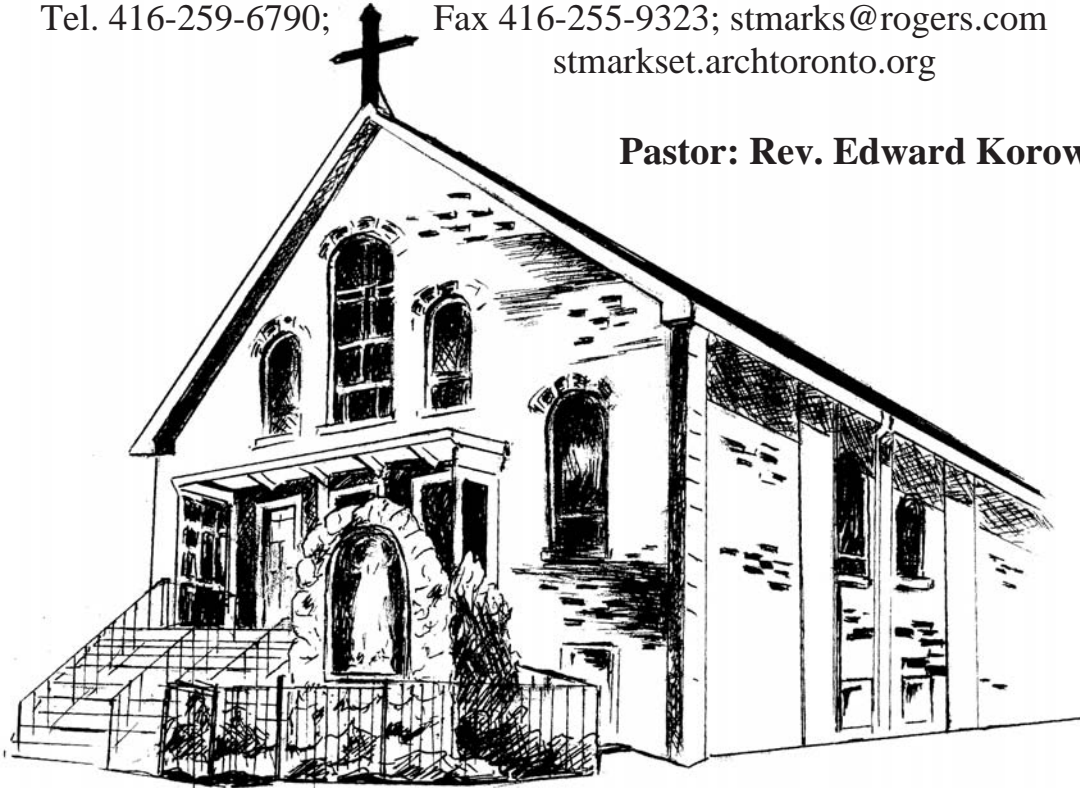


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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway



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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USEFUL INTERNET WEBSITES

archtoronto.org (Toronto archdiocese)
vatican.va (the Holy See)
cccb.ca (Canadian Catholic Bishops)
acbo.on.ca (Ontario Catholic Bishops)
uscgb.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

- Dec.10: 5:00 p.m. Edita Lassakova (Thanksgiving)
 Dec.11: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 10:00 a.m. W pewnej intencji
 11:30 a.m. Assunta Orgera
 Dec.12: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Dec.13: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 10:30 a.m. Julio Henriques (Funeral Mass)
 Dec.14: 9:00 a.m. Fr. Michael Burke
 Dec.15: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Dec.16: 9:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Gaudet
 Dec.17: 5:00 p.m. Special Intention
 Dec.18: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 10:00 a.m. Za Stanisława i Bronisławę Taras
 11:30 a.m. Joseph DeBiasi

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT CEREMONY for those who have registered to be confirmed in our parish will take place this weekend on **Sunday, December 11**, at the **11:30 a.m.** Mass.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: Our monthly Building Fund collection will take place *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 for the elevator and new roof for the Church and rectory (which now stands at \$58,000). ***Thank you!***

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 let us know.* Also, please write the amount of your donation on the envelope. Blank envelopes for 2023 for those who have not been using them this year are now available. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this convenient means of supporting our parish. It provides a record of your attendance should you require a pastoral reference. 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.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS
SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

- 5:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Mass (English)
10:00 p.m. Mass during the Night (Polish)

Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

- 8:30 a.m.** Christmas Dawn Mass (English)
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (Polish)
11:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (English)

Monday, December 26 (Feast of St. Stephen)

- 10:00 a.m.** Polish Mass

Saturday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

- 5:00 p.m.** Mass (English) with solemn singing of the *Te Deum* to end the Year 2022

Sunday, January 1, 2023 (New Year's Day—

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

- 8:30 a.m.** Mass (English)
10:00 a.m. Mass (Polish)
11:30 a.m. Mass (English)

CONFESSIONS

- Saturday, Dec. 17: 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Monday, Dec. 19: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, Dec. 21: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

[No confessions on Saturday, Christmas Eve.]

REJOICING AMIDST THE DARKNESS. “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” These are the words proclaimed in the entrance antiphon of Mass for *Gaudete* Sunday this week. It urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord, and as good stewards of Christ, we should always strive to live lives inundated with the joy that flows from the Lord.

In order to do this, we must understand the difference between joy and happiness, for the Lord never promised us happiness. Instead He says, “I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete” (John 15:11). Happiness is a result of our good circumstances, because we feel good, or we had something positive happen to us, etc. Joy on the other hand goes much deeper. Henri Nouwen describes it as “the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing -- sickness,

failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death -- can take that love away.”

So joy is the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved sons and daughters of God even amidst the trials of our life. Henri Nouwen further describes joy as a choice we must make every day. How often in our difficult lives do we take solace and rejoice in our identities of being beloved children of God? This Gaudete Sunday let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, “Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete” (John 16:24).

(source: archtoronto.org/stewardship)

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

NEW LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS are for sale in the vestibule of the Church for \$6.00 each. Simply place the money in the offering box on which the Missals are displayed.

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.)

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!

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 Eve. 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.

III Niedziela Adwentu – rok A

OCZEKIWANIE NA MIŁOŚĆ. Trzecia Niedziela Adwentu jest wyjątkowa. Pojawia się różowy kolor szat liturgicznych, wiele razy powtarzamy słowo RADOŚĆ! Pierwszym motywem tej radości jest fakt zbliżania się chwili spotkania przychodzącego Pana. On jest dla nas źródłem prawdziwej radości. Prorok Izajasz mówi dzisiaj: Pokrzep ręce osłabłe, wzmocnij kolana omdlałe! Odwagi! Nie bój się! (por. Iz 35,3-4). Kiedy cierpisz, kiedy brak Ci pieniędzy, kiedy nie radzisz sobie z innymi lub samym sobą, kiedy tracisz radość i pokój ducha, wiedz, że Pan przychodzi, by pustynię zmienić w kwitnący ogród. Nawet, jeśli twe serce jest jak spieczony step, może w nim rozkwitnąć biała lilia.

Pan przez swoje sługi w sakramencie pokuty i pojednania chce dzisiaj rozlewać radość w naszych sercach. Zechcemy skorzystać z tego! Boża radość często rodzi się w trudzie, w zmaganiach o czyste sumienie, o dobro wyświadczone bliźniemu, wymaga od nas wiele cierpliwości, ale jest prawdziwa! Dajmy Słowu Pana otworzyć nasze uszy, oczy i serce. Zechcemy zobaczyć Go w Kościele, sakramentach, drugim człowieku... Mamy tyle powodów do radości mimo wszystko! Zły chce zasiać w naszych sercach zwątpienie, chce zaniepokoić, chce skupić naszą uwagę na prezentach, sprzątaniu, zewnętrznych przygotowaniach do Świąt. By mieć prawdziwą radość trzeba nam usłyszeć słowa Ewangelii, która jest Radosną Nowiną. I nie wątpić, że oczekujemy na narodziny MIŁOŚCI, a Ona zawsze daje prawdziwą RADOŚĆ! (ks. Bogusław Laskowski – paulista)

W przyszłą niedzielę odbędzie się druga zbiórka na fundusz remontowy kościoła. Specjalne niebieskie koperty w tym celu umieszczane są na stołach przy wejściu do kościoła. Zebrane środki zostaną przeznaczone na wiele projektów remontowych, którymi trzeba się zająć w naszej parafii, a także zmniejszenie zadłużenia (obecnie \$58,000) z nowej windy i nowego dachu dla kościoła i plebanii.
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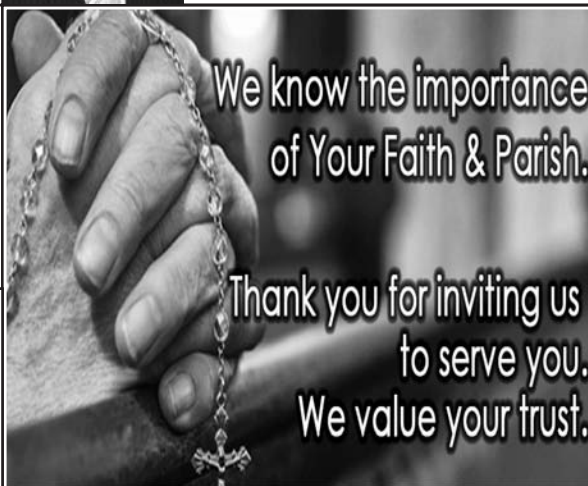


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