

St. Mark's Catholic Church

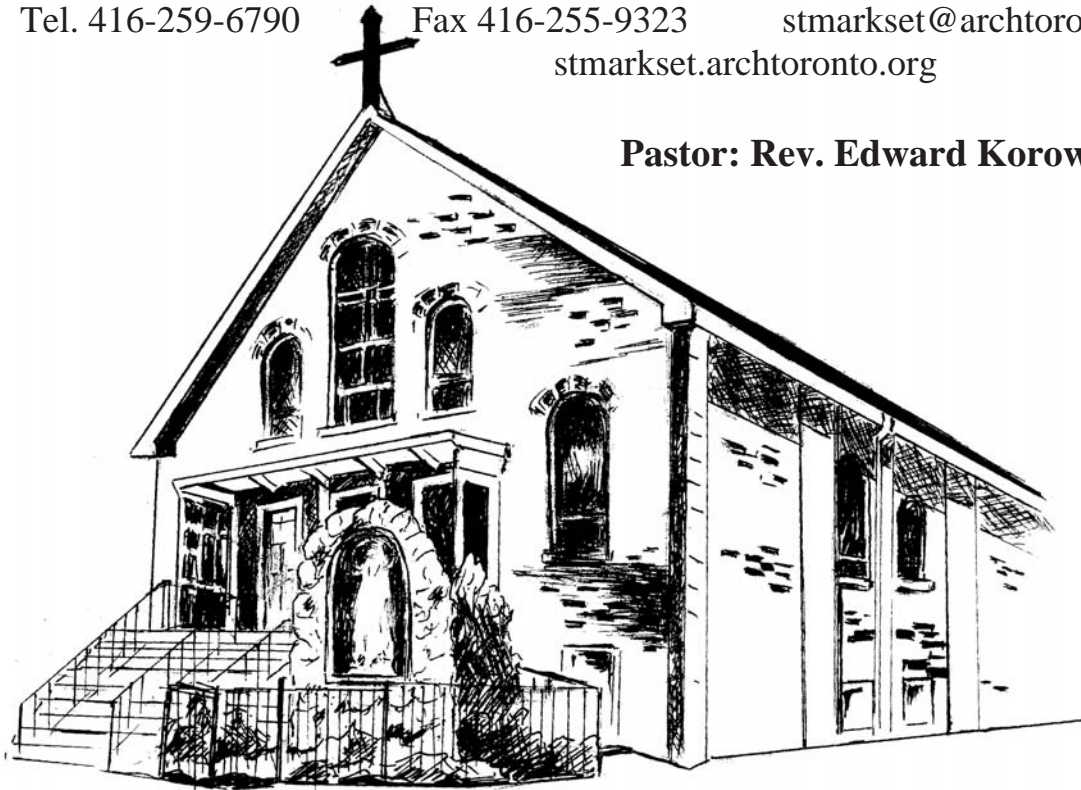
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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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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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!



- Sept. 7: 5:00 p.m. Anna and Leonardo Morassutti
 Sept. 8: 8:30 a.m. Christopher & Tadeusz Sadowski
 10:00 a.m. Za Alberta Łyjak
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 Sept. 9: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Sept. 10: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Sept. 11: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Sept. 12: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Sept. 13: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Sept. 14: 5:00 p.m. Zofia Jachna
 Sept. 15: 8:30 a.m. Matthew (16th birthday)
 10:00 a.m. Za wszystkich naszych parafian
 11:30 a.m. Steve Wichtacz

EPHPHATHA! In the Gospel today, Jesus encounters a deaf man who is brought to Jesus to be healed of his impairment. The deaf man didn't come on his own initiative, but rather was brought by the people who begged Jesus to lay his hands on this man and heal him. This selfless action of the people, who didn't seek healing for themselves or for some favour to be granted to them, but instead sought the healing of the deaf man is a beautiful example of the power of intercessory prayer. The deaf man was healed not because of his faith or desire, but of the faith and desire of those who brought him to Jesus.

As the prophet Isaiah declared in the first reading, "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you." Christ came to bring healing, comfort, and forgiveness. Jesus desires to speak those healing words we hear in today's Gospel to everyone, 'be opened!', yet many people, including ourselves are not able to hear it because of our spiritual deafness. We may not even realize that we need the healing, after being so caught up in our own spiritual deafness. When people are unable to come to Jesus because they feel unworthy, or maybe don't know that Jesus loves them, our intercessory prayer becomes crucial as we bring before the Lord the people who need Jesus' healing touch and love.

As stewards, we are responsible for bringing people to Christ through our prayers and work of evangelization. Stewards understand that they have received many gifts from the Lord and wish to share them with others so that

those around them can also partake in God's blessings. In what ways do we bring people to Christ so that Christ can bestow his blessings? Do we participate in the missionary action of the Church? Do we welcome new parishioners? Do we pray often for the needs of the people around us? Even if we are unable to bring people physically to church, let us make a greater effort to spend more time in prayer, praying for those we know in our lives who requires Christ's healing. (*source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship*)



Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in our parish on **Saturday, April 26, 2025**, at the **5:00 p.m.** Mass. Students in **Grade 7 or older**, and any adults who wish to be confirmed should attend one of the weekend Masses, and obtain a registration form from Fr. Koroway afterwards. The form lists the dates of the four preparation meetings the candidates and their parents must attend on Saturday mornings in the Church. The deadline for returning the registration form is **Sunday, November 17**.



First Communion

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents of students in Grade 2 or older who would like their children to receive these sacraments this coming year should attend one of the weekend Masses with their children, and obtain a registration form from Fr. Koroway afterwards. The form lists the six preparation meetings the students and parents must attend in the Church on Saturday mornings. The deadline for returning the registration forms is **Sunday, October 27**.

SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION.

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THANK YOU to all who were thoughtful enough to make up their offerings for the weeks they were away during the summer. Please remember that our Church expenses never go on holiday!

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.

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.

CHAPLAINCY CONNECT. Are you a university or college student? This school year, open your heart to an exciting journey of spiritual growth and community. Join campus ministry to grow deeper in your faith, form lasting friendships and experience university/college life in a more meaningful way. Connect with campus ministry anywhere in Canada and find your Catholic home on campus! Visit chaplainsconnect.ca.

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>.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE: Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage? Join us on **September 20-22** at Queen of Apostles for a weekend that could change your life. Discover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, and transformational marriage! This weekend is for couples, whether you are newlyweds or have been married for decades. Call us: Christian & Elizabeth Arroba, 416-554-4439 or 416-554-7062. christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org

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.

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!*

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.

XXIII Niedziela w ciągu roku – B

W dzisiejszej Ewangelii Chrystus uzdrawia człowieka głuchoniemego: bierze go na bok, dotyka mu śliną języka i wkłada palce do jego uszu. Po co te gesty? Nie należy dopatrywać się tutaj znaków magicznych. Oba te gesty mogły zmierzać do pobudzenia wiary i nadziei w tym chorym człowieku.

Wielu Chrystus uzdrowił nawet ich nie widząc z bliska, gdyż stali daleko w tłumie, a do ich uzdrowienia potrzebne było tylko Jego słowo. W tym przypadku, Jezus nie tylko wypowiada słowo: *Effatha*, to znaczy: *Otwórz się*, ale dokonuje dotknięcia śliną i włożenia rąk do uszu chorego.

Ewangelista Marek zaznacza, że uzdrowienie to wywołało podziw w tych, co tam byli, a niektórych doprowadziło nawet do wiary w Chrystusa. Jezus przykazał im, *aby nic nikomu nie mówili* (Mk 7,36). On nie chciał, aby za Nim szli tylko dlatego, że dokonuje wielkich cudów. On chce wiary w Jego słowa. Bo wiara jest cnotą, która potrafi zbawić człowieka.

Ten głuchoniemy zanim został uzdrowiony, był pozbawiony wielkiego przywileju słuchania Chrystusa. On sam nawet nie mógł poprosić Go o pomoc. Może ja także jestem tym głuchoniemym człowiekiem, który potrzebuje uzdrowienia? Może ja nie słyszę słów Chrystusa, który mówi do mnie w swoim Kościele?

Do każdego z nas—w sposób jedyny i niepowtarzalny — Chrystus kieruje wezwanie: Otwórz się. Otwórz się na Moje słowa! Nie bój się przyjść do Mnie, by w sakramencie pokuty i pojednania poprosić o uzdrowienie dla swojej duszy! To otworzenie się na Chrystusa i przyjęcie Go do swojego serca znaczy o wiele więcej, niż wszelkie bogactwa ziemskie.

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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