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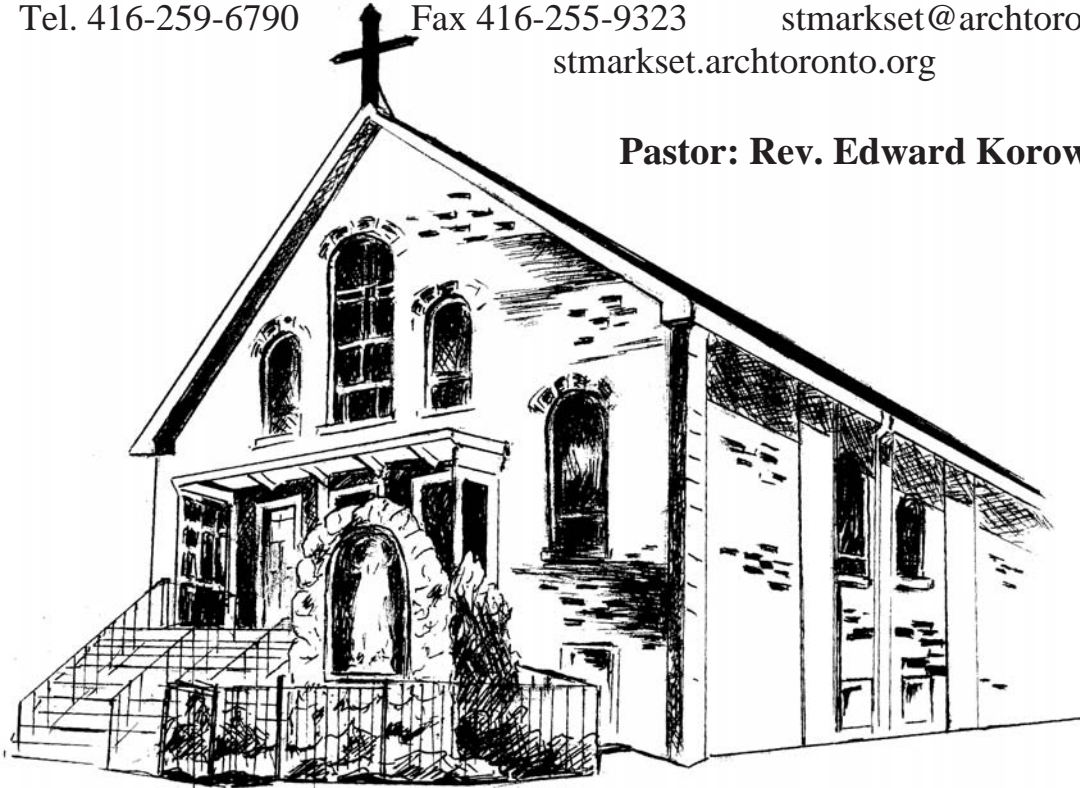
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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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
45 Cloverhill Road
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Bishop Allen Academy
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Sainte-Marguerite-d'Youville
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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
This Week**

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
 Jan.22: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Jan.23: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Jan.24: 9:00 a.m. Luis da Silva (1st anniversary)
 Jan.25: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Jan.26: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Jan.27: 5:00 p.m. Eric Robb (7th anniversary)
 Jan.28: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 10:00 a.m. W pewnej intencji
 11:30 a.m. Alec (health & God's blessings on his 16th birthday)

FISHING FOR CHRIST. "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people." Just as Jesus called his first disciples 2000 years ago, he continues to call us to follow him. As we reflect on this beautiful Gospel account, let us focus on one particular aspect, the fact that Jesus uses the image of being a "fisher." It is most interesting to note that as he is calling actual fishermen, he uses their own language.

There is a deep spiritual insight that can be gleaned from this, namely, that Christ uses what we bring to the table to serve Him and the Church. While fishing may seem unrelated to being an apostle, Jesus does not downplay their past experience. He invites them to bring all of the gifts and talents that they've received from God, but instead of using it for their own gain, to use it to gain souls for Christ.

So too as stewards, we can sometimes think that God can only use us if we're already perfect disciples, or have degrees in theology or extensive training in ministry. However, the Lord wants us to bring all of our experiences, even our personal and professional backgrounds to serve Him. ... This is the heart of stewardship. To recognize that we all bring our own particular gifts that can be used to serve Christ. Let us reflect on our own gifts and graciously heed the call to become "fishers of people," each in our own way. (source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

'SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD' is observed on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and was established by the Holy Father on September 30, 2019, through his

Motu proprio Apostolic Letter, "*Aperuit illis.*" This Sunday, January 20/21, will be designated as "Sunday of the Word of God" and is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God. We recall the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church. In his apostolic letter, the Holy Father tells us that the celebration has "ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity."

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Children born in 2020 are eligible to register for the September 2024 school year in the Toronto Catholic District School Board. Registration opens **January 24**, at 10:00 a.m. Visit tcdsb.org/Kindergarten for more details.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP LEO: **Sunday, February 11, 3:00 p.m.** On the second Sunday of February each year, the Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates **Marriage Sunday**. This occasion highlights the importance of the institution of marriage rooted in faith, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

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.

CANCER PATIENT AND CAREGIVERS DAY OF RETREAT: **Saturday, February 17.** To Experience God's healing love. Registration 8:30 a.m. Cost: \$45.00. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga. For more information, please contact: Jean at 905-278-5229 or office@goa.ca.

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.

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.

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.

III Niedziela w ciągu roku – B

Wyjątkowe Królestwo. Nauka o królestwie Bożym zajmuje centralne miejsce w nauczaniu Chrystusa. W osobie Jezusa Bóg przychodzi do ludzi i chce królować w ich sercach. Na tyle „bliskie jest królestwo Boże”, na ile Bóg w Chrystusie zbliżył się do ludzkiego serca. Królestwo Boże posiada swoją specyfikę i różni się zdecydowanie od jakiegokolwiek ziemskiego królestwa. Jego wyjątkowość wyraża się w tym, że ma ono przeniknąć do wnętrza człowieka, opanować jego myśli, uczucia i pragnienia. Oznacza to, że królestwo Boże musi najpierw zaistnieć w sercu człowieka, aby on przez całą wieczność mógł korzystać z jego duchowego bogactwa.

Aby serce człowieka mogło stać się królestwem Bożym, konieczne jest jego nawrócenie, które nie może dokonać się bez głębokiej wiary w Ewangelię. Serce ludzkie zyskuje wtedy nową godność, staje się uprzywilejowaną przestrzenią królowania Boga. Konkretnym wyrazem obecności królestwa Bożego w sercu człowieka jest pójście za Chrystusem, stanie się Jego uczniem przez naśladowanie Jego postawy.

Bóg, powołując ludzi, pragnie swoim słowem nieustannie pielęgnować w nich swoje królestwo. Największym szczęściem człowieka jest odczucie, że „czas się wypełnił” i jego serce nie doświadczy już więcej pustki, bo sam Bóg objął w nim królowanie. Wszyscy oczekujemy na udział w królestwie Ojca u kresu dziejów, wierzący jednak zanim spoczną w królestwie niebieskim, nie przestają wołać, powtarzając bezustannie: "Przyjdź królestwo Twoje!" — przyjdź do mojego serca. (*ks. Roman Mleczo, paulista*)

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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