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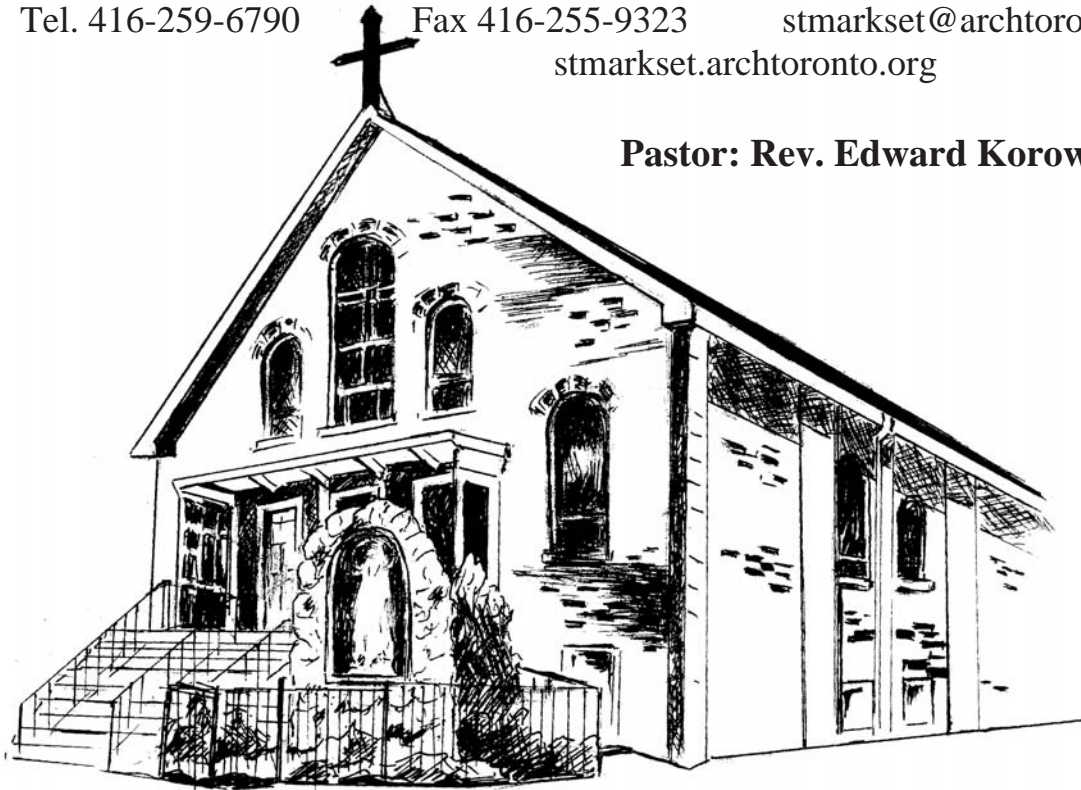
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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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
45 Cloverhill Road
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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!



- Oct. 5: 5:00 p.m. Anna and Leonardo Morassutti
- Oct. 6: 8:30 a.m. Christopher and Tadeusz Sadowski
- 10:00 a.m. Za wszystkich naszych parafian
- 11:30 a.m. Edwin Tabone
- Oct. 7: 9:00 a.m. Adolf Kondracki
- Oct. 8: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
- Oct. 9: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
- Oct.10: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
- Oct.11: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
- Oct.12: 5:00 p.m. Manuel David, Sr.
- Oct.13: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
- 10:00 a.m. Za Leokadię i Bronisława Szymczyków
- 11:30 a.m. Steve Wichtacz

INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION COLLECTION.

There will be a special collection *this* weekend to support the Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Fund. The fund will support both local and national programs proposed by Indigenous communities to nurture the ongoing reconciliation journey. Yellow envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose.

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

(also known as the Canadian Bishops' Collection). Thank you to all who contributed \$475 in last weekend's annual collection to support and assist the bishops in their ministry of guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada.

LIFE CHAIN:

This **Sunday, October 6, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** (Our nearest locations: Islington/Bloor; Kipling/Queensway.) Life Chain is a simple and prayerful way to give public witness to the truth that abortion is a violent destruction of human life. It takes only an hour, and all you have to do is stand quietly with others, holding a non-graphic sign. And as you stand, you can quietly pray silently for an end to abortion and for those affected by it. For more information, visit campaignlifecoalition.com.

THE ORIGINS OF STEWARDSHIP.

In the first reading this Sunday we hear about our first parents, Adam and Eve. By reflecting on their lives we can learn a great deal about how we too are called to live.

It says in Genesis that, "the Lord God formed man ... and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it." It is from this that the spirituality of stewardship finds its origins, all the way from the first book of the Bible.

To be a steward is to gratefully acknowledge our lives and all we possess as gifts from God that should be used for the glory of Christ and the Church. We must maturely take care of them, not for selfish reasons, but out of love and generosity. This is exactly what God is asking of Adam in Genesis.

God gives Adam the gift of Eden and the beauty of creation. Yet He doesn't instruct him to use all these gifts for his mere enjoyment and pleasure. Instead, he is told to work at nurturing and fostering these gifts so as to allow them to increase. God tells him to till the land. So too as stewards, we need to till the lands of our time and talents. Let us strive to not passively use them for our own gain but work on using them for God's will. God desires us to share our gifts for His glory, so let us reflect on how we can better offer ourselves for the good of God and the Church.

(source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

COME AND SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND:

Friday, November 15 (6:30 p.m.) to Sunday, November 17 (2:00 p.m.) at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Road, Scarborough). The Office of Vocations will be hosting this weekend for men 18 years and older. This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to the priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee. For more information, email vocations@archtoronto.org.



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.**

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR: Saturday, October 19, 9:00 a.m. Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

To register, follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebOct19; or send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar October 19" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

MARIAN RETREAT: Saturday, October 26, 8:30 a.m. at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. Cost: \$45. For more information, contact Jean at 905-278-5229, or office@qoa.ca.

RETREAT FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND CARGIVERS: Thursday, October 24, 8:30 a.m. at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. For more information, contact Jean at 905-278-5229, or office@qoa.ca.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL: Applications for September 2025 at this independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7 to 12 are now being accepted. Open Houses 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. The school offers a generous Financial Assistance Program that provides financial aid to qualifying students.

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.

XXVII Niedziela w ciągu roku – B

Będą oboje jednym ciałem. Nowa Ewa wchodzi także w samotność naszych serc, by je przywracać do życia i zjednoczyć z Bogiem.

W raju, przed grzechem pierworodnym, Adam był kontemplatykiem - wpatrywał się w oblicze Boga. Serdecznie Go kochał. Wypełniał także misję otrzymaną od Boga, współuczestnicząc w stwarzaniu świata. Korzystał z otrzymanej władzy, ale równocześnie czuł, że to zaangażowanie nie jest spełnieniem jego największych pragnień. Pomimo przyjaźni z Bogiem czuł się samotny.

Ratunkiem dla Adama stała się Ewa. Ona, równa jemu, ale i korona Bożego stworzenia, potrafiła wejść w jego samotność, aby zaspokoić tęsknoty serca. Wprowadziła go w doświadczenie zachwytu: „to jest kość z moich kości i ciało z mojego ciała”. Grzech pierworodny zniszczył w nas wszystkich wrodzoną wrażliwość serca. Ukrycie przed Bogiem i przed innymi ludźmi prowadzi także do odcięcia się od głębokich tęsknot: przyjaźni, bliskości, czułości, bycia darem i życia w komunii. Nasze zaangażowania są wtedy „zamiast”. Zastępują realizację naszego najważniejszego powołania.

Jezus, opowiadając o raju, zaprasza nas, byśmy do Niego wrócili. Nie jesteśmy na przegranej pozycji, jeśli wchodzimy w bramy raju poprzez bramę przebitego Serca. Bóg Ojciec przez przebicie boku nowego Adama -Jezusa -tworzy Jego Oblubienicę, która może zaspokoić Chrystusową tęsknotę miłości. Nowa Ewa to Maryja, a potem każdy, kto Ją w postawie wiary naśladuje. Jej odpowiedź trwania w wierze przy krzyżu dopełniła Bożego pragnienia, by oddać swego ducha i powiedzieć: „Wykonało się”.

Nowa Ewa wchodzi także w samotność naszych serc, by je przywracać do życia i zjednoczyć z Bogiem. Jeśli za św. Janem Pawłem II będziemy powtarzać: „Cały Twój, Maryjo!”, jeśli tak jak on będziemy wracać do Różańca, to jak pierwszy Adam, jak Maryja, rozpoznamy Boże oblicze. (*o.Paweł*)

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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