

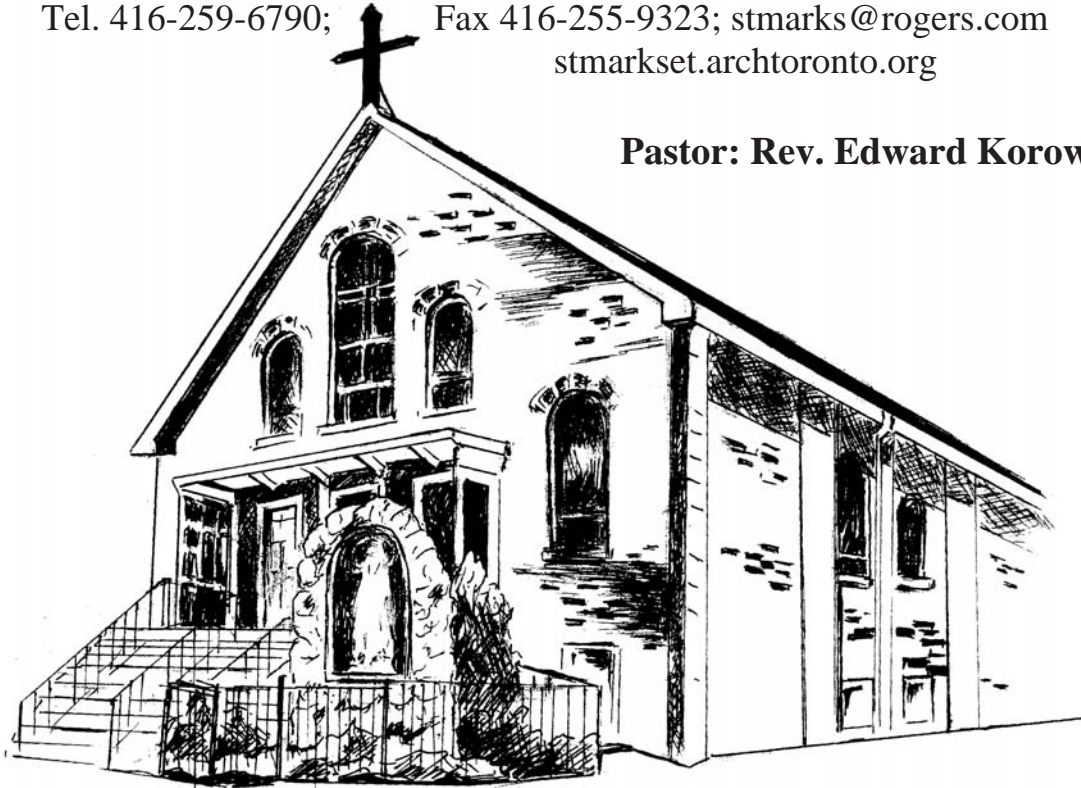
# St. Mark's Catholic Church

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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

## SCHOOLS

St. Mark  
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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!*

**Masses  
This Week**

- Sep.30: 5:00 p.m. Healing and reconciliation  
for indigenous people of Canada  
(requested by Archbishop Leo)
- Oct. 1: 8:30 a.m. Maria and Jana Konderak;  
Natalia and Stanisław Świetlicki  
10:00 a.m. Za Krystynę i Eugeniusza Droz  
11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
- Oct. 2: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
- Oct. 3: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
- Oct. 4: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
- Oct. 5: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
- Oct. 6: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
7:10 p.m. W pewnej intencji
- Oct. 7: 5:00 p.m. Jachna Family deceased members
- Oct. 8: 8:30 a.m. Christopher and Tadeusz Sadowski  
10:00 a.m. Za Annę Kalatę  
11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's

**FIRST FRIDAY**

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Friday, October 6 is the First Friday of September. After the usual 9:00 a.m. Mass (in English), there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **until 3:00 p.m.** The Church will reopen at **6:00 p.m.** for Confessions until **6:45 p.m.**, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at **7:00 p.m.**, and evening Mass at **7:10 p.m.** (in Polish).

**INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION COLLECTION.** There will be a special collection *this* 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.

**SEEKING TO SERVE RATHER THAN BE SERVED.** In today's second reading St. Paul offers us a radical way of living as Christians. He says that we should humbly, "regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the

interests of others." While this is a challenging way of life, it is at the very heart of being a steward.

To fully live with other people's interests above our own we require a dramatic interior conversion. Our society propagates the importance of the unholy trinity of "me, myself and I". In order to begin this conversion we need to turn to prayer and seek to imitate Jesus, the true steward. Jesus always sought to be a servant of others instead of demanding to be served. This was shown very poignantly when he washed the feet of the apostles. In this image, we see what it means to be a steward. To humble ourselves before others and seek their good before our own.

Imagine a parish community where everyone strives to serve their brothers and sisters. This service can be manifested in a variety of ways, whether it be simply going out of our way to say hello to a new family in the parish or supporting a family undergoing a major change or crises in their life. Let us constantly renew our commitment to being stewards and seek to serve rather than be served. (*source: archtoronto.org/stewardship*)

**LIFE CHAIN:** Sunday, October 1, from **2:00 p.m.** to **3:00 p.m.** Our nearest Etobicoke locations: Islington/Bloor; Kipling/Queensway. Life Chain is a prayerful, peaceful, witness to the evil of abortion and to the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception. It is a simple and powerful way to spread the Gospel message, to be a light to our nation, and to create a culture of life in Canada.

**BISHOP ALLEN NEW SCHOOL TOWN HALL:** Tuesday, October 10, **7:00 p.m.**, hosted by Trustee Teresa Lubinski. Please submit all questions to [teresa.lubinski@tcdsb.org](mailto:teresa.lubinski@tcdsb.org) by October 5.

**BISHOP ALLEN ACADEMY INFORMATION EVENING & OPEN HOUSE:** Grade 8 students and their parents are cordially invited to attend an Information Evening and Open House at Bishop Allen Academy on **Wednesday, October 18**, from **6:30 p.m.** to **8:30 p.m.** Learn about the Advanced Placement Program, French Immersion, Gifted Program, Leadership Development, Athletics, Music, Drama and more. All are welcome to attend.

**COME AND SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND:** November 17-19 at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Road, Scarborough). The Office of Vocations will be hosting this weekend for men 18 years and older.

This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to the priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee). For more information, visit [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

**WOMEN TOGETHER RETREAT:** **Wednesday, October 25, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga. 905-278-5229 or [office@qoa.ca](mailto:office@qoa.ca). Cost: \$45.00. Concludes with Mass.



## 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.

**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.

## XXVI-A Niedziela w ciągu roku

### **WIARA OTWIERA BRAMY KRÓLESTWA.**

Bardzo dobrze pamiętamy słowa Jezusa, że nierządnicę i celnicę będą w raju przed nami. Zbyt nas one nie szokują, a już na pewno nie gorszą tak, jak musiały gorszyć sprawiedliwych i pobożnych żydów, arcykapłanów i starszych ludu. Gdybyśmy jednak w miejsce „jawnogrzesznic i celników” wstawili naszych osobistych wrogów albo ludzi, których z różnych powodów nie lubimy, to być może nasze zachowanie byłoby podobne do reakcji faryzeuszy. Jak to? On lub ona przede mną?

Kto nie potrafi dostrzec, że jest człowiekiem grzesznym, niezasługującym na niebo, nie będzie też w stanie przyjąć łaski miłosierdzia. Jezus nikogo nie odsyła od bram nieba. Daje jedynie pierwszeństwo tym, którzy nawracając się, nie kryją, że są grzesznikami.

Na naszą grzeszność możemy patrzeć dwojako: bezbożnie i z wiarą. Bezbożnie, czyli zapominając o Bogu, którego miłosierdzie jest większe niż każdy, nawet najgorszy, najbardziej krępujący i zawstydzający nas grzech lub – z wiarą, która pozwala dostrzec w bolesnym doświadczeniu własnej słabości nieogarnioną łaskawość Boga. Mój grzech nie sprawia, że Chrystus ode mnie odchodzi, wycofuje się zatrwożony moją niegodziwością. To ja, grzesznik, odwracam się od Niego i próbuję iść swoją własną drogą. Jednak nawet wtedy Chrystus nie odstępował mnie ani na krok, bo przecież sam zapewniał, że nie przyszedł wzywać do nawrócenia sprawiedliwych, ale grzeszników, że nie zdrowi, lecz chorzy potrzebują lekarza. (o. Jarosław Krawiec – dominikanin)

„Celnicy i nierządnicę wchodzi przed wami do królestwa niebieskiego”. (Mt 21, 31)

**PIERWSZY PIĄTEK: 6-go października** przypada pierwszy piątek miesiąca października. Po Mszy Św. o godzinie **9-ej** rano, będzie wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu do godziny **3-ej**. Będzie też okazja do spowiedzi świętej od godziny **6:00 do 6:45** wieczorem, i Błogosławieństwo o godz. **7:00**. Po Błogosławieństwie będzie dodatkowa Msza Św. po polsku o godz. **7:10**.

**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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