

St. Mark's Catholic Church

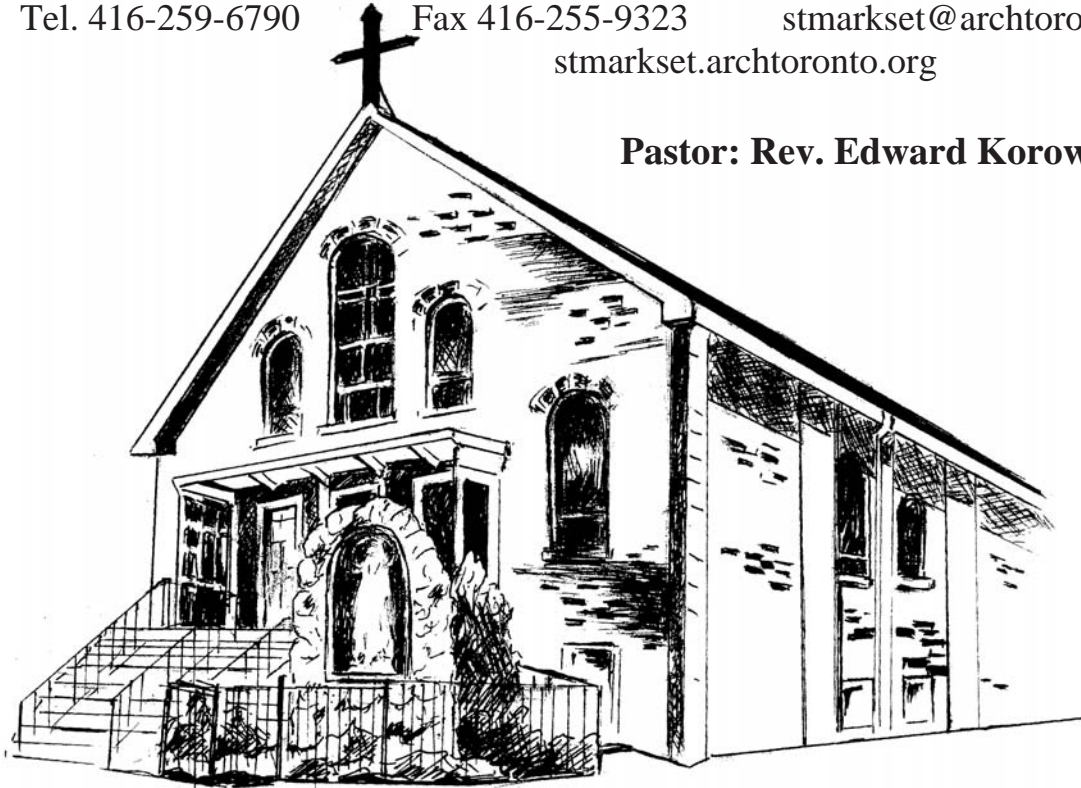
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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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
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)
uscbb.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 For The Week

- Apr. 27: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 Apr. 28: 8:30 a.m. Margaret Kowalski
 10:00 a.m. Za Bronisławę i Stanisława Taras
 11:30 a.m. The Orszulik Family in Canada
 Apr. 29: 9:00 a.m. Irena Hansz (Belka)
 Apr. 30: 9:00 a.m. Mary Grabham
 May 1: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 May 2: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 May 3: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 7:10 p.m. Za Aleksandra i Irenę Stępień
 May 4: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 May 5: 8:30 a.m. Ewa and Marek Konderak
 (20th wedding anniversary)
 10:00 a.m. Za Janinę Sztopen
 11:30 a.m. Ivanka Jurman

FIRST FRIDAY

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday, May 3 is the First Friday of May. 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 (in Polish).

SHARE LIFE: The second ShareLife collection will be held *this* weekend. Green envelopes and brochures are available at the back of the Church for those who did not receive one in the mail.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: Thank you to all who contributed \$1,150 in last weekend's monthly Building Fund towards the many renovation projects that need to be addressed in our parish.

PAPAL CHARITIES COLLECTION: The annual collection for the pastoral works of the Holy Father will take place *next* weekend after Holy Communion. Funds raised allow him to offer help especially to countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. Special envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose.

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.



CONFIRMATION: The sacrament of Confirmation will be administered next **Saturday, May 4**, at the **5:00 p.m.** Mass to four candidates.



First Communion

The next preparation class for the students who have registered to receive this sacrament (and their parents) will be in the Church next **Saturday, May 4**, from **10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

ABIDING IN CHRIST. In today's Gospel, we are invited to reflect on the image of Jesus, the true vine. Jesus says "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." As stewards, there is much to be gleaned through reflecting on this passage.

First, Jesus desires to abide in us. He does this whenever we receive Him in the Eucharist. In the same way, we are called to abide in Him by prayerfully placing our very selves in His presence, whether it's through praying in our room or before the Blessed Sacrament. This close relationship with Jesus is where our stewardship originates and is sustained. Jesus bluntly proclaims that we can do nothing without abiding in Him first.

As stewards, more than the actual works we perform, we are giving other people Christ through our time and talents. We can only give what we have first received. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that we focus on our prayer life above all. For example, before we plan on giving our time to a fellow parishioner and journeying with them, let us say a prayer asking God for the strength to work through us. Similarly, before we offer up our talents through various ministries in the parish, we should try to say a prayer asking that our works may point others to Christ, not to ourselves. Therefore, through abiding in Christ we may share His love and presence with others. (source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

VOCATIONS. 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>.

MARTYRS' SHRINE: The National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs in Midland, Ontario, is opening **Saturday, May 4** to October 13. Come and be nourished by the graces of the saints this summer. For more information, please visit www.martyrs-shrine.com.

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.

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@goa.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.

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 Wielkanocna – B

PASTYLKA NIEŚMIERTELNOŚCI. Być latoroślą w Kościele oznacza prowadzić życie w łączności z Jezusem Chrystusem. Latorośle nie są samowystarczalne, bo zależą od krzewu winnego. On jest źródłem życia.

Święty Ignacy Antiocheński nazywał Eucharystię medykamentem, czyli pastylką nieśmiertelności. Ten epitet nawiązuje do dzisiejszej Ewangelii o krzewie winnym i latoroślach. Wiemy, na czym polega żywotność gałązek. Czerpią one soki z korzeni. Chrystus porównuje Siebie do winnego krzewu, a wierzących w Niego do latorośli. Tak, jak gałązki winnego krzewu, wydajemy dobre owoce, gdy jesteśmy ściśle związani ze Zbawicielem.

Czasami zachowujemy się jak wyschnięta latorośl, jak krzak na stepie czy pustyni. Wybieramy miejsca spalone, ziemię bezludną. Nie potrafimy dostrzec chwili, gdy nawiedza nas Boża miłość. Co gorsza, nie płoniemy jak krzak Mojżesza, który świadczył, że Pan jest blisko. Tymczasem trzeba trwać w Chrystusie, to znaczy żyć w Jego obecności. Pozwolić Ojcu niebieskiemu na przycinanie nieprzydatnych pędów, by nas oczyszczał.

Jest w nas wiele dzikich odrośli, stale wyrastających. Przywiązujemy się do rzeczy nieużytecznych, czasem pełnych blasku, ale wyjaławiających, które nas rozpraszają. Nie koncentrujemy się na tym, co żywotne. W przypowieści o krzewie winnym należy dopatrzeć się tajemnicy eucharystycznej. Czyż można było pójść dalej w gloryfikacji, czyli wywyższeniu krzewu winnego?

Prośmy Pana Boga, by nas wyrwał wraz z korzeniami i zasadził w pobliżu wody, byśmy nasze korzenie mogli ponownie skierować do Źródła. (ks. Jan Augustynowicz)

PIERWSZY PIATEK: **3-go maja** przypada pierwszy piątek miesiąca maja. Po Mszy Św. o godzinie **9-ej** rano, będzie wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu do godziny **3-iej**. 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.

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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