

# St. Mark's Catholic Church

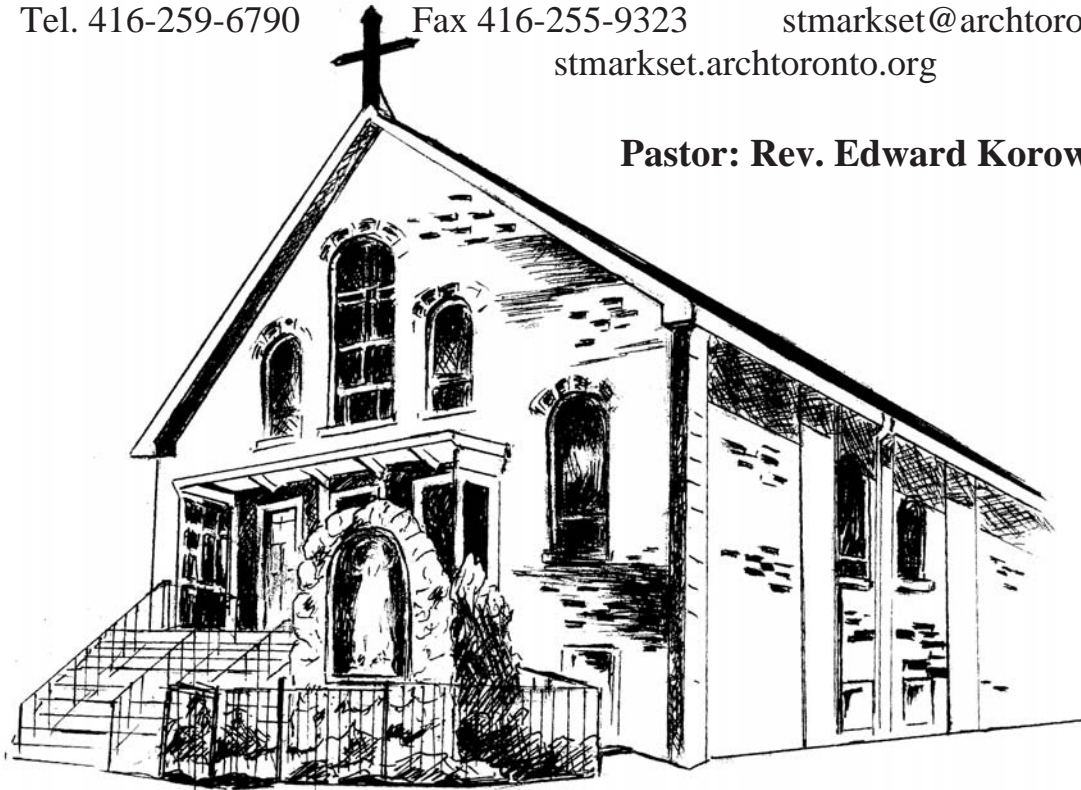
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**Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway**

## 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.  
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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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!*



## Masses For The Week

- Jan. 4: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's  
 Jan. 5: 8:30 a.m. Gloria and John McDonald  
 10:00 a.m. Za Stanisławę i Jana Bembenek  
 11:30 a.m. Tadeusz Zych  
 Jan. 6: 9:00 a.m. Ernst Doebeli  
 Jan. 7: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving  
 Jan. 8: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 Jan. 9: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 Jan.10: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 Jan.11: 5:00 p.m. Cathy O'Brian  
 Jan.12: 8:30 a.m. George Lee  
 10:00 a.m. Za Gertrudę i Lucjana Kocleyda  
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY:** The word “Epiphany” comes from the Greek word meaning “appearance” or “manifestation”. Today we honour the revelation Our Lord made of himself to the wise men, or magi, who, inspired by almighty God, came to worship him and gave him presents. Of the four evangelists, only St. Matthew relates the events described in today's Gospel. He says some “wise men” came to Jesus. He does not name them, but by tradition, they have been known as Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Their remains are believed to have been taken to Cologne, Germany, and are enshrined in the cathedral there. These were the first of the Gentiles, that is, the non-Jews, to come to see the King of the Jews. That is really the main point of today's feast. Our Lord has come as Saviour of all peoples, of all nations, of whom the Magi were the first to come and worship Our Lord.

**BLESSED CHALK ON THE SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY:** Gold and frankincense was blessed on the Feast of the Epiphany in the 15th/16th centuries. Blessing of chalk was first introduced in the 18th century. This beautiful tradition is carried out in many countries, including Poland. The Blessed Chalk is used to inscribe the first letters of the names of the Magi and the current year (K+M+B 2025) on the front door of Catholic homes. Following Mass, a small piece of chalk may be taken home and the following is said with family and friends gathered at the front door:

*Leader:* And the Word was made Flesh.  
*All:* And dwelt among us.  
*Leader:* May Christ dwell in our midst.  
*All:* Amen.

**THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR.** Prayer cards are available at the back of the Church with the special Jubilee prayer and logo.

**THE JUBILEE BANNERS AND LOGO.** Cardinal Leo has asked that every parish display the two Jubilee Banners prominently in the sanctuary for the whole Jubilee Year. This means we will be unable to use our regular banners to which we have become accustomed that reflect the different liturgical seasons.

The Jubilee Logo was prepared by the Vatican to be used throughout the universal Church. It shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the ‘anchor of hope’ refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms.

It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year, *Pilgrims in hope*, represented in green letters.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2025:** These have been placed on tables at the back of the Church, *in numerical order*. Blank envelopes (with no labels) are available for those who would like to start using envelopes. 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. **INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** for 2024 will be mailed directly from the Chancery in January.

### **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.

**NOVI SINGERS TORONTO CHOIR** present their annual Christmas concert *Bóg Się Rodzi - Christ is Born*, featuring Toronto Sinfonietta Chamber Ensemble, Harnasie Highlander Band, choirs of St. Maxilian Kolbe Parish, soloists and poetry recitation. Directed by Matthew Jaśkiewicz. **Sunday, January 12, 4:30 p.m.** at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 4260 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga.

**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 English calendars. We also thank ***G.H. HOGLE FUNERAL HOME (63 Mimico Ave.)*** for providing beautiful Polish calendars.

### **Uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego**

**MĘDRCY W BETLEJEM.** W święta Bożego Narodzenia cieszyliśmy się, że Bóg stał się człowiekiem i narodził się z Maryi Dziewicy w ubogiej stajni w Betlejem. W uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego serca nasze wypełnia radość, że Bóg objawił swego Syna wszystkim narodom, które oddały Mu pokłon w osobach Mędrców ze Wschodu. Spełniły się w ten sposób słowa psalmu: *Uwielbią Pana wszystkie ludy ziemi.*

Trzej Mędrcy ze Wschodu ujrzeli gwiazdę Boga Wcielonego, która wzbudziła w nich nadzieję zbawienia. Poszli za tą gwiazdą, a ona zaprowadziła ich do Betlejem. Tam zobaczyli Dziecię wraz z Matką Maryją, upadli na twarz i oddali Mu pokłon. Ofiarowali Mu też dary pełne zbawczej symboliki: złoto, kadzidło i mirrę.

Świętych Mędrców uważamy za ojców naszej wiary i śpiewamy na ich cześć najpiękniejsze kolędy. Ale czy sama radość z powołania do zbawienia wystarczy? Mędrcy ze Wschodu przebyli długą drogę do Betlejem. Była ona pełna różnych doświadczeń i cierpień duchowych, jak znikanie gwiazdy, obojętność na

przyjście Chrystusa, a nawet strach mieszkańców Jerozolimy z powodu Jego narodzin i nienawiść Heroda do nowo narodzonego Zbawiciela. Jednak podobnie jak droga krzyżowa wiedzie do zmartwychwstania, tak pełna doświadczeń droga Mędrców prowadzi do szczęścia z odnalezienia Chrystusa. [abp Stanisław Nowak]

**POŚWIECENIE KREDY.** Kredą oznaczamy drzwi na znak, że w naszym mieszkaniu przyjęliśmy Wcielonego Syna Bożego. Piszemy na drzwiach domu poświęconą kredą: K+M+B. Niech przypominają nam one imiona Mędrców: Kacpra, Melchiora i Baltazara, a także łacińskie życzenia „*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*” (Niech Chrystus błogosławi temu domowi). Módlmy się więc, aby Chrystus Pan w tym Nowym Roku zawsze przebywał między nami i aby wszyscy, którzy Go szukają, tak jak Mędrcy ze wschodu, znaleźli Go w naszej rodzinie.

K+M+B=2025

mówiąc przy tym:

*Przewodniczący ceremonii:*

A słowo stało się ciałem

Wszyscy: I mieszkało między nami

*Przewodniczący ceremonii:*

Niech Chrystus mieszka w naszych sercach i umysłach i niechaj każdy, kto Go szuka znajdzie Go między nami.

Wszyscy: Amen.

**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. Oprócz kopertek z nazwiskami są też wyłożone kopertki bez nazwisk dla tych którzy do tej pory kopertki nie używali. Proszę sobie wziąć pudełko i tylko napisać swoje imię, nazwisko i adres. Dziękujemy!

**CHÓR NOVI SINGERS TORONTO:** Tradycyjny koncert Bożonarodzeniowy Bóg Się Rodzi w kościele Św. Maksymiliana Kolbe (4260 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga) połączy Chór Novi Singers Toronto, zespół Toronto Sinfonietty, kapela góralska Harnasie, chóry Św. Maksymiliana z solistami i recytacją poezji. Dryguje Maciej Jaśkiewicz. **Niedziela 12 stycznia, o 16:30.**

**KALENDARZE:** Mamy już polskie kalendarze na rok 2025. Serdecznie dziękujemy ***G.H. HOGLE FUNERAL HOME (63 Mimico Ave.)*** za piękne kalendarze.



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