

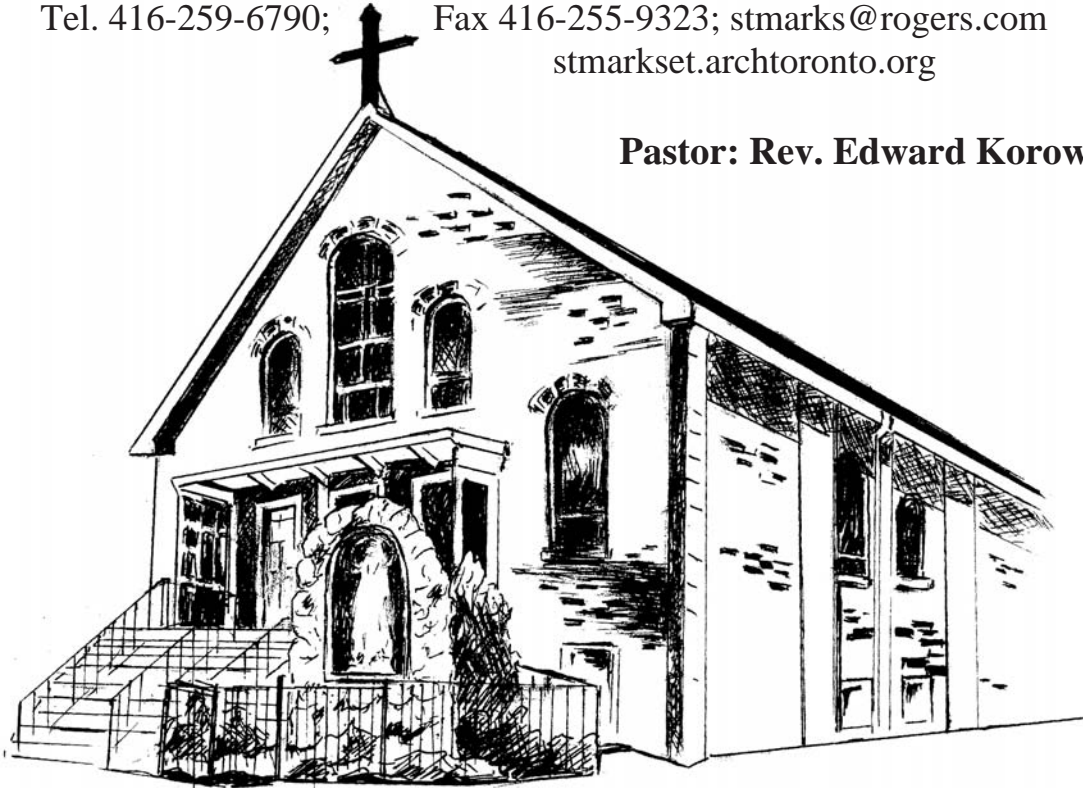
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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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

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



Masses For The Week

Sept.16: 5:00 p.m. Guzman-Gonzalez Family
 Sept.17: 8:30 a.m. Stepan Budus
 10:00 a.m. Za wszystkich naszych parafian
 11:30 a.m. Robert Orszulik (good health)
 Sept.18: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Sept.19: 9:00 a.m. Władysław Duc
 10:00 a.m. St. Mark's School Mass
 Sept.20: **No Mass** (due to Bishop Allen Masses)
 Sept.21: 9:00 a.m. Allan Gardiner
 Sept.22: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Sept.23: 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving
 Sept.24: 8:30 a.m. Special Intention
 10:00 a.m. Za wszystkich naszych parafian
 11:30 a.m. Orszulik Family

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 new roof for the Church and rectory (which now stands at approximately \$20,000). *Thank you!*

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA (also known as the Canadian Bishops' Collection). There will be a second collection *next* weekend for this purpose. Your gifts are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. Special yellow envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose. Thank you for your support of this important work.

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! We encourage everyone to use offertory envelopes weekly as they provide a record of your donations so that you may obtain an income tax receipt for your charitable donations. As well, the envelopes provide a record of your attendance should you require a reference letter. If you have not increased your regular weekly donation amount for a number of years, perhaps you

could consider doing so, to keep up with inflation. Thank you!

FORGIVING AND BEING FORGIVEN. The central mystery woven throughout the readings this Sunday is the need to forgive others. In today's Gospel we hear the parable of the wicked servant who although he was greatly forgiven of his large debt could not forgive the small debt of his fellow servant. This parable can be summarized by the words found in the Our Father, "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

The Catechism teaches us that unless we forgive those in our lives, we cannot fully experience God's forgiveness. It says that "in refusing to forgive our brothers and sisters, our hearts are closed and their hardness makes them impervious to the Father's merciful love; but in confessing our sins, our hearts are opened to his grace" (CCC 2840)

So as stewards we should strive to forgive those who have hurt us, but how do we do this? The essential answer is prayer. The Catechism plainly states that "it is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession" (CCC 2843). So ...we must intentionally choose to pray for our debtor and for the grace to forgive them. This is a difficult process and is sure to not happen overnight. Let us take some time daily, starting today, to pray for those who've hurt us. (source: archtoronto.org/stewardship)

NEW TO OUR PARISH? Please pick up a box of offertory envelopes from the tables at the back of the Church so you can register. Please do not just take a single envelope—take the whole box! Thank you.



Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in our parish on **Saturday, May 4, 2024**, at the **5:00 p.m.** Mass Students in **Grade 7 or older**, and any adults who wish to be confirmed should attend one of the weekend Masses, and obtain a registration form from Fr. Koroway afterwards. The form lists the dates of the three preparation meetings the candidates and their parents must attend on Saturday mornings in the Church. The deadline for returning the registration form is **Sunday, November 12.**

First Communion

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents of students in Grade 2 or older who would like their children to receive these sacraments this coming year should attend one of the weekend Masses with their children, and obtain a registration form from Fr. Koroway afterwards. The form lists the five preparation meetings the students and parents must attend in the Church on Saturday mornings. The deadline for returning the registration forms is **Sunday, October 29.**

CHAPLAINCY CONNECT AND CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY: Attention students: Are you headed to university or college this fall? Campus ministry is waiting for you! Connect with campus ministry to find a welcoming community of friends and faith. Visit: chaplaincyconnect.ca to check out campus ministry on your campus.

DAILY ROSARY: We are reciting the Holy Rosary before weekday Mass, Monday to Friday, beginning around 8:30 a.m. You are invited to join us.

NOVENNA TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL. Archbishop Leo is inviting the faithful to pray a Novenna in preparation for the Solemnity of St. Michael the Archangel (principal patron of our diocese) from September 20 to September 28. The text of the prayer may be found on our parish website home page (stmarkset.archtoronto.org) as well as on the diocesan website (archtoronto.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.

XXIV-A Niedziela w ciągu roku

SPRAWIEDLIWOŚĆ. Gdyby Bóg wyrównywał rachunki z ludźmi według tego, co każdemu się należy, sytuacja wielu osób byłaby tragiczna. Jak moglibyśmy spłacić Panu rachunek za zło uczynione w naszym życiu? Bylibyśmy bankrutami bez szansy na wyjście z długów.

Pan Bóg ukazuje jednak swoją dobroć. Posługuje się przykładem ogromnego kontrastu. W dzisiejszej Ewangelii opowiada o dwóch dłużnikach. Pierwszy był winien panu 10,000 talentów. Jest to kwota niewyobrażalna dla zwykłego śmiertelnika, szacowana, w naszych realiach, na wiele milionów złotych. Pan darował ten dług. Człowiek obdarzony tak wielką łaską nie odpuścił jednak swojemu współsłudze należności 100 denarów (czyli 100 dniówek robotnika). Ten, kto prosił o miłosierdzie, nie miał go dla bliźniego.

Pan nie godzi się na takie postępowanie. Chce, żebyśmy przebaczeni nie 7 i nie 77 razy, ale zawsze. Biblijna „siódemka” jest przecież liczbą pełni. Nie można stawiać limitów w przebaczeniu. Skrupulatnie sumować sytuacji, kiedy przebaczyłem, i oczekiwać dnia, kiedy już nie będę musiał tego robić. Złość, gniew i pomsta nie znajdują uznania w oczach Pana (I czytanie).

Z czym więc zostajemy? Z wezwaniem od Boga, aby być takimi jak On – łaskawymi i pełnymi miłosierdzia (Psalm). Raczej nie musimy szukać specjalnej okazji ku temu, abyśmy mogli stać się właśnie tacy. Może nawet dziś będzie ku temu okazja? Pan Bóg przypomina nam o tym, że należymy do Niego, że nie żyjemy dla siebie samych (II czytanie). Nie warto więc rachować zysków i strat w relacji z innymi. Warto być dobrym jak Bóg, który odda każdemu sprawiedliwość. (ks. Marek Piedziewicz)

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 \$20,000) z 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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