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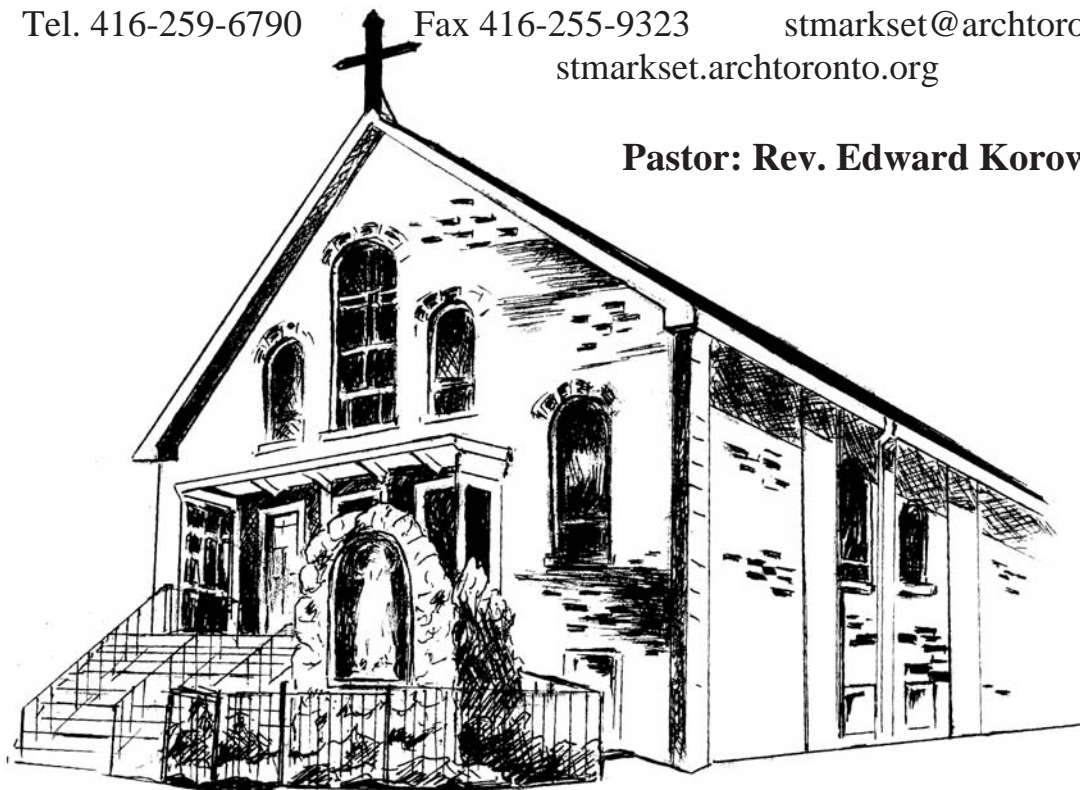
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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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!

Mass Intentions**for the Week**

- Mar.29: 5:00 p.m. Special Intention
 Mar.30: 8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving
 10:00 a.m. Za braci Stanisława, Aleksandra
 i Alicję
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 Mar.31: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 7:00 p.m. W pewnej intencji
 April 1: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 April 2: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 April 3: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 April 4: 9:00 a.m. Władysława Żegliński (birthday)
 7:10 p.m. W pewnej intencji
 April 5: 5:00 p.m. Anna Morassutti
 April 6: 8:30 a.m. Christopher and Tadeusz Sadowski
 10:00 a.m. Za wszystkich naszych parafian
 11:30 a.m. Special Intention

LAETARE SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as *Laetare* from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon (*Rejoice*). Rose vestments are worn as an external sign of our joy, in place of the usual purple. We take a pause as we have passed the half-way point of Lent, and rejoice as Easter draws near. As a sign of our joy, the organ is allowed to play on its own, not just to accompany the singing.

FIRST FRIDAY

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday, April 4 is the First Friday of April. After the usual 9:00 a.m. Mass (in English), there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **until 3:00 p.m.** The Church will reopen at **6:00 p.m.** for Confessions until **6:45 p.m.**, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at **7:00 p.m.**, and evening Mass at **7:10 p.m.** (in Polish).

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).

SHARE LIFE: This week is ShareLife Sunday. For those who did not receive a brochure and envelope in the mail, additional brochures and envelopes are

available at the back of the Church for this weekend's first collection for ShareLife.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: Thank you to all who contributed \$1,037 in last weekend's monthly Building Fund collection towards the many renovation projects that need to be addressed in our parish.

PALLIATIVE CARE is the Catholic response to end-of-life care. It affirms that every human life is sacred despite any illness. It manages pain, helping individuals navigate their symptoms while in treatment, or helps alleviate physical pain until natural death. It can take place at the hospital, at home, in long term care homes and hospices. Cardinal Leo has sent us brochures explaining palliative care as a Catholic response to euthanasia and assisted suicide, which are a rejection of the Gospel of Christ. "Intentional euthanasia, whatever its forms or motives, is murder. It is gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator." In addition, "suicide is seriously contrary to justice, hope and charity. It is forbidden by the fifth commandment." The brochures are available at the back of the Church.

APPROACHING THE MERCY OF GOD. This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the beautiful parable of the prodigal son. This parable offers us an insight into the unfathomable depths of God's mercy. We are also given an example of the prodigal son to imitate. He teaches us that whenever we fall, we too need to recognize our sin, get up and approach our merciful and loving Father.

However, we may at times find it difficult to accept just how generously God bestows His mercy on those who seek Him. We may have the notion that God is out to punish those who commit sin. However, there is one particularly beautiful line in the parable this Sunday that can help us ease those fears. It says that "while [the son] was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him."

The beauty in this passage is that the father saw the son "while he was still far off." This means that he must have spent time each day looking out at the horizon, eagerly and lovingly waiting for his son to return. Not only does he see him, he then runs and embraces his son ... As stewards, we shouldn't fear approaching God for His mercy and forgiveness for He longs to grant it to us. (*source: archtoronto.org/stewardship*)

It's Up to You!

Choose to love – rather than hate.
Choose to smile – rather than frown.
Choose to build – rather than destroy.
Choose to persevere – rather than quit.
Choose to praise – rather than gossip.
Choose to heal – rather than wound.
Choose to give – rather than grasp.
Choose to act – rather than delay.
Choose to pray – rather than despair.
Choose to forgive – rather than curse.

(Rev.) Norbert Wever, M.S.C.

LENTEN RETREAT for men and women: **Saturday, April 5, 8:30 a.m.** at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre (1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga). Cost: \$50 (includes coffee/tea with muffins, and a hot lunch). Mass will be celebrated during the day. Phone 905-278-5229 or email office@goa.ca. to register.

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.

Czwarta Niedziela Wielkiego Postu – C,
“Laetare”

"Raduj się, wesel się Jerozolimie". To wezwanie do radości wydaje się czymś niezwykłym, jeśli zważymy na fakt, że właśnie jesteśmy na półmetku Wielkiego Postu. A jednak – w tym czasie pokuty słyszymy nawoływanie do tego, by się radować. Kościół odpowiada na to wołanie. Dziś kapłani przyodziewają różowe szaty, porzucają wielkopostny fiolet. Dziś też można podczas liturgii używać instrumentów muzycznych.

Warto wsłuchać się w liturgię tej Niedzieli, warto przyjąć tę ewangeliczną radość, płynącą ze świadomości, że czas pokuty ma nas prowadzić ku nawróceniu, ma oczyścić nasze serca, odrodzić nas, byśmy mogli stanąć przed Bogiem.

KTO MOŻE PRZYJŚĆ DO JEZUSA? Dobra nowina, którą otrzymujemy dzisiaj jest taka, że w sercu Boga znajduje się miejsce dla wszystkich ludzi bez

wyjątku. Nawet, jeśli jesteśmy słabi i grzeszni, jeżeli często upadamy i czujemy się tak bardzo mali przed Bogiem, możemy liczyć na Jego miłosierdzie. Pierwsze słowa dzisiejszej Ewangelii zachęcają nas do ufego spojrzenia w stronę kochającego Boga. Do Jezusa zbliżali się celnicy i grzesznicy, aby Go słuchać. On zaś przyjmował wszystkich zbłąkanych i siadał z nimi do stołu. Również my możemy przyjść do Jezusa i zasmakować Jego miłości, umocnić się Jego przebaczeniem.

To prawda, trudno jest zrozumieć cierpliwą miłość Pana, który pomimo naszych ciągłych upadków nieustannie okazuje miłosierdzie. Tak jednak kocha Bóg, a Jego miłość jest inna od naszej, przeliczającej często bilans zysków i strat. Miłosierny ojciec z ewangelicznej przypowieści nie rezygnuje z ojcowskiej czułości, czeka cierpliwie na powrót syna, wychodzi mu naprzeciw z otwartymi ramionami, z radości wyprawia mu ucztę i ubiera go w najlepsze szaty. Słowem, przywraca synowi utraconą godność. Tak piękne dary Bóg przygotowuje także dla nas. Trzeba tylko nieustannie cierpliwie wracać w ramiona Ojca, bo jedynie tam jest miłość i przebaczenie. Święty Paweł zachęca nas: Pojednajcie się z Bogiem!

Jeszcze dziś możesz rozpocząć wszystko od początku. To, co dawne przemija, a oto rodzi się coś nowego, lepszego, piękniejszego. Tylko, czy wykorzystasz kolejną szansę od Boga...? (ks. Wojciech Kuzioła – paulista)

PIERWSZY PIĄTEK: 4-go kwietnia przypada pierwszy piątek miesiąca kwietnia. Po Mszy Św. o godzinie 9-**ej** rano (po angielsku), będzie wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu do godziny 3-**ej**. Będzie też okazja do spowiedzi świętej od godziny 6:00 do 6:45 wieczorem, i Błogosławieństwo o godz. 7:00. Po Błogosławieństwie, będzie dodatkowa Msza Św. po polsku o godz. 7:10.

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

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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