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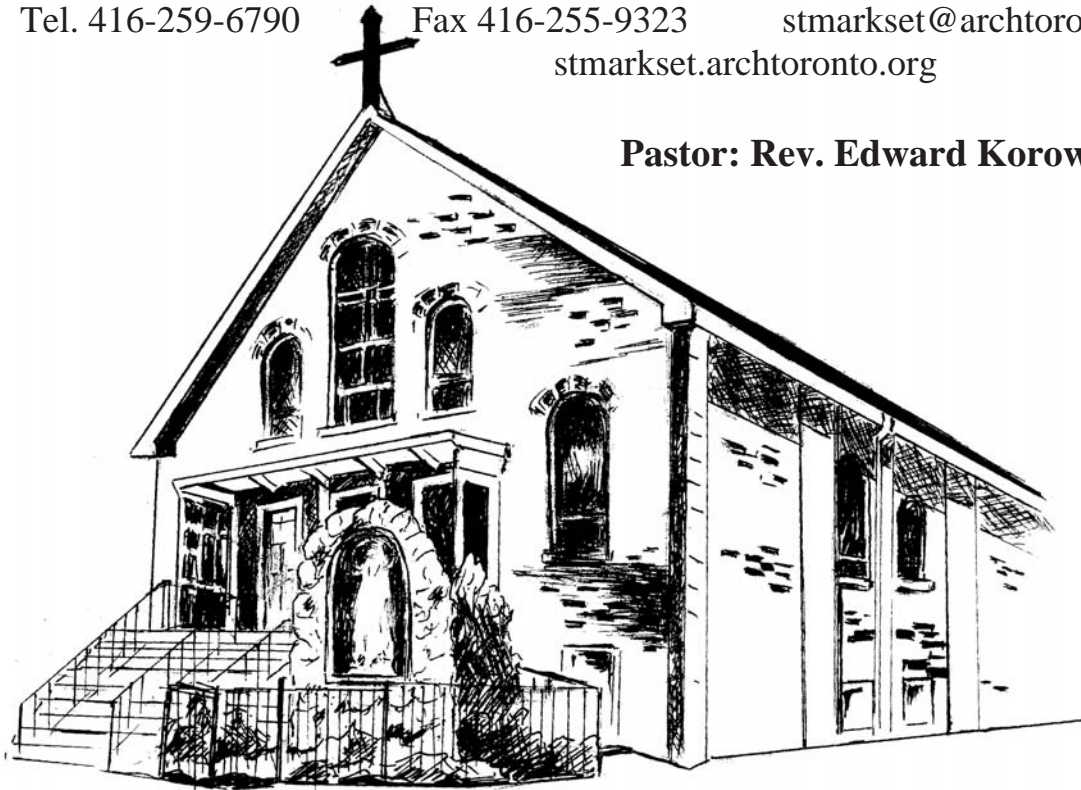
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**Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway**

## 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.  
Holy Rosary weekdays at 8:30 a.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  
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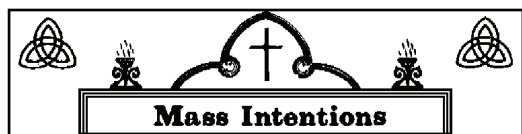
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## USEFUL INTERNET WEBSITES

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.21: 5:00 p.m. Huguetta Slater (10<sup>th</sup> anniversary)  
 Sept.22: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's  
 10:00 a.m. Za Roberta Pietrewicza  
 11:30 a.m. Matija Sarkotic; Mary Jane Paras  
 Sept.23: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 Sept.24: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving  
 Sept.25: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 Sept.26: 9:00 a.m. Marek Jędrzejczyk  
 (10<sup>th</sup> anniversary)  
 Sept.27: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 Sept.28: 5:00 p.m. Zofia Jachna  
 Sept.29: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's  
 10:00 a.m. Za Marię i Jana Konderaków;  
 i Natalię i Stanisława Świetlickich  
 11:30 a.m. Edwin Tabone

**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.*

**NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA** (also known as the Canadian Bishops' Collection). There will be a second collection *next* weekend for this purpose. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Special white envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose. (Please write your envelope number on them.) Thank you for your support of this important work.

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY.** This weekend is being observed in our diocese as the annual Stewardship Sunday. Archbishop Leo has written a pastoral letter for this occasion which he has asked us to share with you at all of the Masses. The text is available on the diocesan website: [www.archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship).

**CELEBRATING THE STEWARDSHIP OF OTHERS.** In today's readings we learn the importance of having the right attitude and disposition in our approach towards stewardship. A steward is called to live in humility. We are not the owners of our gifts but

are simply the humble caretakers of them and it is our job to give them back to God with increase.

St. James in the second reading says, "Where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind." As stewards, we will often face the temptation to compare our gifts with those of others. It is a human reaction to seek recognition for our good works and want to be rewarded. However, the goal of stewardship is not our own glory, but rather the glory of Christ and the Church. One way to combat envy and ambition is to intentionally celebrate the talents of others. Since we are all one Body of Christ, the gifts of our brothers and sisters are the gifts of the whole Church.

... in the Gospel today Jesus instructs His apostles saying, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." True stewards seek to serve others before themselves. ... Let us constantly try to reorient our priorities so that we can serve Christ first through serving our brothers and sisters. (*source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship*)

**NOVENNA TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:** Archbishop Leo is inviting the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese to join in offering a novena to Saint Michael the Archangel, leading up to the Solemnity of Saint Michael on September 29, 2023. We will be saying the prayer at the end of all Masses from September 20 to September 28 (nine days of prayer). The prayer is available on both the diocesan and our own parish website.



## 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.**

**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.

## *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**.

**ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL:** The Office of Admissions is now considering applications for September 2025 at this independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7 to 12. Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on **Thursday, October 17, and Tuesday October 22, at 7:00 p.m.** (1515 Bathurst St., Toronto). Please register at [applySMCS.com](http://applySMCS.com). The school offers a generous Financial Assistance Program that provides financial aid to qualifying students.

**PROJECT RACHEL.** Women suffering after abortion need support. If this is your pain, or the grief of someone you know, consider the upcoming Project Rachel retreat at St. Mary's Refuge, **November 8–10**. For more information, contact us through our confidential phone line at 289-691-6840; or e-mail at [ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org), or visit [stmarysrefuge.org/rachel](http://stmarysrefuge.org/rachel). 206 Barry Road, Madoc, ON K0K 2K0.

**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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org). Website: <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca>.

**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.

## XXV Niedziela w ciągu roku – B

### Ze względu na Chrystusa stać się ostatnim.

Ewangelista opisuje wyraźny przykład rozbieżności pomiędzy myślami i drogami Bożymi a ludzkimi: oto gdy Jezus, zmierzając z Apostołami do Jerozolimy, zapowiada im czekającą Go tam mękę i krzyż, oni w tym czasie spierają się pomiędzy sobą o to, kto z nich jest największy.

Czy owa rozbieżność myślenia i postępowania względem Jezusa nie uwidacznia się niejednokrotnie i w życiu człowieka dzisiaj? Lansowany styl życia zdominowany pogonią za tym, by więcej mieć i żyć coraz bardziej komfortowo oraz by bardziej być, gdy się zdobędzie intratne stanowisko, wyższy stopień naukowy, większy prestiż u innych i władzę nad nimi — może skłaniać człowieka do zazdrości, zawiści i wyzwałać w nim przesadne ambicje.

W owej pogoni za własną wielkością, jakże cenne jest napomnienie Chrystusa: „Jeśli kto chce być pierwszym, niech będzie ostatnim ze wszystkich i sługą wszystkich” (Mk 9,35). „Ostatnie” miejsce nie jest tak naprawdę ostatnim, gdyż upodabnia człowieka do Jezusa, który dla nas i dla naszego zbawienia stał się ostatnim, przyjmując śmierć krzyżową, mimo że taki rodzaj śmierci był zadawany z wielką pogardą i przeznaczony niewolnikom czy buntownikom. Pójście za Jezusem domaga się od każdego Jego ucznia tego, by pragnął być ostatnim, by to pragnienie uczynił swym ideałem i z tej racji wyrzekł się swego niewłaściwego „ja” zdominowanego różnymi namiętnościami, i by umiał dostrzegać wokół siebie tych, co są uważani za ostatnich, gdyż są słabi, bezbronni, ubodzy, a czasami zagubieni w życiu.

**Dzisiaj 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.**

**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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