

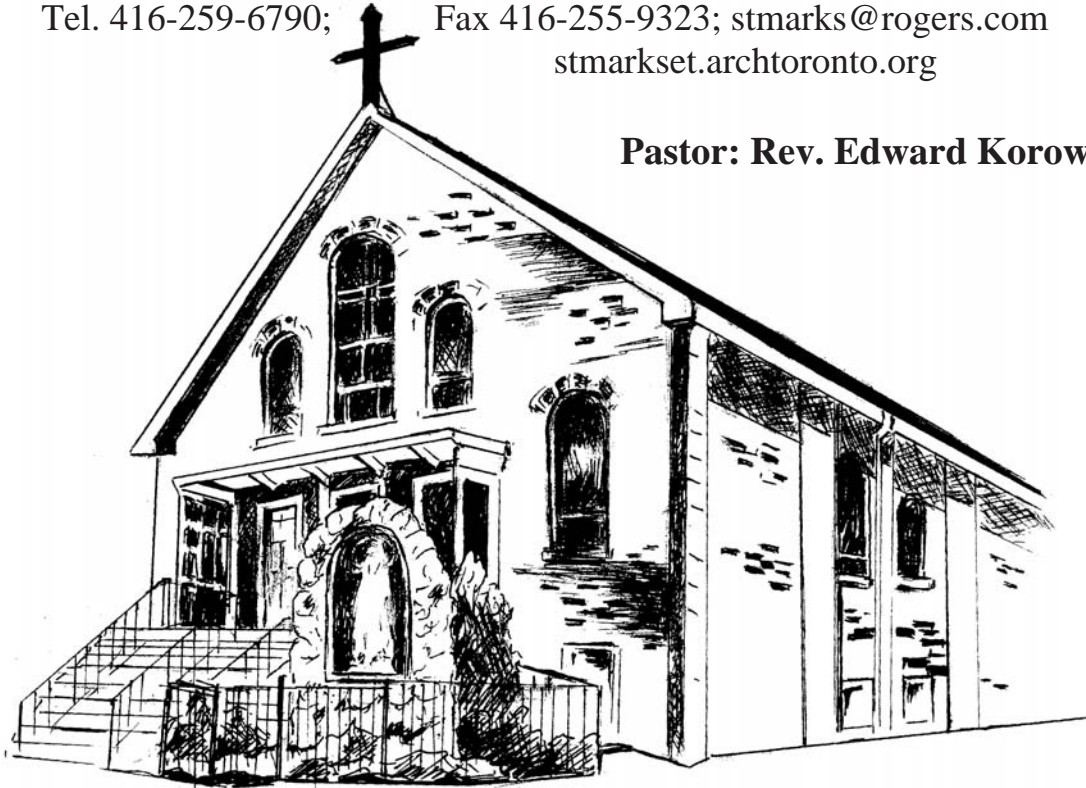
St. Mark's Catholic Church

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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

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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)
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)
catholicerald.co.uk (Catholic news)
catholicregister.org (The Catholic Register)

Please consider remembering St. Mark's Parish in your will. Thank you!



- May 6: 5:00 p.m. First Holy Communion Mass
 May 7: 8:30 a.m. Christopher and Tadeusz Sadowski
 10:00 a.m. Za zmarłego Jana Rut, i jego matkę
 Józefę, i ojca Jana i całej rodziny
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 May 8: 9:00 a.m. Stanisława Kaczmarczyk and
 deceased members of her family
 May 9: *No Mass due to annual priests' retreat*
 May 10: *No Mass due to annual priests' retreat*
 May 11: *No Mass due to annual priests' retreat*
 May 12: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving (M.L.L.)
 May 13: 5:00 p.m. Stanisław Śladnicki
 and his parents
 May 14: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 10:00 a.m. W pewnej intencji
 11:30 a.m. Molly Fernandes



First Communion

A number of children will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time during Mass on **Saturday, May 6**, at the **5:00 p.m.** Mass. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

PAPAL CHARITIES COLLECTION: The annual collection for the pastoral works of the Holy Father will take place *next* weekend after Holy Communion. Funds raised allow him to offer help especially to countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. Special envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose.

SHARE LIFE: Thank you to all who contributed \$1,335 in last weekend's second ShareLife collection. Our parish total to date for this year's campaign is \$8,025.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATIONS: On **Saturday, May 13**, Archbishop Leo will ordain the following deacons to the priesthood at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica: Revv. Cole Powers, Carlos Marquez, Mirko Ljuba, Sean Jacob, and Savio Bruto Da Costa. Please remember them in your prayers. There will be an

Ordination Prayer Vigil on **Friday, May 12**, at St. Michael's Cathedral from **5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

EXERCISING OUR PRIESTLY CALL. "Beloved: let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood." These are the words of St. Peter that we find in the second reading today. St. Peter exhorts us to see ourselves as priests. The Catechism says "the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king" (CCC 1546).

What is the primary and essential act that priests perform? The answer is simply that priests offer sacrifices. ...To be an authentic steward is to offer our God-given gifts back to God for the good of the Church and our parishes. Essentially, it is to sacrifice our lives for Christ, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. That is why He is the true, high priest that we strive to emulate. ... "part of what is involved here for Catholics is a stewardship of time, which should include setting aside periods for family prayer, for the reading of Scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for attendance at Mass during the week whenever this is possible." Let us conclude this reflection by asking ourselves, how well are we living up to the call of being part of the royal priesthood of Christ? *(source: archtoronto.org/stewardship)*

ARE YOU ABLE TO HOST A UKRAINIAN FAMILY? When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 200,000 Ukrainians have already arrived in Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 800,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org) and register for a virtual information session.

DOCUMENTING YOUR LIFE STORY: You are invited to attend a free workshop entitled 'Documenting Your Life Story' on Thursday, May 18, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ridley Funeral Home (3080 Lake Shore Blvd W). Join us as we learn how to document our life story and memories so they can be passed along to our loved ones. Michael Brooke, founder of *Time for My Story*, will guide us through a presentation and answer participant questions. Gathering information *now* may make all the difference *later*. Light refreshments will be served. To register, please call 416-259-3705.

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

A DAY RETREAT FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS: **Thursday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. A Relic of St. Peregrine will be in our chapel. Facilitated by Anne Hales and Betty Dotzko. Mass with Father Daniel. Cost: \$45.00 lunch included. Contact: Jean 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca.

A DAY RETREAT FOR SENIORS: **Wednesday, May 24, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. 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.)

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.

V Niedziela Wielkanocna –A

CZY WIERZYSZ WE MNIE? Dziwne są sformułowania kierowane przez uczniów do Chrystusa. Tomasz pyta o drogę do nieba; Filip domaga się spojrzenia na Ojca. Apostołowie ci, to przedstawiciele nas, zwykłych ludzi, którzy mamy wiele podobnych niejasności. Czasem formujemy je w przeróżne pytania do Boga: „A dlaczego tak źle się dzieje wokoło? Skąd tyle nieszczęścia, bólu i łez, i cierpienia? Skąd tylu niedobrych ludzi pośród nas?” I to ostateczne, ponoć najważniejsze pytanie – „czy Bóg naprawdę istnieje?” Brak odpowiedzi czy odpowiedź niezadowolająca powoduje nasze zwątpienie, odejście od Boga, od wiary, od Kościoła.

A co Pan Jezus odpowiada dziś, nam wątpiącym: „Kto we Mnie wierzy...” Tylko tyle i aż tyle. Co było dalej z Apostołami – wiemy. Za wiarę w Chrystusa wszyscy oprócz Jana ponieśli śmierć. Podobnie i pierwsi chrześcijanie, którzy uwierzyli tym, co głosili im Słowo Boga. A my dziś?

To takie trudne oprzeć się na wierze, na zaufaniu słowom Chrystusa – chcielibyśmy wszystko zmierzyć, zbadać, dotknąć. A nie na tym polega wiara. Czy nasza wiara opiera się na modlitwie i Bożym Słowie? Czy mimo światowej niechęci do Boga i Kościoła wierzę w siłę modlitwy i Boga w Ewangelii? Jeśli Boga zabraknie w naszym życiu, to nie ma wiary, nie ma drogi do Boga, nie ma niczego.

Kościół żyje przez wieki, dlatego, że wciąż są w nim ludzie, dla których wiara, Słowo Boga, modlitwa i wszystko, co Boże, jest najważniejsze! Życzę Ci i proszę Cię, byś do takich ludzi należał. (ks. Krzysztof Stosur)

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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