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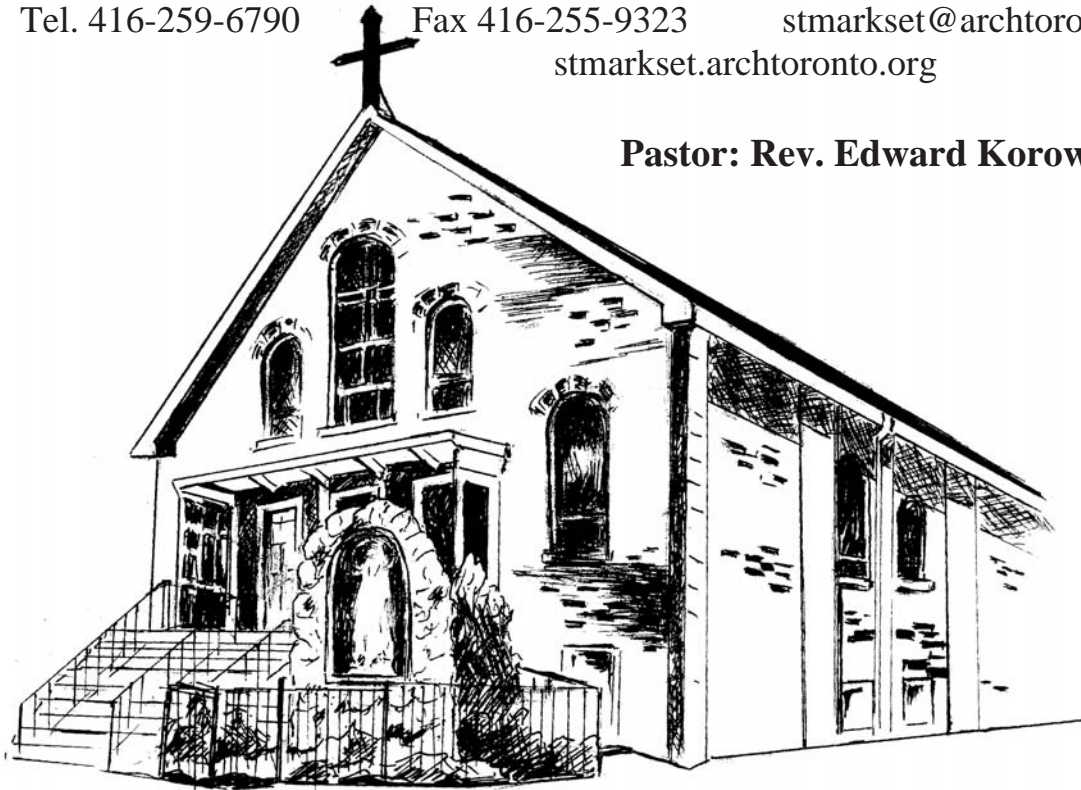
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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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

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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!



- Dec. 7: 5:00 p.m. Carolyn Anderson (66th birthday)
 Dec. 8: 8:30 a.m. Joseph Lee, Sr.
 10:00 a.m. Za wszystkich naszych parafian
 11:30 a.m. Eryk Orszulik (3rd anniversary)
 Dec. 9: 9:00 a.m. Giuseppe D'Urzo
 Dec.10: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Dec.11: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 10:00 a.m. St. Mark's School Mass
 Dec.12: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Dec.13: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving (M.G.)
 Dec.14: 5:00 p.m. Zofia Jachna
 Dec.15: 8:30 a.m. Patti Lee
 10:00 a.m. Za wszystkich naszych parafian
 11:30 a.m. Francesca De Marco

PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES FOR FRANK CARDINAL LEO.

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. This weekend, Cardinal Leo is in Rome as one of the twenty-one new cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2025:

These have been placed on tables at the back of the Church, *in numerical order*. You should have the same number you had in 2024. The labels reflect the information that we currently have on record. If there are any mistakes, please write a note with the corrections on the next envelope you use so that we can make the necessary changes. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this convenient means of supporting our parish. Envelope users receive a receipt for their charitable donations, which reduces their income tax payable. For total annual donations over \$200, there is a *combined federal and provincial* tax credit of approximately 40 per cent. Envelopes also provide a record of your attendance in the event you require a pastoral reference.

CATHOLIC ART CALENDARS for 2025 are available at the back of the Church. Our thanks to the **RIDLEY FUNERAL HOME** (3080 Lake Shore Blvd.) for so generously providing these beautiful calendars. (They can be used from December, 2024.)

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (English)
 10:00 p.m. Mass during the Night (Polish)

Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

- 8:30 a.m. Christmas Dawn Mass (English)
 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (Polish)
 11:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (English)

Thursday, December 26 (Feast of St. Stephen)

- 10:00 a.m. Polish Mass

Sunday, December 29 (Feast of the Holy Family)

- [Saturday, December 28: 5:00 p.m. (English)]
 8:30 a.m. (English)
 10:00 a.m. (Polish)
 11:30 a.m. (English)

Tuesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

- 5:00 p.m. Mass (English) with solemn singing of the *Te Deum* to end the Year 2024

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 (New Year's Day—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

- (Holy Day of obligation)**
 8:30 a.m. Mass (English)
 10:00 a.m. Mass (Polish)
 11:30 a.m. Mass (English)

CONFESSIONS

- Saturday, Dec. 14: 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Dec. 18: 6:00 pm. to 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday, Dec. 21: 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Monday, Dec. 23: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

NEW LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS

are for sale in the vestibule of the Church for **\$7.00** each. Simply place the money in the offering box on which the Missals are displayed. In addition to the Mass prayers and readings for every Sunday, the Missals have many other prayers and hymns.

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS WAFERS (from Poland) (OPLATKI) are available on the table in front of Our Lady's Chapel for **\$3** per envelope.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING. Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our parish bulletin. The advertising will begin in February, 2025 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Please call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

LECTORS: We are looking for additional lectors for the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass. If you would be interested in reading at that Mass, please speak with Fr. Koroway.

VOTIVE CANDLES. Please remember that the price for lighting a large votive candle is **\$5 each** and **\$1 each** for the small candles. Thank you!

GLORIA! ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Saturday, December 14, at Massey Hall. A magical blend of secular and sacred choral repertoire to usher in this Christmas season. A Toronto holiday tradition, this is the Choir School's 59th annual Christmas concert, packed with exceptional works including Vivaldi's *Gloria*, *Carol of the Bells*, and *The Star Carol*. With close to 300 voices, 5 choirs consisting of students, and alumni, taking the stage, this year's program is sure to be one of the best yet! Tickets are now available at www.masseyhall.com. Please use Promo Code: STARLIGHT. For more information, please call 416-397-6367.

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.

II Niedziela Adwentu – C

BÓG PANEM HISTORII. Człowiek od zarania dziejów tęskni za lepszym życiem, ma nadzieję na lepsze jutro. U chrześcijan ta nadzieja musi być umocowana w Bogu, bo to On jest Panem historii. Człowiek sam nie zbuduje lepszego życia, które byłoby trwałe. Ta prawda została wyrażona w oczekiwaniu narodu wybranego na zbawienie, które przyjdzie od Boga. Oczekiwanie Żydów przepojone było tęsknotą i modlitewnym błaganiem. Bóg, pochylając się nad ludzką niedolą i odpowiadając na człowiecze prośby, posyłał swoje słowo, które głoszone ustami proroków, miało przygotować lud na spotkanie Mesjasza i przyjęcie łaski z wysoka.

Jan Chrzciciel przypomina, że przyjęcie zbawienia zależy także od współpracy człowieka, od jego wysiłku wkładanego w odwracanie się od grzechu i zła. Pan już się zbliża, zbliża się Jego zbawienie, ale by Jego przyjście okazało się skuteczne, musimy oczyścić nasze życie ze złych uczynków, wyprostować Mu drogę do naszych serc, bo lepsze życie, które znajdzie swą pełnię w wieczności, zaczyna się od naszej wewnętrznej przemiany. Stąd modlitwa Apostoła narodów: A modłę się o to, aby miłość wasza doskonaliła się coraz bardziej (...), abyście byli czysti i bez zarzutu na dzień Chrystusa, na dzień spotkania z Tym, w którym złożyliśmy naszą nadzieję. (ks. Witold Wiśniowski – paulista)

KALENDARZE: Mamy już kalendarze na rok 2025. Serdecznie dziękujemy **RIDLEY FUNERAL HOME** (3080 Lake Shore Blvd.) za piękne kalendarze.

OPLATKI: Oplatki wigilijne (z Polski) są do nabycia przy ołtarzu Matki Boskiej. Prosimy o ofiarę **\$3** za jedną kopertkę.

KOPERTKI PARAFIALNE. Kopertki są wyłożone na stolikach przy wejściu do Kościoła według numerów. Zachęcamy wszystkich do korzystania z kopert na ofiarę, ponieważ zapewniają one zapis darowizny. Składając ofiarę w kopercie, możemy otrzymać pokwitowanie do podatku dochodowego od darowizny na cele charytatywne. Zaświadczenia podatkowe są wysyłane w styczniu.

REKOLEKCJE ADWENTOWE wygłosi w naszej parafii ks. **Marcin Gierada, C.S.M.A.**, z Polski. Pierwszą naukę wygłosi w w **piątek, 20-go grudnia**, o godzinie **7:00** wieczorem; w **sobotę, 21-go grudnia** o godzinie **7:00** wieczorem, i w **niedzielę, 22-go grudnia** o godzinie **10:00**. Okazja do spowiedzi świętej od godziny **6:00 do 6:45**, w piątek i sobotę przed Mszą św. Serdecznie wszystkich zapraszamy do wzięcia udziału w tych adwentowych rekolekcjach. Módlmy się o łaski dla rekolekcyjisty, a także dla nas wszystkich, abyśmy jaknajowocniej z nich skorzystali.

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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