

St. Mark's Catholic Church

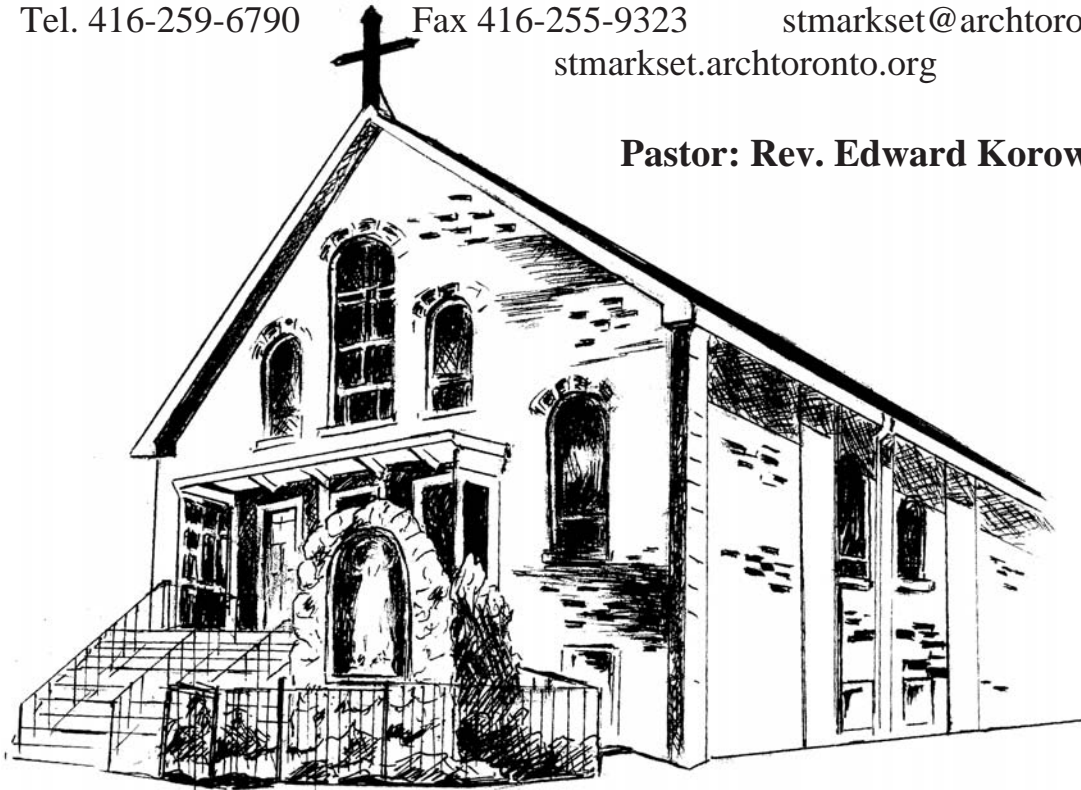
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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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

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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!

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



- Aug. 3: 5:00 p.m. Zofia Jachna
Aug. 4: 8:30 a.m. Christopher and Tadeusz Sadowski
10:00 a.m. Za Mirosława Mulaka
11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
Aug. 5: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
Aug. 6: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
Aug. 7: 9:00 a.m. Molly and Jessica (health and
God's blessings)
Aug. 8: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
Aug. 9: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
Aug. 10: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
Aug. 11: 8:30 a.m. Special intention
10:00 a.m. Za Tadeusza Konderaka
(25-tą rocznicę śmierci)
11:30 a.m. Olivia Zdzitowiecki (health and
God's blessings)
Aug. 12: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
Aug. 13: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
Aug. 14: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
Aug. 15: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
Aug. 16: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
Aug. 17: 5:00 p.m. Healing and reconciliation in
Latchmin Munian family
Aug. 18: 8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving
10:00 a.m. Dzięczynna z prośbę o Boże
błogosławieństwo dla Agnieszki i
Tadeusza Taras z okazji 60 rocz.
ślubu
11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's

COLLECTION FOR CANADIAN MISSIONS:

Sunday, August 11. Proceeds go to the dioceses of Mackenzie-Fort Smith and Grouard-McLennan and Catholic Missions In Canada. Your contributions to this collection provide crucial support to fellow Catholics in remote areas of our nation. Special white envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: Thank you to all who contributed approximately \$1,600 in last weekend's monthly Building Fund towards the many renovation projects that need to be addressed in our parish

TO GIVE THANKS (August 4). In the first reading, we hear of the Israelites who have just been freed from generations of slavery and are now wandering the desert. Once in the desert, the Israelites became hungry and

begin to grumble against Moses, saying that their life in Egypt in slavery was better, for at least there they weren't hungry. The same scenario happens to Jesus in the Gospel, where just after multiplying five loaves and two fish for five thousand people, the very same people who witnessed this miracle asks for a sign from Jesus so that they may believe him.

How quickly we can forget the goodness of the Lord! It is easy to forget the good things that the Lord has done for us in our lives especially when going through hardship. Jesus tells the crowd that he will give them even a greater sign, greater than the multiplication of the loaves and fish, and greater than the manna which fell from heaven for the Israelites. Jesus would give us the Eucharist, His very body and blood, soul and divinity for us to eat.

The word Eucharist means "to give thanks." When we approach Jesus who is hidden in the Eucharist are we filled with gratitude? There may be times in our life when we feel like the Israelites, hungry and going through a desert, and in these moments, it can be very easy to forget the goodness of the Lord. These difficult times are the moments when it is most important to go back to Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus waits for us in the Mass, and it is in the Eucharist that we receive all the sustenance we need to continue and eventually complete our journey on this earth.

(source: archtoronto.org/stewardship)

THE BREAD FROM HEAVEN (August 11). The Gospel today begins with a response from the Jewish people that seems unfounded. Jesus had just finished performing a great miracle in their midst, and afterwards reveals his identity to them, that he is the bread of life which comes down from heaven. One would think that after witnessing the miracles, the people would believe the words of Christ, however, the response of the people to Jesus' claim was of disbelief.. ...

Jesus doesn't take back or mince his words with this teaching. In the Gospel, he goes on to tell the crowd "I am the living bread that came down from heaven: whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Christ is the living bread, who gives himself to us to eat, so that through Him we may have eternal life and life in abundance. This teaching is the core of our belief in the Eucharist – that God loves us so much that he wants to give us the gift of himself, food that will last forever.

This love that God has for his people is a deep and special one. As Catholics, we believe that receiving

Jesus in the Eucharist leads us to eternal life. Through the Eucharist, we are given every grace needed to journey in this life and make our way to him in the next. How often do we participate worthily in the Mass, and receive the living bread? Let us make a greater effort to approach the Eucharist more often, and with greater reverence, praying for a deeper awareness of the presence of Christ, for he comes to give us life. (source: archtoronto.org/stewardship)

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES' ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Wednesday, August 14, 7:00 p.m. Bishop Camilleri will preside at Assumption Cemetery in Mississauga. Please see the poster in the vestibule for the complete list of cemeteries and celebrants.

EMAIL SCAM ALERT. In recent weeks there has been a sharp increase in the amount of fake/scam emails being received by parishioners throughout the archdiocese. These emails – usually sent from Gmail accounts operated by scammers - appear to be from a priest and often request the purchase of gift cards or electronic payments. Please exercise caution should you receive an email like this and contact the parish via telephone to validate its authenticity.

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.

SUMMER DRESS: Although it can be warm during the summer, we should still dress appropriately inside the Church, the House of God. The traditional practice is that shoulders should be covered. *Thank you!*

XVIII Niedziela w ciągu roku – B (4-go sierpnia)

W dzisiejszych czasach ciężko jest nam zrozumieć pragnienie chleba. Nie rozumiemy do końca, co to znaczy „brak chleba”. ... Przyzwyczailiśmy się do tego, że chleb jest w zasięgu ręki i zawsze i wszędzie można go kupić. Może dlatego właśnie słowa Jezusa o chlebie życia nam także spowszedniały. Nie rozumiemy ich sensu. Przyzwyczailiśmy się bowiem, że i ten chleb życia dostępny jest dla każdego niemal w każdym dogodnym momencie. ...

Aby poczuć wartość chleba albo poczuć wartość drugiego człowieka, potrzeba doświadczyć ich braku, potrzeba zrozumieć, że w każdej chwili może zabraknąć kogoś albo czegoś. Wszystko może się skończyć nagle,

tak jak skończyła się manna i przepiórki na pustyni, którymi Bóg karmił Izraelitów. Dlatego tak ważny jest ten chleb, który nie tylko daje życie wieczne, ale także nigdy nie przeminie. ...

Jezus jest chlebem dającym życie wieczne. Zstąpił z nieba, aby nam dać życie wieczne, a więc po to, aby nas wprowadzić do nieba. Jego słowo jest pokarmem, który zaspokaja wszelkie pragnienia i potrzeby – nawet te najbardziej fundamentalne. Jeśli będziemy słuchać słowa Bożego i przyjmować Ciało Chrystusa, posiadziemy życie wieczne. Powtórzmy więc za tłumem z dzisiejszej Ewangelii: Panie, dawaj nam zawsze tego chleba (por. J 6, 34). o. Tomasz Jakubczak, CSSR

XIX Niedziela w ciągu roku – B (11-go sierpnia)

Kto we Mnie wierzy, ma życie wieczne. To co Jezus mówi i do czego pretenduje poświadcza swoimi czynami, daje świadectwo w cudach przez siebie działanych. I stąd ma prawo oczekiwać wiary i zawierzenia, ma prawo przypuszczać, że słowa Jego będą uznane i zaakceptowane. W dzisiejszej dyskusji Jezus udowadnia że jest On rzeczywiście posłanym przez Ojca Mesjaszem - Synem Bożym, Chlebem na Życie Wieczne, że wierzyć w Niego, to mieć życie wieczne, że zaufać Mu, to poznać Boga Ojca. I wtedy zatwardziałość Jego słuchaczy staje się zadziwiająca. W tym właśnie kontekście widzieć można, jak bardzo ludzki upór, zatwardziałość ludzkiego serca, może ograniczyć nawet Boże działanie.

Czy ja przyjmuję Słowo Boże z otwartością? Czy ja chętnie karmię się Ciałem Pańskim? Czy ja zawierzyłem i zaufałem Chrystusowi? Czy nie jest tak, że i ja się gorszę, że i ja odrzucam Go w imię mojego rozumu i mojej ludzkiej logiki?

Niewątpliwie nie jest łatwo przyjąć i uwierzyć do końca i bez zastrzeżeń. Niewątpliwie zawsze pozostaje odrobina wątpliwości i niezrozumienia, bo Boże drogi nie są naszymi drogami, ani Boże myśli naszymi myślami, ale czy ostatecznie nie powinienem zrewidować właśnie w świetle tej Bożej i czasami szokującej nauki całego mojego życia? A może jeszcze prościej: "Czy ja naprawdę uwierzyłem Chrystusowi bez zastrzeżeń?" Tak bowiem często bywa, że oficjalnie wierzę, ale kiedy Bóg stawia przede mną bardzo konkretne i czasami trudne wymagania, to buntuje się mój rozum, moje serce, mój zdrowy rozsądek. *Czy ja spożywam Chleb Żywy, aby żyć na wieki, czy też mój zdrowy rozsądek się temu sprzeciwia i lekceważy zaproszenie?*



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