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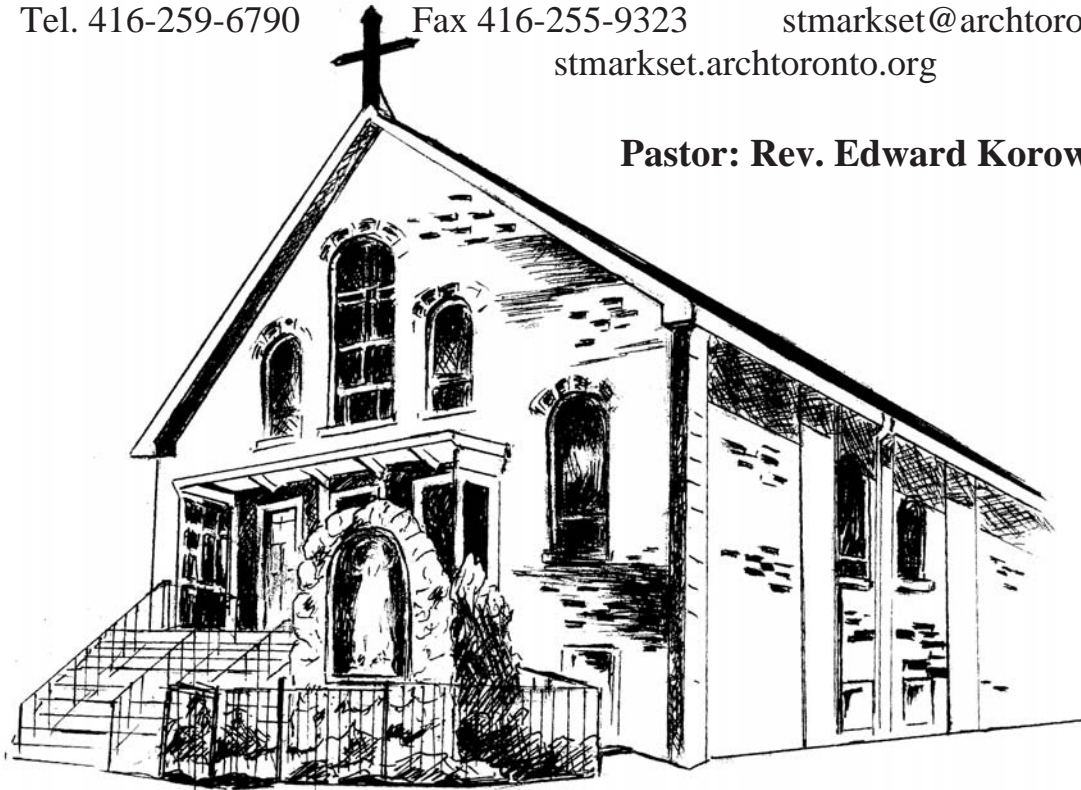
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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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

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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!

Mass for the Intentions Week

- Mar.15: 5:00 p.m. Special Intention
7:00 p.m. Dziękczynna z prośbą o wiarę i miłość dla dzieci i wnuków
- Mar.16: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
10:00 a.m. 1. Za ks. Jerzego Skwierczyńskiego i wszystkich zmarłych księży
2. Za zmarłych z rodziny Kaczmarczyk i Zelek
11:30 a.m. Tricia Robertson
- Mar.17: 9:00 a.m. Krystyna Benasiak and Family
7:00 p.m. W pewnej intencji
- Mar.18: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
- Mar.19: 9:00 a.m. Józef Rymarz
- Mar.20: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
- Mar.21: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
- Mar.22: 5:00 p.m. Benedykt Mielczarek (3rd anniv.)
- Mar.23: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
10:00 a.m. Za ks. Jerzego Skwierczyńskiego
11:30 a.m. Anna Anderson (88th birthday)

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, there will be the Stations of the Cross in English on **Fridays, at 9:25 a.m.** (after Mass); and in Polish on **Mondays, at 7:25 p.m.** (after Mass).

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.*

CONFIRMATION: The first preparation class for those who have registered to be confirmed (and for their parents) will take place next **Saturday, March 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** in the Church.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY: POWER FROM ON HIGH. **Saturday, March 29, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** Metro Toronto Convention Centre (North Building). Compelling speakers, music, Eucharistic adoration, confessions. Adult rally: \$49. Youth rally: \$25. For tickets and information, visit www.LJHR.ca.



Happy St. Patrick's Day

*May you always have work for your hands to do,
May your pockets hold always a coin or two,
May the sun shine bright on your windowpane,
May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain,
May the hand of a friend always be near you,
And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.*

(Irish Blessing)

ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS: **Monday, March 17, 10:00 a.m.** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Cardinal Thomas Collins will be the presider and homilist.

YOUNG ADULT MOVIE NIGHT (ages 19-25) at Holy Angels Church (61 Jutland Rd.), **Friday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.** See the film *Joseph of Nazareth*. Bring toothbrushes for the needy and you will be entered into a raffle! To reserve your spot, contact Thomas at t.lombardi96@hotmail.com.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN IN GRADES 11 & 12: **Saturday, March 29,** St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Mass, confession, Eucharistic adoration, discernment stories, fellowship, lunch and snacks. (Suggested donation of \$25). Register at www.vocationstoronto.ca/hscomesee.

ASCENDING AND DESCENDING THE MOUNTAIN. Every Second Sunday of Lent the Church invites us to reflect on the account of the Transfiguration of Christ. This passage describes how Jesus went up a mountain with Peter, James and John, and was transfigured before them, revealing His divine glory. The apostles, although wanting to stay upon the mountain, are brought back down into the real world. These two movements, of ascent and descent, are critical in the lives of stewards.

Firstly, we too are invited to ascend the heights of mountain-top spiritual experiences. To ascend the mountain is to take some time away from the noise of the world to experience the glory and majesty of Christ.

Sometimes this involves large mountains such as attending retreats or conferences.

However, we can also ascend the mountain every time we turn to prayer and build up our relationship with God. All these moments are essential in keeping our faith alive and active. However, this is where the second aspect of descent becomes so important. Unless we are called to live as a brother or sister in a contemplative religious order, we are not called to always remain tucked away in retreats or prayer. Instead, we are called to be strengthened through our mountaintop experiences so that we will have the grace to go out into the world and spread the Gospel. This Lent, let us take some time to be nourished on the mountain so that we will be all the more ready to proclaim the Good News. (*source: archtoronto.org/stewardship*)

16th ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONERENCE: Saturday, March 22, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Old Mill (includes light lunch). Closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Kasun. Speakers include Annie Karto (*Divine Mercy Flood My Soul*); Lisa Canning (*Surrendering in Suffering: Discovering Joy*); Fr. Marcin Serwin, OMI (*Being a Priest - Being a Midwife*); Dr. Stephanie Kafie (*Totus Tuus - Five Ways to Live out "Totally Yours"*); Dorothy Pilarski (*Your Life is Going to Change*). Register at DynamicWomenFaith.com; dwf2025.eventbrite.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.

Druga Niedziela Wielkiego Postu – C

CIAŁO CHWALEBNE. Podczas czytania dzisiejszej Ewangelii przypominała mi się anegdota z życia pewnego wziętego kaznodziei. Otóż na niedzielnej Mszy św., na której odczytano Ewangelię o Przemienieniu Pańskim, wygłosił on najkrótsze w swym życiu kazanie. A mimo to, wywarł spore wrażenie na swych słuchaczach i sprawił, że wielu wzięło sobie do serca jego słowa. Kazanie to łatwo przytoczyć, bo zawierało się w trzech następujących po sobie słowach:

„Przemieniajmy się, przemieniajmy się, przemieniajmy się!”.

Rzeczywiście, podejmując trud wielkopostnego nawrócenia, przez post, modlitwę i jałmużnę, mamy nadzieję, że doprowadzi on do naszego przemienienia. Zwykle myślimy tutaj o przemianie naszego postępowania z gorszego na lepsze. A jednak Boża obietnica sięga dalej. Łaska Chrystusa, która daje nam siłę do nawrócenia i zmiany swego postępowania, sprawi również i to, że kiedyś nasze marne, ziemskie ciała zostaną przemienione na wzór chwalebego ciała naszego Zbawiciela. Tę tajemnicę objawia nam św. Paweł w czytany dziś fragmencie listu do Filipian. Apostoł przypomina również o tym, że „nasza ojczyzna jest w niebie”. Czasem wydawać nam by się mogło, że obietnice przemiany naszego ciała na ciało chwalebne, niezniszczalne, jakie Bóg składa wobec nas, są nierealne. W takich chwilach wspomnijmy na wiarę Abrahama. Bóg obiecał mu coś, co również mogło wydawać się nierealne — potomstwo liczne jak gwiazdy na niebie. Abraham uwierzył, Bóg poczytał mu to za sprawiedliwość, a obietnica stała się faktem. (*o. Marek Cul — dominikanin*)

DROGA KRZYŻOWA: W każdy poniedziałek podczas Wielkiego Postu o godzinie 7:25 wieczorem (po Mszy św. o godz. 7:00.)

REKOLEKCJE WIELKOPOSTNE odbędą się w naszej parafii w **piątek, 14-go marca**, o godzinie 7:00 wieczorem; w **sobotę 15-go marca**, o godzinie 7:00 wieczorem; i w **niedzielę, 16-go marca** o godzinie 10:00. Okazja do spowiedzi świętej od godziny 6:00 do 6:45, w piątek i w sobotę, przed Mszą Św. Rekolekcje wygłosi ks. Krzysztof Bochenek, CSMA (Michalita z Polski).

W przyszłą niedzielę, zbierana będzie druga kolektka 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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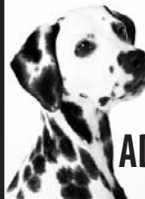
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