

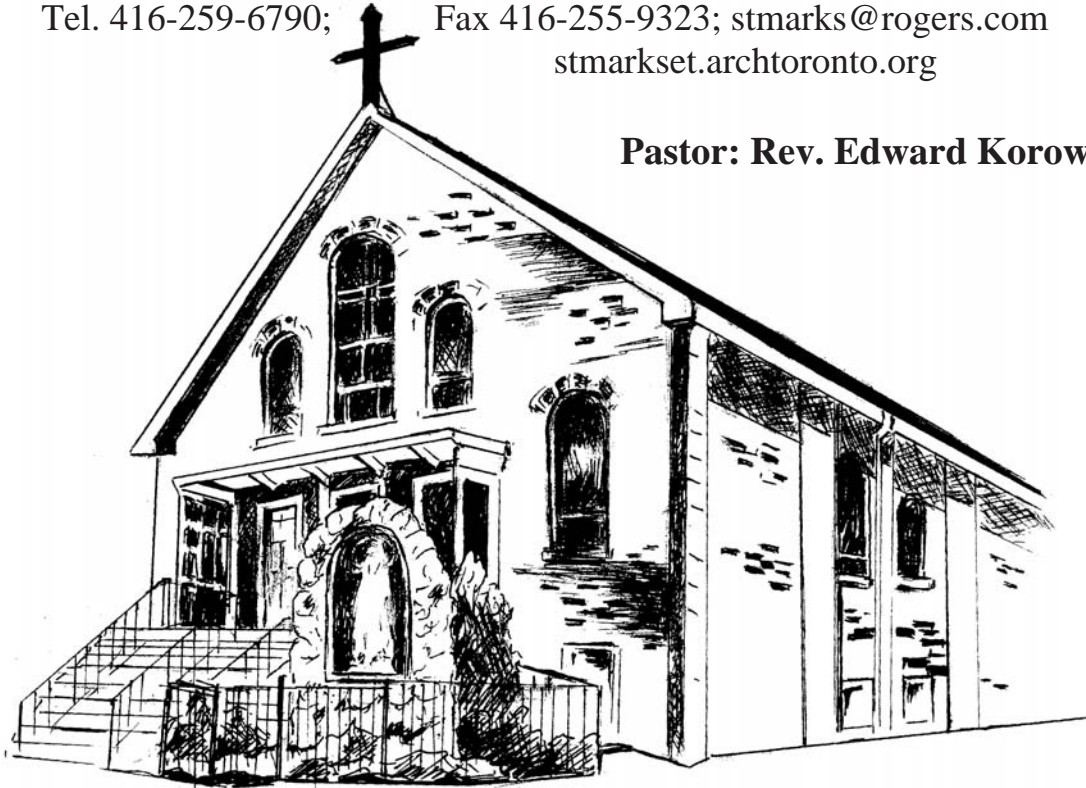
# St. Mark's Catholic Church

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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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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!*

**Masses  
This Week**

- Sept.23: 5:00 p.m. Matija Sarkotic; Mary Jane Paras  
 Sept.24: 8:30 a.m. Special Intention  
 10:00 a.m. Za wszystkich naszych parafian  
 11:30 a.m. Orszulik Family  
 Sept.25: 9:00 a.m. Anna Łapińska  
 Sept.26: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 Sept.27: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving  
 Sept.28: 9:00 a.m. Blessings for Krystyna  
 Sept.29: 9:00 a.m. Mary Grabham  
 Sept.30: 5:00 p.m. Healing and reconciliation  
 for indigenous people of Canada  
 Oct. 1: 8:30 a.m. Maria and Jana Konderak;  
 Natalia and Stanisław Świetlicki  
 10:00 a.m. Za Krystynę i Eugeniusza Drozd  
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's

**NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA** (also known as the Canadian Bishops' Collection). There will be a second collection *this* 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.

**INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION COLLECTION.** There will be a special collection *next* weekend to support the Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Fund. The fund will support both local and national programs proposed by Indigenous communities to nurture the ongoing reconciliation journey. To date, the fund has raised close to 40 per cent of the \$30 million target as pledged by the Canadian bishops. The archdiocese will contribute \$6 million towards the national pledge. Yellow envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose.

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY:** Archbishop Leo has prepared a homily for this weekend's Stewardship Sunday. It is available on our parish as well as diocesan website: [www.archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship), both in English and Polish, as well as other languages.

**109<sup>th</sup> WORD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES (SEPTEMBER 24).** The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "*Free to Choose Whether to Migrate or to Stay.*" While the decision to migrate should always be free, in many cases it is not. St. John Paul II wrote, "building conditions of peace means in practice being seriously committed to safeguarding first of all the right not to emigrate, that is, the right to live in peace and dignity in one's own country." We recall the words of Our Lord when He said "...I was a stranger, and you welcomed me", which remind us to see in the migrant not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door.

**REJOICING IN OUR NEIGHBOUR'S GIFTS.** In the first reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah we are reminded that God doesn't think the same way we do. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Not only are God's ways different than ours, they are higher and better. We see this in the Gospel where the landowner in the parable gives an equal wage to the labourers regardless of how long they worked for.

The labourers who worked the longest felt that they did not receive what was just. As stewards, we too can sometimes fall into the temptation of feeling that the gifts God has given us is not to the level we would have liked. Similarly, we may sometimes feel that other people should not have the gifts that they have received. In doing this, we are subtly wanting God to think in the same way we do.

Instead, we should strive to be stewards that are grateful for the gifts we have received. Moreover, we should even be grateful and praise God for the gifts of others. As we are all one Body of Christ, when one member has particular gifts, we all as a Church should celebrate and boast of that gift. St. Paul says in his letter to the Corinthians that within the Body of Christ, "if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." Let us take some time today to thank God for His many gifts in our lives and the lives of our fellow parishioners.  
 (source: [archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://archtoronto.org/stewardship))

**BUILDING FUND COLLECTION:** Thank you to all who contributed \$1,105 in last weekend's monthly Building Fund collection.

**VOTIVE CANDLES.** Please do not light votive candles during Mass. During Mass we should be focusing on the Mass prayers and participating in them, joining in singing the hymns, and listening to the readings and homily. It is distracting and disrespectful of the liturgy to light candles and hear coins dropping in the offering box during Mass. Please light candles either before or after Mass. Also please remember that the offering for the candles is \$5 for each large candle and \$1 for each small one. *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**.

**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](http://stmarkset.archtoronto.org)) as well as on the diocesan website ([archtoronto.org](http://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.

## XXV-A Niedziela w ciągu roku

**POZWÓL SIĘ ODNALEŹĆ.** Co zrobić, aby się zbawić? Czy wszyscy ludzie będą zbawieni? Czasem zadajemy sobie te pytania. Towarzyszy im lęk i niepewność, bo jaka jest jakość mojego życia? Czy zasługuję na karę, czy na nagrodę?

To niewłaściwie postawione pytania. To nie ja siebie zbawiam. Moje zbawienie jest obietnicą Boga, w którego wierzę. Jest On jednocześnie Sędzią sprawiedliwym i Miłosierdziem. Pan Bóg pragnie mojego zbawienia i tylko On zna jakość mojego życia. Wszyscy otrzymaliśmy tę obietnicę. Zbawienie jest powołaniem każdego człowieka. Bóg w Osobie Jezusa Chrystusa prowadzi mnie do tego celu. To prowadzenie jest raczej towarzyszeniem, z szacunkiem dla mojej wolności. W tej wolności bywa, że wybieram złe drogi. Wtedy Chrystus czeka, abym dostrzegł Jego obecność. Gdy Go odkrywam na nowo, Jezus na nowo przypomina mi o celu. O zbawieniu.

Ten cel wydaje mi się czasem nagrodą za zasługi. Za dobre życie, za wierność Panu Jezusowi. Bardzo się staram, ale wciąż jest lęk: Czy wystarczająco? Tymczasem Pan Bóg mówi o sobie: „Bo myśli moje nie są myślami waszymi ani wasze drogi moimi drogami” (I czytanie). On nie jest jak wychowawca z mojej szkoły, na którego życzliwość musiałem zasłużyć.

Miłosierna miłość Boga do mnie nie ulega zmianom. Niezależnie od tego, co czuję, On jest dla mnie zawsze życzliwy. Zawsze jest „po mojej stronie”. I pragnie tylko, abym ja przy Nim trwał i pozwolił podnosić się z upadków. W Jezusie Bóg szuka mnie i wciąż odnajduje. I daje nową szansę, aby podążać za obietnicą nieba. (o. Tomasz Słowiński – dominikanin)

**LIST DUSZPASTERSKI ARCYBISKUPA LEO O STEWARDSHIP.** Zapraszamy do przeczytania listu pasterskiego arcybiskupa Leo (w języku polskim) o zarządzaniu pod adresem: [www.archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship).





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