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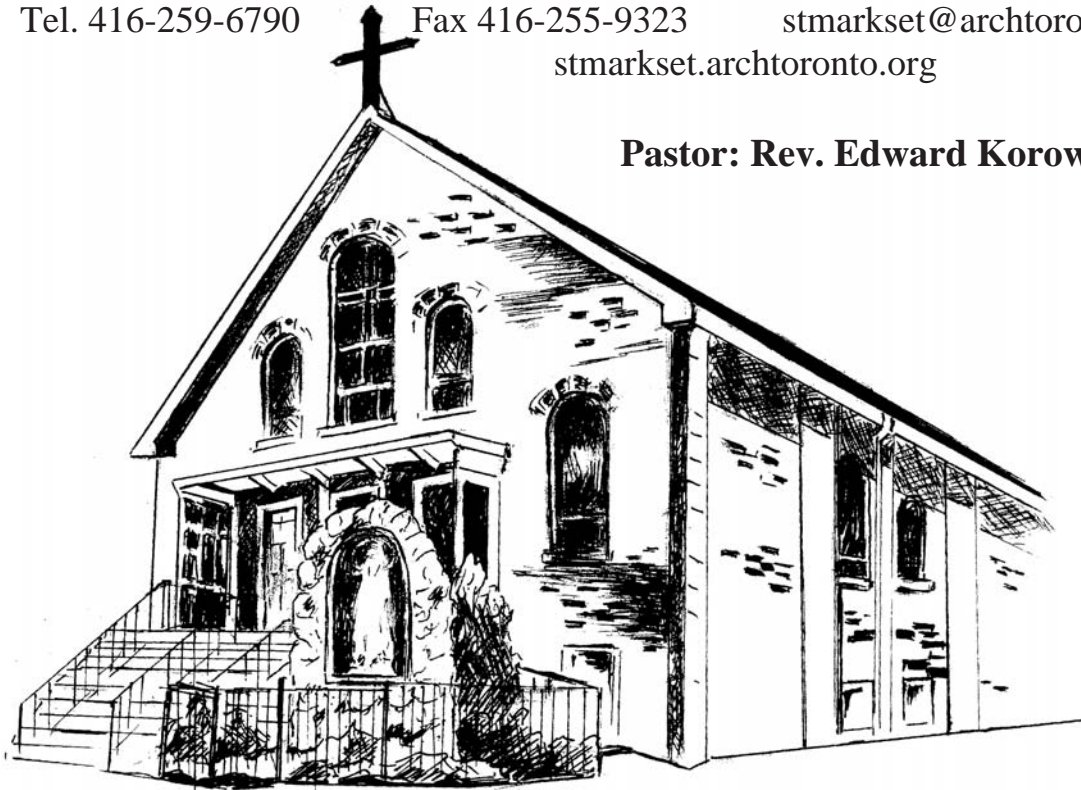
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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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
Toronto, ON M8Y 1T4
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Bishop Allen Academy
721 Royal York Road
Toronto, ON M8Y 2T3
416-393-5549

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)
catholicerald.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

Feb. 3: 5:00 p.m. Jachna Family deceased members
 Feb. 4: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 10:00 a.m. Za Józefa i Roberta Celuchów
 i zmarłych z rodziny Celuchów
 11:30 a.m. Ida Caracciolo Liberatore
 Feb. 5: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Feb. 6: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Feb. 7: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Feb. 8: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Feb. 9: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Feb. 10: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 Feb. 11: 8:30 a.m. Helena Wiszowata
 10:00 a.m. Za Zofię i Wacława Witek
 11:30 a.m. Greg Greco

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: Thank you to all who contributed \$1,095 in last weekend's monthly Building Fund collection towards the many renovation projects that need to be addressed in our parish.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: FEBRUARY 11: The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

The **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be administered after the **5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 10**. It may be administered to anyone over 7 years of age who begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age (anyone over 65 can receive it). It is intended for those suffering from serious illness, which can include physical, mental or spiritual illness.

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@qoa.ca.

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.

REFLECT. This Sunday, one central theme that runs through all of the readings is that of evangelization. St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians says "woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!" At the end of the Gospel reading today it says that "Jesus went throughout Galilee proclaiming the message in their synagogues." St. Francis Xavier says that "many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians." As stewards, evangelization is one of our core responsibilities so let us take some time to reflect on how we can offer our time and talents to this important work.

Firstly, in order for us to encourage people to follow Christ, we must take the time to journey with them. This is perhaps the most important gift we can offer someone as we evangelize. Jesus often spent His time conversing and interacting with the people of Judea. We too should follow this practice and intentionally make an effort to spend time with those whom we know are away from the faith. It is in these interactions that they will be able to see the joy and love that emanates from the presence of Christ within us.

Secondly, as stewards we are invited to perform concrete actions to help bring others to Christ. St. Teresa of Avila says that "we must all try to be preachers through our

deeds.” By performing selfless acts of love we can point others to Love Himself and help them come to know Jesus. Therefore, as stewards, let us take the time and effort to intentionally share the Gospel through our daily witness. (source: archtoronto.org/stewardship)

LENT RETREAT AT ST. AUGUSTINE’S SEMINARY: *The Holy of Holies: Discovering the Richness of the Mass.* You are invited to join us on **Saturday, February 24** from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** for our Spirit & Life Series Lenten Retreat with Fr. Eric Rodrigues. This event will be held at St. Augustine’s Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough. Fr. Eric will explain the various rituals and prayers of the Mass. Please register early, as space is limited for in-person events: <https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/st-augustines-spirit-life-series-lenten-retreat>."

COME & SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: **March 15–17.** The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine’s Seminary on **Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. until Sunday, March 17 at 2:00 p.m.** This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at: www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee. If you would like more information, please contact us at: vocations@archtoronto.org.

15th ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE: **Saturday March 23, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Old Mill (includes light lunch). Opening Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Collins. Speakers: Kathleen Beckman: A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare; Carissa Douglas: Becoming a Co-creator with God; Anna Boyagoda: Creating a Space for Prayer; *Special Guest Speaker: Tammy Peterson, (wife of Dr. Jordan Peterson)*; Dorothy Pilarski: Starting a Catholic Moms Group. To register, visit: www.dynamicwomenfaith.com.

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.

V Niedziela w ciągu roku – B

PERSPEKTYWY. Raz po raz przekonujemy się o tym, jak bardzo trudne jest życie. Jednak pesymizm, jaki rodzi zetknięcie się z cierpieniem i śmiercią, nie jest do końca uzasadniony. Wierząc, wiemy, że jest Ktoś, na Kogo możemy zawsze liczyć.

Skargę Hioba na marność życia, przemijania i beznadziei dzielają miliony ludzi na świecie, którzy codziennie walczą o przetrwanie. Zmagają się z upokarzającą nędzą, chorobami, śmiercią, wrogością i odrzuceniem ze strony innych. Cierpieniem spowodowanym brakiem poczucia sensu życia. Doczesność boleśnie rozczarowuje i męczy (I czytanie). Boli nas brak miłości, samotność nawet w rodzinie; pustka, której nie potrafią wypełnić drobiazgi i drobne satysfakcje. Czy w ostateczności Hiob ma rację? Czy mamy prawo ulegać tak wielkiemu pesymizmowi?

W naszych życiowych dramatach nie pozostajemy jednak sami. Na kogo możemy liczyć? Na Pana Jezusa, któremu nie jesteśmy obojętni. „Wszyscy Cię szukają” – mówi dzisiejsza Ewangelia. Szukajmy Go również i my. Idźmy do Niego z naszą gorączką, obolałym sercem, niepewnością i lękami, pragnieniem miłości i akceptacji. Wiara upewnia nas, że On jest Bogiem dającym nowe perspektywy. „On leczy złamanych na duchu i przewiązuje im rany” (Psalm). Możemy Mu całkowicie zaufać. Chociaż nie zawsze zdejmiemy krzyż z naszych barków, to zawsze da siłę do jego dźwignia.

Nie tylko żyjemy nadzieją, którą daje nam wiara, ale jak św. Paweł stańmy się jej głosicielami. Stańmy się „słabi dla słabych” (II czytanie), aby pomóc im odnaleźć się w trudnych sytuacjach. Bądźmy świadkami Bożej nadziei. To nasze życiowe zadanie. (ks. Zbigniew Sobolewski)

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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