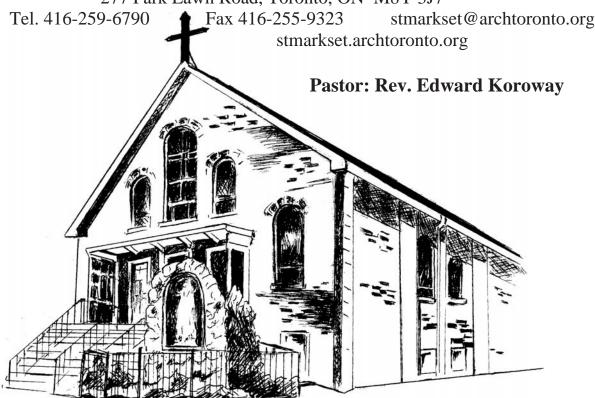
St. Mark's Catholic Church

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)



Aug.17: 5:00 p.m. Healing and reconciliation in the

Latchmin Munian family

Aug.18: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's

10:00 a.m. Dziękczynna z prośbę o Boże

błogosławieństwo dla Agnieszki i Tadeusza Taras z okazji 60 rocz.

ślubu

11:30 a.m. Steve Wichtacz

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

Aug.20: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving

Aug.21: 9:00 a.m. Istvan Szakaczki Aug.22: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

Aug.24: 5:00 p.m. Zofia Jachna

Aug.25: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's

10:00 a.m. Za Zofię i Władysława Wołosz

11:30 a.m. Albert Łyjak

Aug.26: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Aug.27: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Aug.28: 9:00 a.m. Ewa Kozikowska

Aug.29: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Aug.30: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Aug.31: 5:00 p.m. Mary Grabham

Sept. 1: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's

10:00 a.m. Za Władysławę, Kazmierza,

Tadeusza i Halinę Kazmierczuk

11:30 a.m. Marie Manger (64th birthday)

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: Our monthly Building Fund collection will take place *next* weekend (August 24-25). 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!*

COLLECTION FOR CANADIAN MISSIONS:

Thank you to all who contributed \$490 in last weekend's collection for the dioceses of Mackenzie-Fort Smith and Grouard-McLennan and Catholic Missions in Canada.

PURSUE UNDERSTANDING. (August 18) In the Gospel, we hear of the crowds who were wrestling with the words of Jesus from the previous week's Gospel, as he reveals himself to be the bread from heaven. They were not able to understand how Jesus could give them

his flesh to eat, and instead of taking back his words, Jesus tells them: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." These words of Jesus in today's Gospel were difficult to hear, and the crowd began to quarrel among themselves trying to understand what Jesus meant. How could Jesus give them his flesh to eat and his blood to drink? The Jewish people lacked the faith and understanding to be able to accept this teaching, and many left Jesus as a result.

There is a famous saying that says the longest journey one takes is that from the head to the heart. To be able to transform what we hear and know to that which we believe is one of the greatest challenges in the Christian life. Paul understood deeply that this pursuit of wisdom is a noble one, as he urges the church in Ephesus to strive to be wise, to leave ignorance and pursue understanding of the will of the Lord. ...

How are we seeking the truth in our life? Do we ask Jesus for the gift of faith, understanding and wisdom, especially when we approach the life-giving sacrament of the Eucharist? ...

(source: <u>archtoronto.org/stewardship</u>)

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU. (August 25) The Gospel today concludes Jesus' teaching on the Bread of Life, and we see many disciples who were with Jesus beginning to leave because they were unable to accept Jesus' words. Jesus' teaching was difficult to accept, and instead of softening the gravity of his words to keep everyone around, Jesus says "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." Jesus knew that following him is a difficult task. Only those who are chosen by the Father, and willing to take up the hardships that come with belief in Christ can follow Jesus to the end.

The crowd slowly begins to dwindle, from five thousand disciples down to the twelve, whom Jesus turns and asks if they also will leave. Peter responds with a beautiful confession of faith, saying "Lord to whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life." What differentiated the Twelve Apostles from the disciples was simply trust. The teaching of Jesus would have been just as difficult for the twelve to grapple with; however, they believed that Jesus was truly the son of God. Their trust in the person of Jesus, the man whom they have spent all this time with, and the man who performed these miracles in their midst, wasn't wavered because of the unbelief of the crowds.

The decision to follow and trust in Jesus in completely in our hands. As in the first reading of Joshua, when the Israelites approached the promised land, they had the option to go back to where they came from, for the road of a Christian is not easy. Before them were great obstacles, yet behind them was an easy life. When we are faced with a similar decision, how do we respond? It has become increasingly difficult to be authentically Christian in a world which is not. To be able to truly live out our calling as stewards, we must know Jesus and trust him. ... (source: <u>archtoronto.org/stewardship</u>)

EWTN FAMILY CELEBRATION: Saturday, September 7. EWTN, the world's largest Catholic TV Network, invites everyone to a Family Celebration at the Delta Hotels Toronto Airport & Conference Centre, at 655 Dixon Rd. Admission is free. This year's theme is "Stand Firm in the Faith!" Be renewed with inspirational talks. Cardinal Collins will celebrate Mass. There will be Adoration and Confession. Register now at www.ewtn.com/familycelebration; or marketingreply@ewtn.com; or 437-986-3986. See poster in the vestibule for more details.

HEALTH AND DEMENTIA. You are invited to attend a free seminar about *Brain Health and Dementia* on Friday, September 6, at 3:00 p.m. at the Ridley Funeral Home. An Alzheimer Society representative will discuss the risk factors of dementia and outline how healthy lifestyle changes can improve and maintain the health of the brain. If possible, please bring a non-perishable food item for the Daily Bread Food Bank. To register, call 416-259-3705. Light refreshments will be served.

<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.

MARTYRS' SHRINE: The National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs in Midland, Ontario, is open until October 13. For more information, please visit www.martyrs-shrine.com.

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!*

XX Niedziela w ciągu roku – B (18-go sierpnia)

Chleb żywy, który zstąpił z nieba. Dzisiejsza ewangelia może być uznana za szczytowy punkt całej mowy eucharystycznej (J 6,22-71). Jezus domaga się nie tylko wiary w swoją Osobę i swoje posłannictwo, lecz również prawdziwego spożywania chleba, którym jest On sam: trzeba spożywać Jego Ciało i pić Jego Krew, aby mieć życie Boże.

W przyszlą niedzielę (25-go sierpnia), zbierana będzie druga kolekta na fundusz renowacyjny Kościoła. Specjalne koperty niebieskie na ten cel są wyłożone na stolikach przy wejściu do Kościoła. Z góry bardzo wam dziękuję za ofiary przeznaczone na ten cel. Bóg zapłać, i niech was Bóg błogosławi!

XXI Niedziela w ciągu roku – B (25-go sierpnia)

<u>Do kogóż pójdziemy?</u> Jezus naucza o Bogu Ojcu i przeznaczeniu człowieka, wskazuje drogę, wiodącą nas do pełni istnienia w wieczności. On sam staje się naszą gwarancją: Kto spożywa moje ciało i pije moją krew ma życie wieczne, a Ja go wskrzeszę w dniu ostatecznym.

Stajemy tu wobec tajemnicy, która przekracza zdolności naszego pojmowania i która domaga się całkowitego zaangażowania. W czasie Eucharystii, za sprawą Ducha Świętego zwykły chleb staje się Ciałem Pańskim, a zwykłe wino zmieszane z wodą staje się Krwią Pańską. Spożywanie tego Pokarmu domaga się naszej wiary i zaangażowania; przyjmowanie Ciała i Krwi Pańskiej to przyjmowanie całego Chrystusa – Jego myślenia, słów, Jego działania; to zobowiązanie do jednoczenia naszego życia z Jego życiem, które zostało złożone w ofierze miłości za nas.

Udział w Eucharystii zakłada naszą gotowość kroczenia przez ziemię do pełni życia w posłuszeństwie Bogu na wzór Syna Człowieczego w służbie miłości, która się daje, nie bojąc się poświęcenia i trudu. Eucharystia jest Sakramentem miłości. (ks. Witold Wiśniowski – paulista)

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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