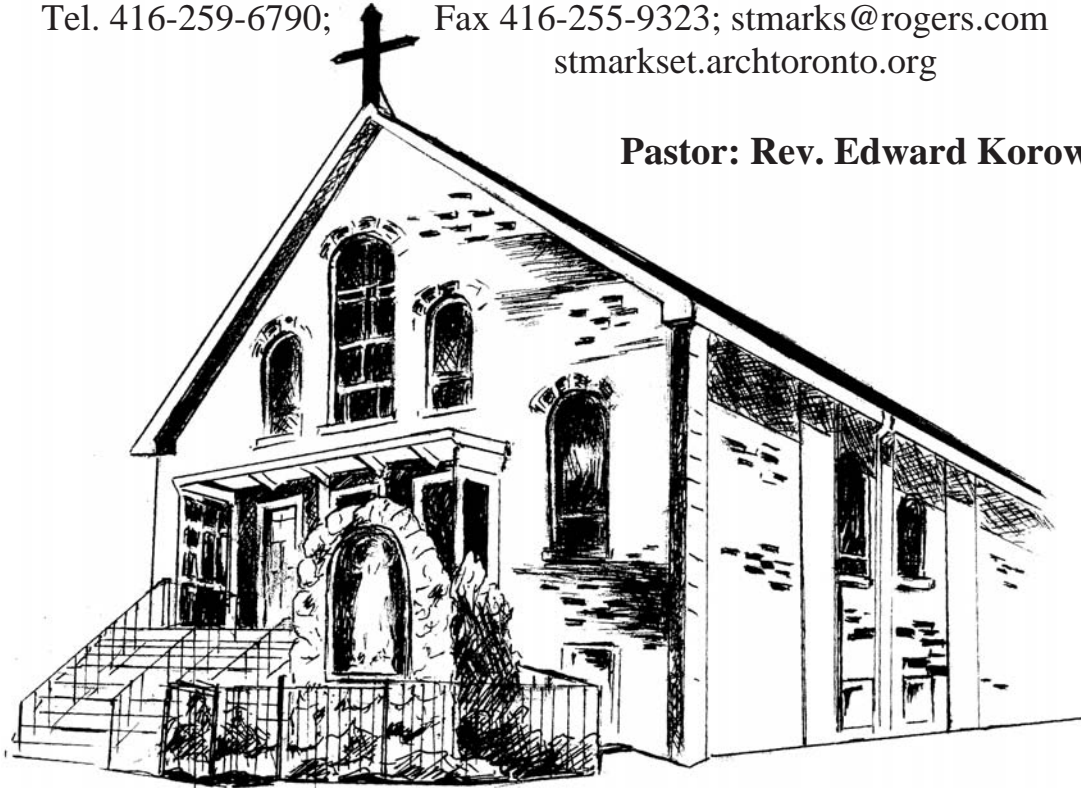


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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway



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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Bishop Allen Academy
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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 for the Intentions Week

- Nov.26: 5:00 p.m. Holy Souls
 Nov.27: 8:30 a.m. Holy Souls
 10:00 a.m. Za wszystkich zmarłych
 poleconych w wypominkach
 11:30 a.m. Holy Souls
 Nov.28: 9:00 a.m. Holy Souls
 Nov.29: 9:00 a.m. Holy Souls
 Nov.30: 9:00 a.m. Holy Souls
 Dec. 1: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention (P.P.L.)
 7:00 p.m. W pewnej intencji
 Dec. 2: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving (C.L.)
 7:10 p.m. W pewnej intencji
 Dec. 3: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 7:00 p.m. Zygmunt Pietrliszewski, Jan
 Gimziński, Eileen Hehn
 Dec. 4: 8:30 a.m. Augusto Pagtakhan
 10:00 a.m. Za Zofię i Władysława
 Pawlikowskich
 11:30 a.m. Eryk Orszulik (1st anniversary)

FIRST FRIDAY

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday, December 2 is the First Friday of December. 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).

PREPARING OURSELVES FOR CHRIST. This Sunday marks the beginning of the beautiful season of Advent, a time to deepen our relationship with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to “keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.” This exhortation doesn’t imply that we are expected to never sleep, or sin, again, but that we must consistently strive to move from a life of running towards sin, to a life of running away from sin.

One tremendous way we can do this is to receive God’s merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is important to remember that the Lord eagerly and lovingly awaits to forgive us. The whole purpose of the Incarnation was for this reason, as St. John says in his first letter, “in this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.” Jesus became man for our salvation. In

going to confession, we are enabling the Lord to fulfill His salvific mission in our lives which brings Him boundless joy.

This cleansing of our sins will greatly help us live out our lives as stewards by infusing all of our actions with the grace that flows from the sacrament. In order to receive the graces well, let us foster a sense of contrition for our sins, a firm purpose of amendment for our lives and a commitment to penance... Let us take this season of preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives. (*source: archtoronto.org/stewardship*)

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2023: These have been placed on tables at the back of the Church, *in numerical order*. You should have the same number you had in 2022. The labels reflect the information that we currently have on record. *If there are any mistakes, please write a note with the corrections on the next envelope you use so that we can make the necessary changes.* Also, please write the amount of your donation on the envelope. Blank envelopes for those who have not been using them this year will be available soon. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this convenient means of supporting our parish. 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.

LECTORS: We are looking for more lectors, especially at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass and the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Polish Mass. If you are a baptized and confirmed Catholic, eighteen years or older, and would be interested, please contact Fr. Koroway.

CATHOLIC ART CALENDARS for 2023 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. - (They can be used from December, 2022.)

RIDLEY’S CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: Ridley Funeral Home would like to extend an invitation to all our community to attend their annual *Holidays & Hope Candlelight Service*. The service will be held **Wednesday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m.** at Assembly Hall, 1 Colonel Smith Park Drive. Guest speaker will be Dr. Bill Webster, grief counsellor and author. This is a free event open to all. Please call 416-259-3705 to register.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING: Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our parish bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2023 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. Thank you!

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: Thank you to all who contributed \$1,030 in last weekend's monthly collection for our renovation needs and debt reduction.

NEW LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS are for sale in the vestibule of the Church for **\$6.00** each. After many years of keeping the price at \$5, it is necessary to increase it this year. (In fact, on the back cover of the Missal, the suggested price is \$6.95, to which tax would be added in a retail store.) Simply place the money in the offering box on which the Missals are displayed. They come into effect on the First Sunday of Advent, **November 27**. In addition to the Mass prayers and readings for every Sunday, the Missals have many other prayers and hymns, as well as other materials.

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS WAFERS (from Poland) (OPLATKI) are available on the table in front of Our Lady's Chapel for **\$3** per envelope.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: **Saturday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.** Massey Hall, 178 Victoria St. *Sing Noël*. A musically rich blend of both secular and sacred carols to usher in the Christmas season. Tel. 416-397-6367. stmichaelschoirschool@smcs.on.ca; www.smcs.on.ca; <https://masseyhall.mhrth.com/>.

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. Dr. Daniel Lee will be substituting for him on Saturdays at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Jeff Glover will do the same on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. Martin Gomes will be the cantor at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

I Niedziela Adwentu – rok A

CO TO JEST ADWENT? Słowo adwent pochodzi od łacińskiego "adventus" i oznacza przyjsie. Dla starożytnych rzymian słowo to oznaczało oficjalny przyjazd cezara. Dla chrześcijan oznacza radosny czas przygotowania na przyjsie Pana. Teksty liturgiczne

Adwentu ukazują postacie Starego i Nowego Testamentu, przez których życie i działalność Bóg zapowiadał i przygotowywał świat na przyjsie Jego Syna, m.in. Maryję, Jana Chrzyciela, Izajasza. Adwent to czas radosnego oczekiwania na spotkanie z Panem i przygotowania się do niego przez pokutę i oczyszczenie. Dlatego Kościół zachęca do udziału w rekolekcjach, przystąpienia do sakramentu pokuty i pojednania.

OPLATKI: Oplatki wigilijne (z Polski) są do nabycia przy ołtarzu Matki Boskiej. Prosimy o ofiarę **\$3** za jedną kopertkę.

LEKTORZY. Potrzebujemy więcej lektorów. Jeśli chciałbyś być lektorem podczas Mszy św., skontaktuj się z ks. Edwarda.

REKOLEKCJE ADWENTOWE wygłosi w naszej parafii ks. Krzysztof Poświęta, CSMA. Pierwszą naukę wygłosi w czwartek, **1-go grudnia**, o godzinie **7:00** wieczorem; następne nauki: w **piątek, 2-go grudnia**, o godzinie **7:10** wieczorem; w **sobotę, 3-go grudnia** o godzinie **7:00** wieczorem; i w **niedzielę, 4-go grudnia**, o godzinie **10:00** rano. Okazja do spowiedzi świętej od godziny **6:00 do 6:45**, w czwartek, piątek i sobota przed Mszą Św. Serdecznie wszystkich zapraszamy do wzięcia udziału w tych adwentowych rekolekcjach. Módlmy się o łaski dla rekolekcjonisty, a także dla nas wszystkich, abyśmy jaknajowocniej skorzystali z nich.

PIERWSZY PIĄTEK: **2-go grudnia** przypada pierwszy piątek miesiąca grudnia. Po Mszy Św. o godzinie **9-ej** rano, 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**.

KONCERT VICTORIA: **sobota, 10-go grudnia, godz. 7-ej wieczorem.** Celebrity Symphony Orchestra i maestro Andrzej Rozbicki zapraszają do Living Arts Centre w Mississauga na wielki świąteczny koncert Victoria. W programie usłyszymy – *Koncert warszawski* w wykonaniu Daniela Vnukowskiego, pianisty i radio prezentera stacji FM 96,3. W paradzie wokalnych gwiazd wystąpią soliści londyńskiej Covent Garden i mediolańskiej La Scali: Krystian Zmurski i Natalia Rubiś, Teatru Muzycznego w Lublinie Dorota Szostak i Jakub Gąska, hiszpański tenor Romulo Delgado. Informacje i bilety są na stronie www.rozbicki.com.



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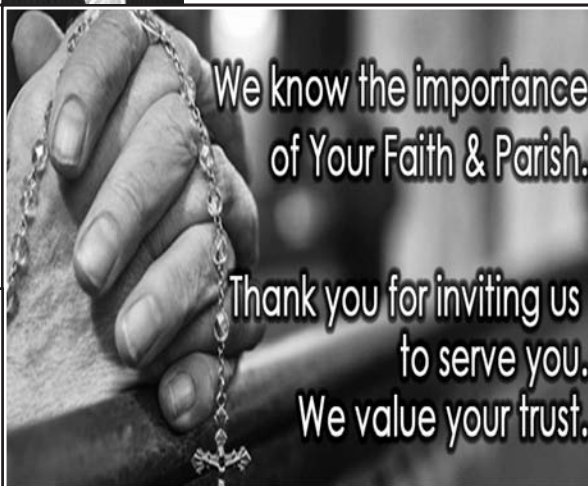


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