkę, żonę, braci i siostry... Mateusz pisze nieco inaczej: kto kocha ich bardziej niż Mnie, nie jest Mnie godzien (Mt 10, 37). Żeby iść za Jezusem, trzeba pokochać Go bardziej – czyli miłością, która ma pierwszeństwo przed wszystkimi innymi miłościami. Czy więc przykazanie miłości bliźniego zostało zniesione? Oczywiście, że nie. Należy jednak tak kształtować swoje związki z ludźmi i z rzeczami, aby nie przeszkadzały w więzi z Jezusem.

Iść za Jezusem, to znaczy nosić swój krzyż. Nie wybierać tylko tych odcinków drogi, które się nam podobają, są łatwiejsze i bezproblemowe. O krzyżu Jezus nie mówi w przenośni. Krzyż to konkretny znak Jego bezwarunkowej wierności Ojcu i swojemu powołaniu. Krzyż to znak wierności, za którą oddał własne życie.

Nie można iść za Jezusem na naszych warunkach, według własnej formy chrześcijaństwa, na swoją miarę, bo czyż w ten sposób zbudujemy wieżę i stoczymy zwycięską bitwę? Warunkiem zwycięstwa jest wiara, czyli pełne przyłgnięcie do Chrystusa i noszenie na co dzień Jego krzyża. Bez tego nasza przynależność do Chrystusa byłaby pozorna, a chrześcijaństwo nie miałoby sensu, bo nie prowadziłoby do zbawienia. Jest tylko jeden Jezus – cały Jezus. Kto chce rzeczywiście być uczniem, musi wybrać całą drogę. (abp Władysław Ziśłek)

„Kto nie dźwiga swego krzyża, ten nie może być moim uczniem”. (Łk 14, 27)



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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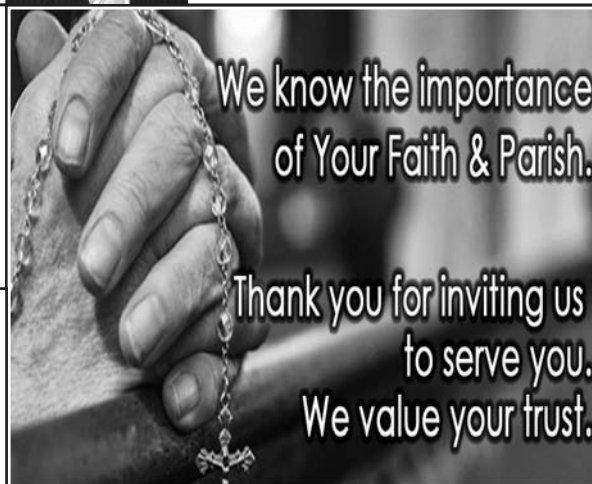


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