

# St. Mark's Catholic Church

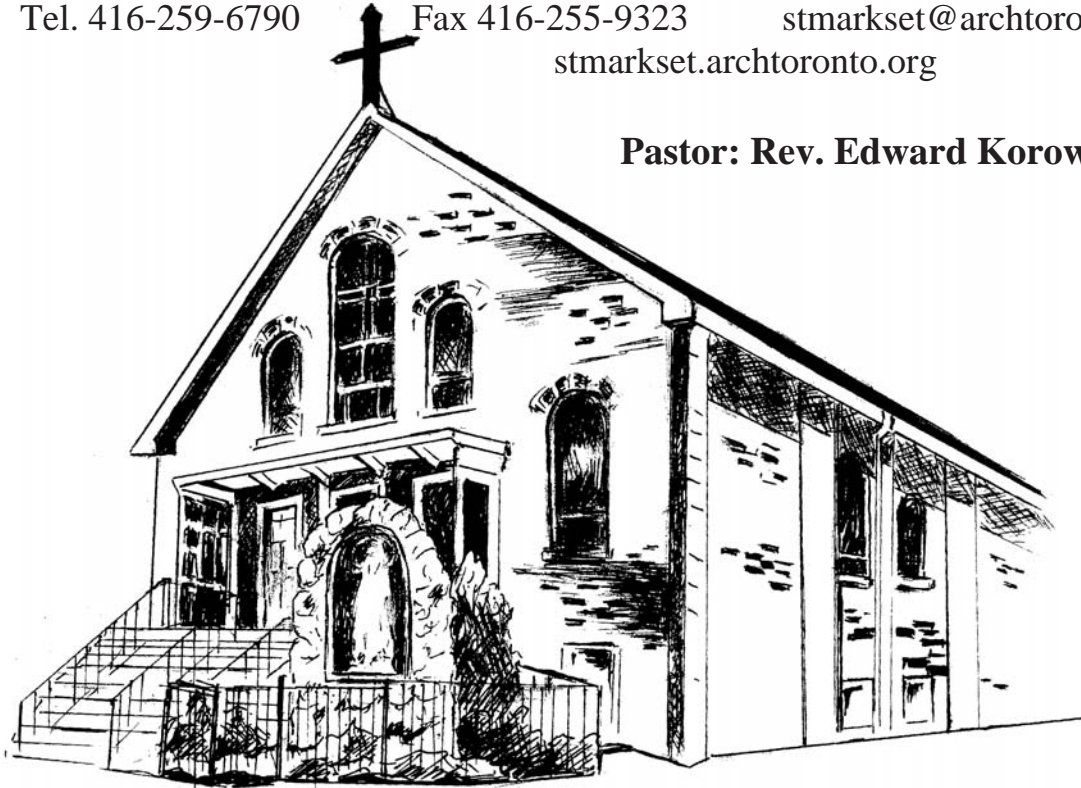
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**Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway**

## 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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## USEFUL INTERNET WEBSITES

archtoronto.org (Toronto archdiocese)  
vatican.va (the Holy See)  
cccb.ca (Canadian Catholic Bishops)  
acbo.on.ca (Ontario Catholic Bishops)  
uscgb.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!*



- May 4: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's  
 May 5: 8:30 a.m. Ewa and Marek Konderak  
 (20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary)  
 10:00 a.m. Za Janinę Sztopel  
 11:30 a.m. Ivanka Jurman  
 May 6: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 May 7: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 May 8: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 May 9: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 May 10: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 May 11: 5:00 p.m. Heilay Rut, her grandfather Jan,  
 and all the deceased of the  
 Rut Family  
 May 12: 8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving (M.LL.)  
 10:00 a.m. Za wszystkich naszych parafian  
 11:30 a.m. Eryk Orszulik



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



*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Your Love.*

*Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created; and You shall renew the face of the earth.*

*Let us pray. O God, who has taught the hearts of Your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of that same Spirit, we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, come through the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well-beloved spouse.*

**PAPAL CHARITIES COLLECTION:** The annual collection for the pastoral works of the Holy Father will

take place *this* weekend. Funds raised allow him to offer help especially to countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. Special white envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose.



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 11**, from **10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**LAYING DOWN OUR LIVES.** “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” are the beautiful words we hear from Jesus in the Gospel today. Jesus goes on to say that He no longer calls us servants but His friends. This is the radical truth of our faith. That God became man in order to befriend us and show His love for us through His death on the cross. As stewards we too are called to befriend Christ and lay down our lives for Him.

While the most literal way to lay down our life is to become a martyr for the faith, few are actually called to this type of death. It is more likely that we are called to lay down our lives by sacrificing our own wills and own comforts for the sake of the Kingdom. Pope Benedict XVI says, “The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.” This is how we can display love’s greatest act in our lives, to live not for ourselves but to live for the Gospel.

As stewards, we can live for the Gospel by giving our time and talents to our parish community. Our lives are made out of time, so to freely offer our time to help serve those in our community is a beautiful way to lovingly give to others. Likewise, to give of ourselves through the sharing of our talents is another way to lay down our lives for Christ and the Church. Let us strive to commit more faithfully to our call of stewardship.  
 (source: [www.archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship))

**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.

**MESSAGE ON THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED MOTHER:** Archbishop Leo has prepared a reflection on the month of May, which you are invited to read. It can be found on either the diocesan or our own parish website: [stmarkset.archtoronto.org](http://stmarkset.archtoronto.org); [archtoronto.org](http://archtoronto.org).

MAY 5, 2024

**MENTAL HEALTH IN THE FAITH COMMUNITIES AWARENES SUNDAY, MAY 5.**

The special focus for this day is to raise awareness in our parish communities of the importance of mental health, how we need to look after it and how important it is to get help if we are struggling. In our faith communities, people often report experiencing shame or stigma attached to mental health and mental health illness. Having open conversations about mental health issues, listening and sharing information, opens doors to seeking help and healing.

**INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS:**

Traditionally every four years, the Holy Father invites pilgrims from around the world to join in an International Eucharistic Congress. This year's event will take place in Quito, Ecuador from **September 8–15**. Limited spaces are available for pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Toronto to join with other Canadian delegates to travel to Ecuador. To learn more about the pilgrimage, visit [www.archtoronto.org/iec](http://www.archtoronto.org/iec). Registration deadline is June 6 with early bird pricing available until May 6, 2024.

**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.

**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](http://marchforlife.ca).

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: May 5-10.** This is a week specially set aside to celebrate our Catholic schools and why the triple connection of home, school and parish is an important and integral part of Catholic education. This triad emphasizes for our children the reality of our wider Catholic community that collaborates on their faith formation and education.

**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.

**VI Niedziela Wielkanocna – B**

W obecnych czasach wiele słyszymy na temat miłości z prasy, radia i telewizji. Ileż powstaje wierszy, powieści, i filmów ukazujących różne jej wyrazy. Ale warto się zastanowić, jaki model miłości jest w nich proponowany i czy warto go realizować. Może trzeba poszukać gdzie indziej?

W dzisiejszej Ewangelii Jezus zaprasza nas do realizacji Jego miłości, tej, którą dawał przez całe swoje ziemskie życie i którą obdarowuje nas nieustannie. Miłość Jezusa jest taką miłością, jaką On sam otrzymywał i otrzymuje wciąż od Boga Ojca.

Już w Izraelu realizowano przykazanie miłości Boga i bliźniego. Jednak miarą miłości dawanej drugiemu człowiekowi była miłość samego siebie: „Kochaj bliźniego swego jak siebie samego”. Jezus poszerzył jej zakres podkreślając, abyśmy kochali ludzi taką miłością, jaką On sam nas umiłował. Jego miłość zaś znalazła swój najpełniejszy wyraz w dobrowolnej męce i śmierci krzyżowej. My, chcąc praktycznie realizować miłość do Boga i ludzi, winniśmy przestrzegać Jego przykazań.

Każdy dzień jest szansą, by dawać ludziom Jezusową miłość, o której św. Paweł mówi, że jest cierpliwa, łaskawa, nie zazdrości, nie działa obłudnie, nie unosi się gniewem, nie pamięta złego, nie cieszy się z niesprawiedliwości, lecz współweseli się z prawdą. Jezusowa miłość wszystko znosi, wszystkiemu wierzy, we wszystkim pokłada nadzieję, wszystko przetrzyma. Z realizacji takiej miłości będziemy odpowiadali przed Bogiem.

**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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