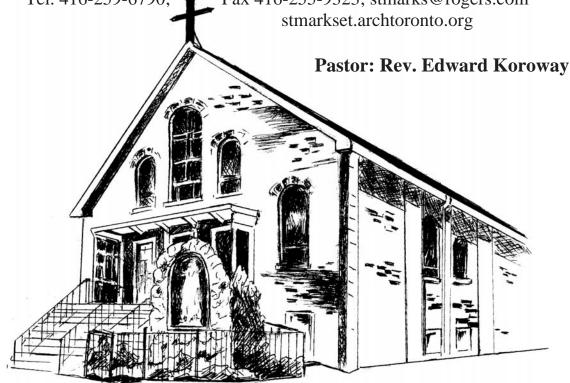
## St. Mark's Catholic Church

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



Apr.22: 5:00 p.m. Patti Lee

Apr.23: 8:30 a.m. Clotilde Swain

10:00 a.m. Za wszytkich naszych parafian

11:30 a.m. Nadine Tyrrell

Apr.24: 9:00 a.m. Danuta Kaczynski

Apr.25 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Apr.26 9:00 a.m. Joe Kovach

Apr.27: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving

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

Apr.29: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Apr.30: 8:30 a.m. Mary Grabham

10:00 a.m. Za Karolinę Skoczylas i całą

rodzinę Skoczylasów

11:30 a.m. Jan and Helen Prelich

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: Our monthly Building Fund collection will take place *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 for the elevator and new roof for the Church and rectory (which now stands at \$35,000). *Thank you!* 

**SHARE LIFE:** The second ShareLife collection will be held next weekend. Envelopes and brochures are available at the back of the Church for those who did not receive one in the mail.

SHARING OUR BURNING HEARTS. In today's Gospel we reflect on the Road to Emmaus. As the two disciples walk along, Jesus appears and breaks open the scriptures and breaks bread with them. This same structure is what we experience at Mass with the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Reflecting on their walk with Christ, the disciples were profoundly touched, exclaiming "were not our hearts burning within us?" So too, when we partake in Mass our hearts should burn within us from the glory and love of God. But what should we do with this burning?

The disciples rushed back to the others in Jerusalem "that same hour" and proclaimed that the Lord is risen. They learned more about their faith and went in haste to

share the good news and support the other believers. Likewise, after growing in our faith and being strengthened at Mass we should support the believers in our parish community by giving of our time and talent. As stewards of Christ we should not delay in sharing our gifts from God with others but seek to help immediately.

...The Church needs us to be sharers of God's gifts. St Peter in his first letter says "as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). Let us end by asking ourselves, how well do we cultivate our gifts and aid the spread of the Gospel? (archtoronto.org/stewardship)

**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 was associated with St. Paul and St. Barnabas (who was Mark's cousin—Col. 4:10). Paul and Barnabas took him with them on the first missionary journey, but Mark turned back at Perga (Pamphylia) for Jerusalem. Paul was not satisfied; the ensuing quarrel with Barnabas led to Barnabas and Mark together preaching in Cyprus (Acts 13 and 15). We know also that later he was in Rome with St. Peter and St. Paul. Tradition ascribes to him the founding of the Church in Alexandria, Egypt, whose first bishop he is said to have been.

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. 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.

EASTER CONCERT: Sunday, April 23, 4:00 p.m. Novi Singers Toronto with the Toronto Sinfonietta Ensemble. Festive religious music including the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 4260 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga. Suggested donation \$20 (children under 12 free). www.novisingerstoronto.ca.

A DAY WITH MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS: Saturday May 13, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. Facilitated by Father Daniel and Anne Hales. Cost: \$45.00 lunch included. Contact: Jean 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE 2019: Thursday, May 11, Parliament Hill, Ottawa. Rally: 12:30 p.m.; March: 1:30 p.m. The National March for Life is a peaceful pro-life and pro-family demonstration which calls upon our elected officials to bring forward legislation that will protect the right to life for all human beings at every stage of life. For details, visit marchforlife.ca. (Additional events during March for Life week: May 7-12.)

**PROJECT RACHEL** Hurt by abortion? Project Rachel is a ministry for women who have suffered the loss of a child from abortion. The hiddenness, the aloneness, and the grief are met by volunteers and God's healing power. Our next weekend retreat is being offered at St. Mary of Egypt Refuge, **April 28-30** – "Come away." For information about Project Rachel, visit stmarysrefuge.org/rachel, and call 289-691-6840 or e-mail projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org.

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.

### Trzecia Niedziela Wielkanocna -A

JAK ROZPOZNAĆ JEZUSA? Niedziele okresu wielkanocnego przepełnione są radością i blaskiem zmartwychwstania Jezusa Chrystusa. Są one

objawieniem zmartwychwstałego Pana. Jezus ukazuje się uczniom i posyła ich, aby głosili innym Jego zmartwychwstanie. Oto ten sam Syn Boży, który uniżył samego siebie, stawszy się posłusznym aż do śmierci i to śmierci krzyżowej (Flp 2, 8), został przez Boga nad wszystko wywyższony (por. Flp 2, 9). Chrystus zmartwychwstał, wstąpił do nieba i siedzi po prawicy Ojca – wyznaje z wiarą Kościół.

Czytania dzisiejszej niedzieli przekazują prawdę, że po zmartwychwstaniu Jezus nadal jest obecny pośród swoich uczniów. Zmienił tylko sposób przebywania z nimi. Teraz, aby Go ujrzeć, potrzeba oczu wiary. Nieodzowną do tego pomocą jest Pismo Święte: Stary i Nowy Testament. Stary zapowiadał Chrystusa, Nowy zaś Go objawia. Oba tworzą więc jedną nierozerwalną całość.

Naszą wiarę wyznajemy we wspólnocie. We wspólnocie Kościoła głosimy ją i świadczymy o niej. Wiara od początku istnienia Kościoła rodzi się ze słyszenia i widzenia: uczniowie idący do Emaus rozpoznali Chrystusa po łamaniu chleba; dla nas misterium objawiającym Chrystusa i jednocześnie łączącym z Nim jest Eucharystia. To ona jest dana, a zarazem zadana Kościołowi, który głosi Chrystusa, żyje Chrystusem i dąży do pełnego zjednoczenia z Nim w niebie. (abp Edward Ozorowski)

"Jezus wziął chleb, odmówił błogosławieństwo, połamał go i dawał im. Wtedy otworzyły się im oczy i poznali Go". (Łk 24, 30-31)

*Dzisiaj* 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 \$35,000) z nowej windy i nowego dachu dla kościoła i plebanii. *Dziękuję za Twoje wsparcie!* 

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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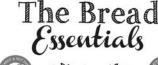
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