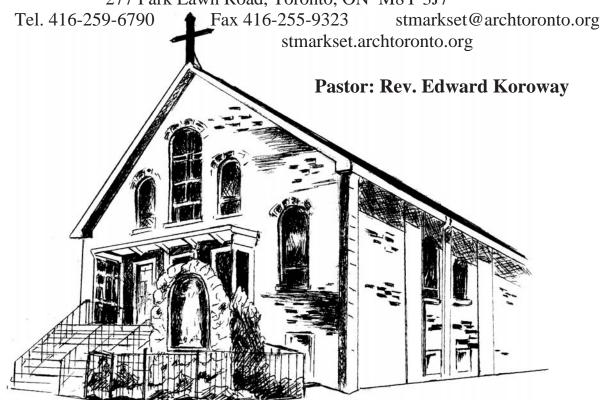
# St. Mark's Catholic Church

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**

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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)



## Masses For The Week

May 18: 5:00 p.m. Sr. Eligia & Sr, Leokadia Zaguła May 19: 8:30 a.m. Christopher & Tadeusz Sadowski

10:00 a.m. Za wszystkich naszych parafian

11:30 a.m. Special Intention

May 20: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention May 21: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

May 22: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

May 23: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention May 24: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

May 25: 5:00 p.m. First Holy Communion Mass

May 26: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's

10:00 a.m. Za Stanisławę i Antoniego Wołek

11:30 a.m. Ivanka Jurman

**BUILDING FUND COLLECTION:** Our monthly Building Fund collection will take place *next* weekend. Special blue envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose. The funds raised will go towards the many renovation projects that need to be addressed in our parish. *Thank you for your generosity!* 



Fifty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the great Solemnity of Pentecost (a Greek word meaning "the fiftieth day"). It was the day the Holy Spirit came down upon Our Lady and the apostles, gathered in prayer in the upper room, in the form of tongues of fire. The apostles, strengthened by the gift of the Spirit, and the gift of being able to speak in different languages, were able to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church. It also marks the end of the Easter season in the Church. After Pentecost, the Paschal candle is moved away from the altar, and placed near the baptismal font, and is lit for baptisms and funerals.

LIVING IN A SPIRIT OF UNITY. The Holy Spirit is often times the least recognized person of the Trinity. He seems more mysterious to us and harder to grasp. However, on this great Feast of Pentecost, let us take some time to reflect on the Holy Spirit and how He unites all of us in the Church. St. Cyril of Alexandria, a doctor of the church, says "All of us who have received

one and the same Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit, are in a sense blended together with one another and with God." There are two beautiful impacts of this statement.

First, this means that all the baptized are bound together as one. How often do we perceive this sense of unity in our own parish? As stewards, we should strive to create a charitable and hospitable community for all of our parishioners....

The second implication in St. Cyril's words is that this is not a mere human club or group. Rather, we are connected to one another "and with God." Our unity is essentially rooted in God Himself. This elevates our community to one that is truly divine, and as a divine community, we should strive to eliminate all anger and lack of forgiveness that may exist between us. These vices run the risk of wearing away at the life and joy of our parish. Let us strive to make amends with anyone in the parish who has wronged us so that a spirit of stewardship may continue to flourish among us. (source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)



Some fifteen children will receive Holy Communion for the first time next **Saturday**, **May 25**, during the **5:00 p.m.** Mass. We pray that the reception of the Holy Eucharist will become a regular part of their family life.

#### **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. Registration deadline is June 6.

#### 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.archtornto.org; archtoronto.org.

**<u>DAILY ROSARY:</u>** We are reciting the Holy Rosary before weekday Mass, Monday to Friday, beginning around 8:30 a.m. You are invited to join us.

## FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR: Saturday, June 8, at 9:00 a.m.

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- 1. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebJune08
- 2. send an email to: <u>Development@ArchToronto.org</u> and write "webinar June 8" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

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

<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.

#### SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION.

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and support of various archdiocesan charities such as your parish. For further information, contact the development office: Tel. 416-934-3400, ext. 519/561; or by email at <a href="mailto:development@archtoronto.org">development@archtoronto.org</a>.

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.

## Zesłanie Ducha Świętego

Zapal w nas ogień miłości. Pycha ludzka doprowadziła do podziału między ludźmi – symbolem tego podziału jest wieża Babel. Dziś wspominamy i przeżywamy przeciwieństwo tamtego wydarzenia –Pięćdziesiątnicę. Duch Święty przychodzi do młodego, zalęknionego i zamkniętego Kościoła zebranego w Wieczerniku. Jego powiew sprawia, że zgromadzeni tam uczniowie wychodzą do innych ludzi, aby mówić o wielkiej miłości Boga do człowieka objawionej w Jezusie, który za nich cierpiał, umarł, zmartwychwstał, przyniósł pokój i życie...

Ducha ofiarowanego przez Zmartwychwstałego Pana nie widać, ale można zobaczyć skutki Jego działania. W uczniów Chrystusa wstępuje odwaga, zapał, tworzy się jedność... Nie mogą usiedzieć w miejscu, Duch Święty przynagla ich do tego, by głosili, rozgrzeszali, rozpalali świat słowami Ewangelii. Napełnieni Jego siedmioma darami, potrafią mówić tak trafnie i z taką mocą, że owoce są zaskakujące.

Chrystus przekazał Ducha Świętego oraz ustanowił sakrament pokuty i pojednania. My dziś możemy odnowić w sobie misterium bierzmowania, przez które staliśmy się uczestnikami wydarzeń z wieczernika. Dary Ducha są w nas, ale potrzebują naszego otwarcia, wołania z wiarą, by zaczął działać. Duch Święty nie przymusza, bo jest Duchem miłości! Możemy też wyrazić wdzięczność za dar spowiedzi i z ufnością przyjść do kratek konfesjonału, by nie gasić Miłości, by nie gasić Ducha w sobie! (ks. Bogusław Laskowski – paulista)

W przyszłą niedzielę odbędzie się druga zbiórka na fundusz remontowy kościoła. Specjalne niebieskie koperty w tym celu umieszczane są na stołach przy wejściu do kościoła. Zebrane środki zostaną przeznaczone na wiele projektów remontowych którymi trzeba się zająć w naszej parafii. Dziękuję za Twoje wsparcie!

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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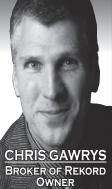
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