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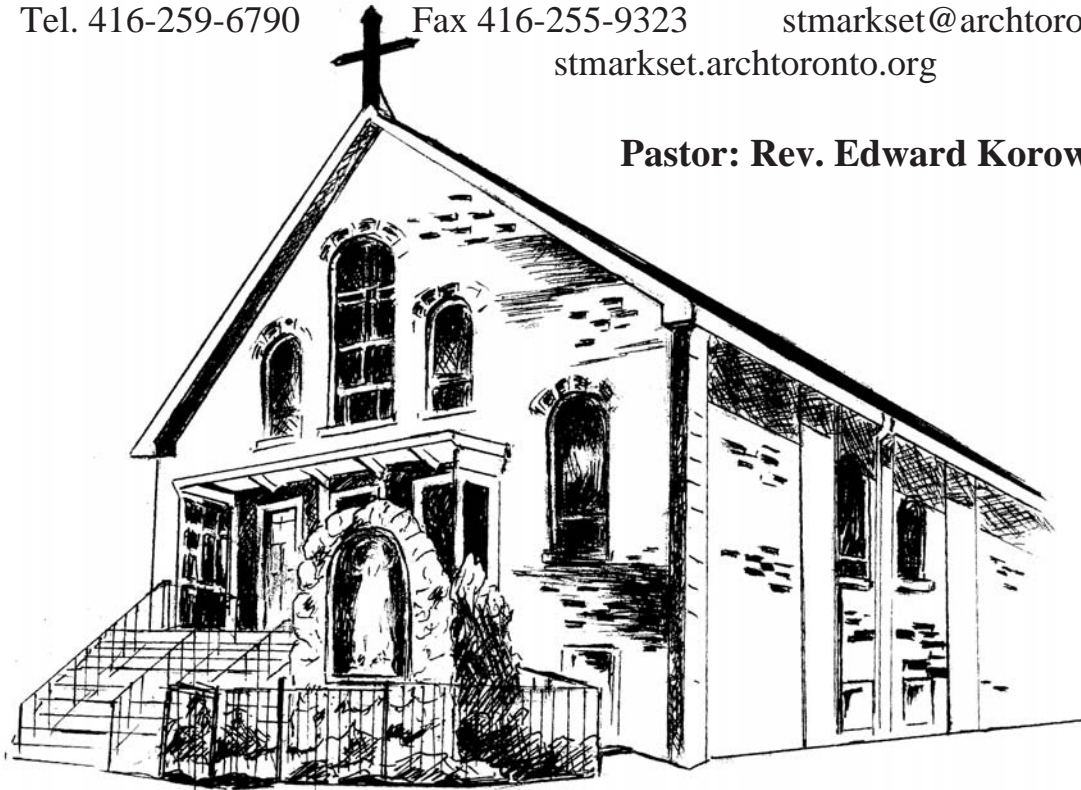
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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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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Sainte-Marguerite-d'Youville
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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!



- 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
Jan.13: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
Jan.14: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
Jan.15: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
Jan.16: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
Jan.17: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
Jan.18: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
Jan.19: 8:30 a.m. Clarita and Osmundo Angeles
10:00 a.m. Za Stanisława Stolarza (30-tą rocznicę śmierci)
11:30 a.m. Maria Lilian Roxas

BECOMING ROLE MODELS. This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Catechism says that the sacrament of "baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission." Let us reflect on how Jesus' baptism can teach us more about our own baptism.

First, Jesus didn't need to get baptized because he was already without sin. However, in doing so, He became a model for how we should be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins. Similarly, as stewards we are called to be authentic models of the faith to others. When people see us, do they see what it means to be a disciple? We should be examples of how to live a holy and virtuous life so that others may be inspired by our lives of stewardship.

Moreover, not only is it important to do good, but we must also consciously try to avoid anything that may scandal others. All of the baptized, especially stewards, represent Christ and the Church. If we perform actions that are negative or hurtful, people who observe us may be turned away from the faith. Of course, we are all human and are bound to make mistakes, but we should strive to avoid anything that may significantly hinder others from accepting the faith. Let us always turn to

Jesus for help, our true model of holiness and stewardship. *source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship*

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

YEAR OF JUBILEE—PILGRIMATE FOR YOUNG ADULTS. The Archdiocese of Toronto's Office of Catholic Youth is excited to announce that the Jubilee for Youth is filling up fast, with 60 per cent of our 100 spots already taken! The pilgrimage to Rome will take place from July 23 to August 5. Registrations are open to all young adults ages 19 to 39 until the end of February 2025, so there's still time to secure a spot. Register today at [https://form.jotform.com/242754342056253!](https://form.jotform.com/242754342056253)

BLESSED CHALK which was blessed on the Solemnity of the Epiphany last Sunday is available on the tables at the back of the Church.

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 the next couple of weeks.

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. Maximilian 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.

CAREGIVER STRESS AND ANTICIPATORY GRIEF: You are invited to attend a free presentation about *Caregiver Stress and Anticipatory Grief* on **Wednesday January 29, at 3:00 p.m.** at the Ridley Funeral Home (3080 Lake Shore Blvd. West). A representative from Dorothy Ley Hospice will guide us through helpful support strategies (for you or someone you love). If possible, please bring a non-perishable food item for the Daily Bread Food Bank. To register, call 416-259-3705. Light refreshments will be served.

Step by Step

*God does not lead me year by year
Nor even day by day;
But step by step my path unfolds
As He directs my way.
Tomorrow's plans I do not know;
I only know this hour.
And Him who bids me walk each step
Supported by His power.
And I am glad that it is so
Today's enough to bear.
And when tomorrow comes, His grace
Will far exceed my care.
What need to worry then or fret?
My Lord, who gave His Son,
Holds all my moments in His hand
And gives them one by one.*

PLANNING TO BE A CATHOLIC TEACHER? It is important for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic School Board in Ontario as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you are planning to apply to teach in a Catholic School, please contact the pastor well in advance. It is also helpful to be a regular envelope user in order to verify that you do indeed regularly attend Mass in the parish.

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.

PERFUME IN CHURCH: Many people suffer from allergies, or respiratory difficulties. Perfumes and other scents can be a challenge for them. Please try to avoid using perfumes or other scents in Church. Thank you!

Święto Chrztu Pańskiego

DAR CHRZTU ŚWIĘTEGO. Dziś, w święto Chrztu Pańskiego kończy się okres Bożego Narodzenia. Ewangelie zgodnie zaświadcniają, że gdy Jezus wyszedł z wody, zstąpił na Niego Duch Święty w postaci gołębicy i z nieba zabrzmiał głos Ojca, który powiedział: "Ty jesteś mój Syn umiłowany, w Tobie mam upodobanie" (Mk 1, 11).

Jezus, wmieszany w tłum pokutników, poprosił Jana Chrzciciela o chrzest, czym głęboko zaskoczył Prekursora. Lecz to właśnie ten gest objawia szczególny rys mesjanizmu Jezusa: ma On wypełnić wolę Ojca, wydając się w "ofierze prześlągalnej za nasze grzechy" (1 J 4, 10). Pokorna solidarność z grzesznikami doprowadzi Go do śmierci na krzyżu. Zanurzenie w śmierci i zmartwychwstaniu Chrystusa jest radykalnym wyzwoleniem człowieka z grzechu i śmierci oraz stanowi nowe narodziny z Ducha do życia, które nie będzie miało końca.

Chrzest dzieci, w bardzo prosty i wymowny sposób pozwala nam pojąć prawdziwą naturę zbawienia. Jest ono łaską, czyli darmowym darem Pana. Dlatego rodzice chrześcijańscy powinni spieszyć ze swoimi dziećmi do chrzcielnicy, aby mogły one otrzymać na mocy wiary Kościoła wielki dar życia Bożego. Rodzice ci poprzez swój przykład, modlitwę i pouczenia mają też być pierwszymi wychowawcami w wierze swoich dzieci. [Św. Jan Paweł II]

*Boże w Trójcy Jedyny, przez łaskę chrztu św. pragnę być
Twoim dzieckiem teraz i w wieczności.*

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 darowizn. 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.**

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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