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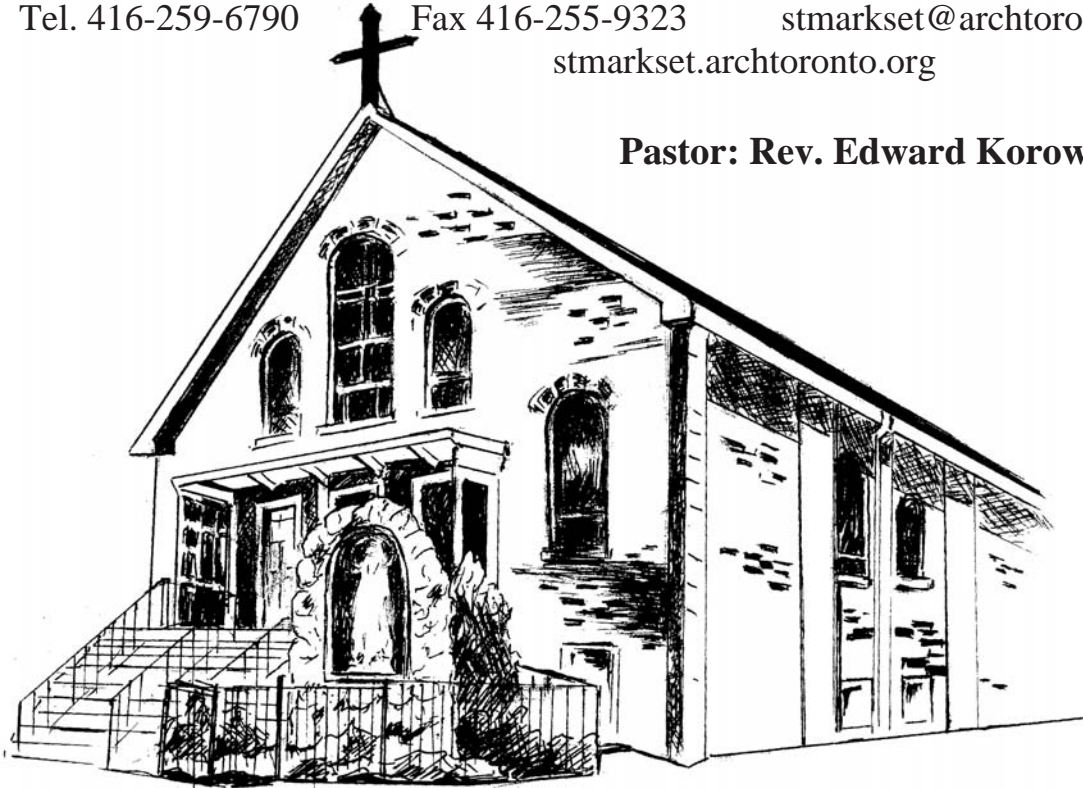
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WEEKEND MASSES

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

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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!



Jan.13: 5:00 p.m. Emilia Hojka
 Jan.14: 8:30 a.m. Clarita and Osmundo Angeles
 10:00 a.m. Za Gertrudę i Lucjana Kocleyda
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 Jan.15: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Jan.16: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Jan.17: 9:00 a.m. Fr. Jon Bromley
 Jan.18: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Jan.19: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Jan.20: 5:00 p.m. Rosa and Dominic Orgera
 Jan.21: 8:30 a.m. Special Intention
 10:00 a.m. W pewnej intencji
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's

HEEDING THE CALL OF CHRIST: “Come and see”. These are the words of invitation that Jesus says to His first disciples and that He still says to us 2000 years later. This is the call of the steward, to come and see the goodness of the Lord. Let us reflect more deeply on the figure of St. Andrew in this episode and seek ways to imitate him.

First, when Jesus invited him, it says that Andrew obeyed and “came and saw.” He readily and wholeheartedly heeded the call of Christ. After his encounter with Christ, his life was profoundly changed and he left everything to follow Him. Once we encounter the love and goodness of God we too can no longer hold onto our past lives. Let us strive to continue to journey with God, going ever more deeper into His love. If we have not yet personally encountered Christ, let us remember that Christ longs for us to be with Him so it is never too late to turn to Him.

Moreover, upon meeting Christ, Andrew did not keep his new found joy to himself but instead runs to tell his brother Simon. He brings Simon to Jesus which leads to Simon's call to follow Christ and is where he receives the name Peter. True stewardship leads to evangelization. Once we've experienced the joy of the Gospel, we too should seek to bring others into this joy. ... (source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

Step by Step

*God does not lead me year by year
 Nor even day by day;
 But step by step my path unfolds
 As He directs my way.
 Tomorrow's plans I do not know;
 I only know this hour.
 And Him who bids me walk each step
 Supported by His power.
 And I am glad that it is so
 Today's enough to bear.
 And when tomorrow comes, His grace
 Will far exceed my care.
 What need to worry then or fret?
 My Lord, who gave His Son,
 Holds all my moments in His hand
 And gives them one by one.*

PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO: “Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things”. Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, “*Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things*”. This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2024: These have been placed on tables at the back of the Church, *in numerical order*. Blank envelopes (with no labels) are available for those who would like to start using envelopes. Envelope users receive a receipt for their charitable donations, which reduces their income tax payable. For total annual donations over \$200, there is a *combined federal and provincial* tax credit of approximately 40 per cent.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS for 2023 will be mailed directly from the Chancery in January.

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.

A Meditation

By Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission—I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work, I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place *while not intending it*—if I do but keep His Commandments.

Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me—still He knows what He is about.

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.

PLANNING TO BE A CATHOLIC TEACHER? It is important for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic School Board in Ontario as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you are planning to apply to teach in a Catholic School, please contact the pastor well in advance. It is also helpful to be a regular envelope user in order to verify that you do indeed regularly attend Mass in the parish.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING: Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our parish bulletin. The advertising will begin in February, 2024, and supports our bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637 for more information and to advertise.

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.

II Niedziela w ciągu roku – B

WYBÓR I POWOŁANIE. Powołanie Andrzeja i Jana, pierwszych uczniów i apostołów, było dość prozaiczne. Ich nauczyciel, Jan Chrzciciel, nie tylko przygotował ich na przyjście Mesjasza, ale wskazał im Jezusa i przekazał ich Zbawicielowi. Pozostali przy nim na zawsze.

Również proste było powołanie Piotra oraz innych apostołów. Oderwał ich Chrystus od rybackich sieci, by zatrzymać przy sobie. Natomiast nadanie nowego imienia Szymonowi było już czymś wyjątkowym — wymownym i symbolicznym; miał bowiem być opoką Kościoła.

Nasze powołanie do wiary Chrystusowej też było proste. W niemowlęctwie zanieśono nas do kościoła i tam dokonał się akt naszego powołania i wybrania. Bóg nas usynowił, a symbolem tego było imię nadane nam przy chrzcie św.; zostaliśmy szczególnie uprzywilejowani. Tak też poczuł się apostołowie. Nie uczeni w Piśmie zostali wybrani, ale prości rybacy.

Wszyscy zostaliśmy powołani do wiary Chrystusowej, do Kościoła, do czerpania z łask Zbawiciela. I z tego powodu winniśmy być dumni, a także wdzięczni, że Chrystus i Kościół obdarowują nas nowym życiem, uczą i wychowują. ... (ks. Zbigniew Godlewski)

KOPERTKI PARAFIALNE. Kopertki są wyłożone na stolikach przy wejściu do Kościoła według numerów. Zachęcamy wszystkich do korzystania z kopert na ofiarę, ponieważ zapewniają one zapis darowizn. Składając ofiarę w kopercie, możemy otrzymać pokwitowanie do podatku dochodowego od darowizny na cele charytatywne.

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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