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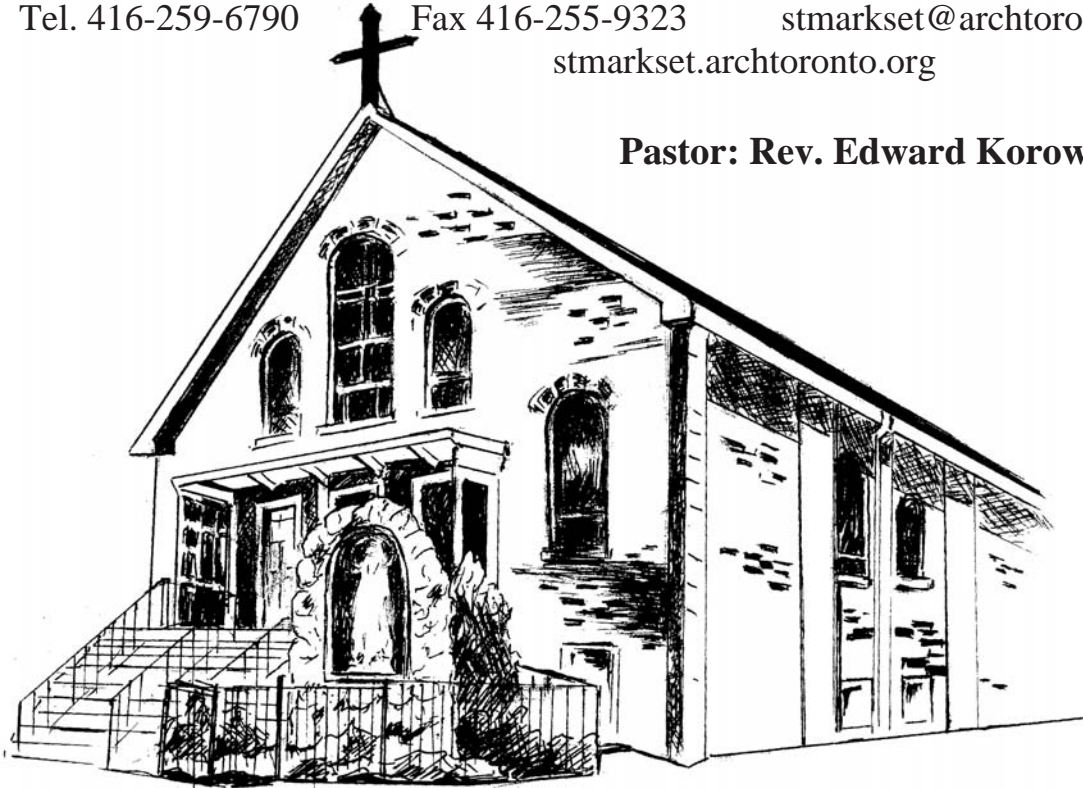
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WEEKEND MASSES

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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cccb.ca (Canadian Catholic Bishops)
acbo.on.ca (Ontario Catholic Bishops)
usccb.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)
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catholicregister.org (The Catholic Register)

Please consider remembering St. Mark's Parish in your will. Thank you!

A very Happy and Blessed Easter to all of our Parishioners!



Masses For The Week

- April 19: 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
 April 20: 8:30 a.m. For our Parishioners
 10:00 a.m. Za wszystkich naszych parafian
 11:30 a.m. For our Parishioners
 April 21: **10:00 a.m.** W pewnej intencji
 April 22: 9:00 a.m. Mary Lee
 April 23: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 April 24: 9:00 a.m. Danuta Kaczynski
 April 25: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 April 26: 5:00 p.m. **Confirmation Mass**
 April 27: 8:30 a.m. For our Parishioners
 10:00 a.m. Za Danutę Kaczynską
 11:30 a.m. Pina Vukosa

EASTER COLLECTION: On Easter Sunday, there will be a second collection. Special envelopes are included in the offertory envelope boxes for this purpose. Additional Easter Offering envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the Church for those who do not use the regular boxes. *Thank you!*

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: Our monthly Building Fund collection will take place *next* weekend. Special 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.*

FLAT ROOF: This week we replaced the flat roof at the back of the Church. During the recent major snowfall, after the snow melted, water came into the candle room, damaging the ceiling. The current roof was installed seventeen years ago, so it seemed appropriate to replace it. The cost will be about \$18,000.

WHEN IS EASTER? In the western Church, Easter can fall between March 22 and April 25. The date is the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon, that is the full moon after the vernal equinox (first day of spring—taken to be March 21). This year the first full moon of spring was on Sunday, April 13, so the first Sunday after that is April 20, Easter Sunday.



The sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in our parish on **Saturday, April 26**, at the **5:00 p.m.** Mass. There are eleven candidates this year. We pray that the Holy Spirit may come down upon them and their families in abundance.

RECOGNIZING THE RISEN LORD. Rejoice, the Lord is risen, truly He is risen! Today is the Solemnity of Solemnities, the most holy day in the Church's calendar. Let us take a moment to rejoice in the glory of the resurrection. These past forty days we have been preparing for this great feast where we will be met with the risen Christ. However, let us ask ourselves, how often do we fail to recognize Him in our daily lives?

In the Gospel today, we hear the account of Jesus' appearing to Mary Magdalene. Mary is face-to-face with Jesus risen from the dead and yet she didn't recognize Him. She had spent the last couple years of her life following Him and now she cannot even identify Him as the man before her. While we may be quick to judge Mary, we should remember that Christ makes Himself present to us in countless ways that we often don't perceive.

One way that Jesus comes to us is through our neighbour. St. Teresa of Calcutta says, "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus." This Easter, let us rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and seek to find Him in our neighbours. The same way that we would run to serve Christ, let us serve Christ dwelling in those around us and fully live out our call of stewardship.

(www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

"EASTER DUTY": Because of the central importance of Easter to the Christian faith, the Catholic Church requires that all Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion receive the Holy Eucharist sometime during the Easter season (canon 920.1), unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year (canon 920.2.) The Easter season lasts until Pentecost Sunday (June 25 this year), fifty days after Easter. In order to receive Holy Communion worthily, we need to be in a state of grace. So also, after having reached the age of discretion (taken to be 7 years of age), each member of the faithful is obliged to confess their grave

sins at least once a year (canon 989). Of course, if we are in a state of grave sin, we should get to confession as early as possible, and not delay. We are also encouraged to confess lesser, or venial sins. For in the sacrament of penance, we not only receive God's forgiveness, his divine mercy, but also his grace so we do not fall back into sin so easily in the future.

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.

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.

Niedziela Wielkanocna Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego

ZMARTWYCHSTAŁ TRZECIEGO DNIA. Czy zastanawiałeś się kiedykolwiek nad tym, dlaczego akurat trzeciego dnia? Zmartwychwstanie jest przecież wywyższeniem Chrystusa, a ono dokonało się już w momencie śmierci, właśnie wtedy, kiedy Ukrzyżowany wypowiedział słowa: Wykonało się.

Nie Chrystusowi i nie Ojcu były potrzebne owe trzy dni. Były one potrzebne ludziom, aby dojrżeli i przygotowali się do oglądania Zmartwychwstałego. Nie mogli spoglądać na niego przez łyzy, które dają obraz zniekształcony, ani też w przestachu i przerażeniu, lecz w pokorze i z wdzięcznością. Na takim dojrzałym postrzeganiu Pana miała się opierać wiara Kościoła. Dlatego Jan, zwycięzca biegu do grobu Chrystusa, choć wyprzedził Piotra, zczekał na niego u wejścia do grobu

i jemu pierwszemu dał prawo do obejrzenia miejsca, gdzie złożono ciało Chrystusa. Ujrzał i uwierzył, niejako w imieniu Kościoła, który miał zostać umocniony jego wiarą.

My, choć nie znamy Chrystusa według ciała, należymy do wspólnoty błogosławionych wiarą w Zmartwychwstałego. Umacnia nas w tej wierze Eucharystia – dar Chrystusa zmartwychwstałego. I nie szukamy już, jak niewierny Tomasz, ran umęczonego Pana, ale każdy z nas, ubogacony Jego przenaświęcą obecnnością, wyznaje z wiarą: Pan mój i Bóg mój.

Msza święta jest zawsze sakramentem paschalnym, znakiem Chrystusowego przejścia pomiędzy nami. Świętujemy ją z radością ze swojego nawrócenia, z nowego życia i z tego, że ono się nie kończy. (*bp Jan Bernard Szłaga*)

W przyszłą niedzielę, zbierana będzie druga kolektka na fundusz renowacyjny Kościoła. Specjalne koperty na ten cel są wyłożone na stolikach przy wejściu do Kościoła. Z góry bardzo wam dziękuję za ofiary przeznaczone na ten cel.

PLASKI DACH: W tym tygodniu wymieniliśmy płaski dach z tyłu kościoła. Podczas ostatnich dużych opadów śniegu, po tym jak śnieg stopniał, woda dostała się do pokoju ze świecami, uszkadzając sufit. Obecny dach został zainstalowany siedemnaście lat temu, więc wydawało się stosowne, aby go wymienić. Koszt wyniesie około \$18,000.

Pragnę złożyć wam wszystkim i waszym rodzinom— szczególnie chorym—serdeczne życzenia Wesołych Świąt Wielkanocnych, oraz błogosławieństwa Zmartwychwstałego Chrystusa—Alleluja!

ks. Edward Koroway

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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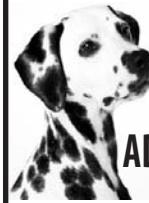
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