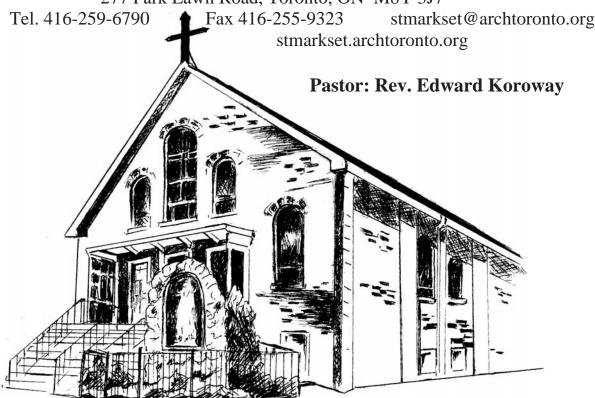
St. Mark's Catholic Church

277 Park Lawn Road, Toronto, ON M8Y 3J7



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 Bishop Allen Academy Sainte-Marguerite-d'Youville 45 Cloverhill Road 721 Royal York Road 755 Royal York Road Toronto, ON M8Y 1T4 Toronto, ON M8Y 2T3 Toronto, ON M8Y 2T3 416-393-5332 416-393-5549 416-393-5418

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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)

Mass Intentions



for the Week

April 13: 5:00 p.m. Heather Ryan

April 14: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of

St. Mark's

10:00 a.m. Za Lucjana i Gertrudę Kocleyda

11:30 a.m. Nadine Tyrrell

April 15: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

April 16: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving April 17: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

10:00 a.m. St. Mark' School Mass

April 18: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving

April 19: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

April 20: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of

St. Mark's

April 21: 8:30 a.m. Mary Lee

10:00 a.m. W pewnej intencji 11:30 a.m. Ivanka Jurman

BEFRIENDING GOD. One of the most wholesome and life-giving relationships we can enjoy in this life is that of friendships. The book of Sirach says that "faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one has found a treasure." Of course, the greatest friendship that we can have is our friendship with God. However, many people find it difficult to see God, the creator of the universe, as a friend. This is why Jesus became incarnate as a man, so that He could reveal God to us in a way that we could more fully grasp.

The Catechism teaches that "Jesus is inseparably true God and true man. He is truly the Son of God who, without ceasing to be God and Lord, became a man and our brother" (CCC 469). Since we know what it is like to befriend other humans, we can extend this same means of friendship to Jesus. However, this friendship doesn't remain like all of our other friendships. Rather, since Jesus is also fully God, our friendship with Him also implies that we are friends with God.

This beautiful reality of Jesus being both God and man is visible in the Gospel today. Jesus appears to the disciples in His glorious new risen body, yet like all humans, he took a piece of fish and ate it. While this is a small example, it points to the reality of Jesus' identity. As stewards, our friendship with God is the most important relationship we need to foster. Let us take some time each day in prayer to converse with Jesus as we would a close friend and by doing so, enjoy friendship with God.

(source: archtoronto.org/stewardship)

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK; APRIL

14-24. "Every Moment Matters" in alignment with Volunteer Canada's National Volunteer Week. This is a time of appreciation and celebration of every volunteer and each of the contributions they make at any moment. Collectively, every moment of sharing in time, skills, and empathy strengthens our community and answers the call to serve others following the example of Jesus and in response to His call to service for each of us.

Every day across the Archdiocese of Toronto, parishioners generously give their time and talent to nurture and strengthen the community and share the Gospel. We recognize that each of our parish volunteers are at the heart of the Archdiocesan call to stewardship and are instrumental in all that we do. We thank each one of you. "So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." (Galatians 6:10)

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.

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE: May 9, Parliament Hill, Ottawa. For more information and a list of all events from May 7 to May 10, visit marchforlife.ca.

<u>VOCATIONS.</u> Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, please contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto. Phone: 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org. Website: https://www.vocationstoronto.ca.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL is still registering for the 2024-2025 school year. We are an affordable private school (Grades K-12) located in the

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UNDERSTANDING THE PROBATE PROCESS.

You are invited to attend a <u>free seminar</u> entitled *Understanding Probate* on **Monday, April 22** at **3:00 p.m.** at the Ridley Funeral Home (3080 Lake Shore Blvd. West). Learn about probate, its associated fees, when it's required, and how to apply. Light refreshments will be served. To register, please call 416-259-3705.

WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT: Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga. Theme: Attitude with Gratitude. Cost: \$45.00 includes lunch. For more information: contact: Jean 905-2785229 or office@qoa.ca.

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.

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents. The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from Friday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, April 28, 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$290 per person (\$190 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. If cost is of concern, please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me; limited subsidies are available. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreatregister, visit Register2024. For more information, please email lgwtoronto@proton.me.

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. <u>Please do not just take a single envelope—take the whole box!</u> Thank you.

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 Wielkanocna - B

<u>Jesteśmy</u> <u>Jego świadkami.</u> Męka, śmierć i Zmartwychwstanie Chrystusa są centrum historii zbawienia i sercem naszego wyznania wiary. W okresie wielkanocnym, Kościół prowadzi nas do tego źródła życia i zachęca, abyśmy wyznanie wiary całej wspólnoty uczynili także naszym własnym aktem: odpowiedzią, jaką dajemy Bogu na to, co uczynił dla nas w Jezusie.

Dziś jest nam dane świadectwo o wydarzeniach, jakie dokonały się w historii Jezusa i ich interpretacja. Jezus rzeczywiście umarł na krzyżu i powstał z martwych. To jest sedno drugiej mowy św. Piotra, która przytacza dzisiejsza liturgia Słowa. W Ewangelii Zmartwychwstaniu mówi sie jako fakcie doświadczalnym dla Apostołów: Chrystus z nimi jadł, mogli Go dotknąć. Przekonanie o prawdziwości wydarzeń to jedna rzecz, a druga - równie ważna, to interpretacja tego, co się stało. Jezus jest zapowiadanym Mesjaszem, Jego śmierć jest ofiarą przebłagalną za grzechy – to znaczy wprowadza nas w nowe życie w Bogu, daje nam łaskę przebaczenia winy i pełnego pojednania z Ojcem. I wreszcie, wymaga od nas abyśmy nawrócenia. mogli doświadczyć uzdrawiającej mocy. A gdy już przejdziemy drogę od przyjęcia świadectwa do wyznania wiary, powinniśmy stać się świadkami dla innych. (o. Andrzej Kiejza – kapucyn)

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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