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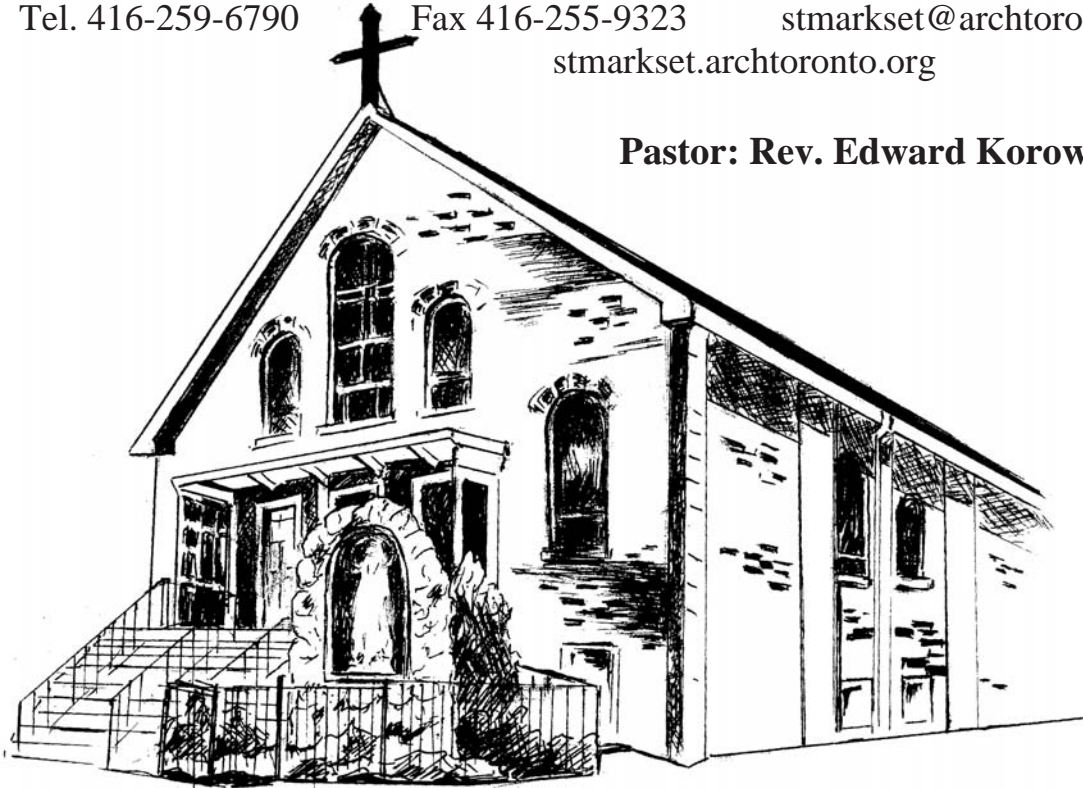
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WEEKEND MASSES

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

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)
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)
catholicerald.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

- May 17: 5:00 p.m. Lillian Bannon
 May 18: 8:30 a.m. Cathy O'Brian
 10:00 a.m. Za Wiesława Naklickiego
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 May 19: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 May 20: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 May 21: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 May 22: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 May 23: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 May 24: 5:00 p.m. Special Intention
 May 25: 8:30 a.m. John Geniole
 10:00 a.m. Za Stanisławę i Antoniego Wolek;
 i za Zofię i Władysława Wołosz
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: Our monthly Building Fund collection will take place *this* 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.*

ST. THÉRÈSE'S SCHOOL OF LOVE. In the Gospel this Sunday Jesus gives us the new commandment to love one another just as He loves us. Jesus goes on to say that "everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." As stewards we must always seek to love others and in doing so, point them to Christ. Let us take some time to reflect on the words of a great saint of love, St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

St. Thérèse, a doctor of the Church, famously promoted her "little way." She didn't believe she was strong enough to perform great acts of charity or mortification. Instead, she sought to offer up small acts of kindness as her gifts to Christ and the Church. She tells us to "miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love." Love isn't reserved solely for grand gestures but can also be displayed through small charitable acts.

Moreover, St. Thérèse says that "without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing." We must always infuse our stewardship with great love otherwise

it may turn into simple volunteerism. Let us seek ways to offer up our time and talent to our parish communities, regardless of how small they may seem to be. St. Thérèse reassures us that "Our Lord does not so much look at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them." Let us strive to fully give of ourselves and remember St. Thérèse's teaching that "When one loves, one does not calculate.

(source: archtoronto.org/stewardship)

FIRST COMMUNION: The next preparation class for the students who have registered to receive this sacrament (and their parents) will be in the Church on **Saturday, May 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

PAPAL CHARITIES COLLECTION: The annual collection for the pastoral works of the Holy Father will take place *next* weekend after Holy Communion. Funds raised allow him to offer help especially to countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. Special white envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose.

"A DAY WITH MARY". On **Saturday, May 31**, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called "*A Day With Mary*" will be taking place at Villanova College located at 2480 15th Sideroad in King City. We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address, inspiring personal witnessing and children's catechesis. There will be music, food and fellowship and we hope that you will consider joining Cardinal Leo and so many others who love the Blessed Mother. *A Day With Mary* will be held rain or shine, please plan according to the weather. In case of severe rain or thundershowers, the event will move inside the school. For more information, and to register for this free event, visit archtoronto.org/mary.

WORLDWIFE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE – June 27-29. Fall in Love Again! Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage? Join us at Queen of Apostles for a weekend that could change your life. Discover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, and transformational marriage! This weekend is for couples, whether you are newlyweds or have been married for decades. Call Christian & Elizabeth Arroba, 416-554-4439 or 416-554-7062 christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN CHINA:

Pope Benedict XVI designated **May 24** as an annual day of prayer for the Church in China. The following is his prayer on this occasion:

Virgin Most Holy, Mother of the Incarnate Word and our Mother, venerated in the Shrine of Sheshan under the title "Help of Christians", the entire Church in China looks to you with devout affection. We come before you today to implore your protection. Look upon the People of God and, with a mother's care, guide them along the paths of truth and love, so that they may always be a leaven of harmonious coexistence among all citizens.

When you obediently said "yes" in the house of Nazareth, you allowed God's eternal Son to take flesh in your virginal womb and thus to begin in history the work of our redemption. You willingly and generously cooperated in that work, allowing the sword of pain to pierce your soul, until the supreme hour of the Cross, when you kept watch on Calvary, standing beside your Son, who died that we might live. From that moment, you became, in a new way, the Mother of all those who receive your Son Jesus in faith and choose to follow in his footsteps by taking up his Cross.

Mother of hope, in the darkness of Holy Saturday you journeyed with unfailing trust towards the dawn of Easter. Grant that your children may discern at all times, even those that are darkest, the signs of God's loving presence.

Our Lady of Sheshan, sustain all those in China, who, amid their daily trials, continue to believe, to hope, to love. May they never be afraid to speak of Jesus to the world, and of the world to Jesus. In the statue overlooking the Shrine you lift your Son on high, offering him to the world with open arms in a gesture of love. Help Catholics always to be credible witnesses to this love, ever clinging to the rock of Peter on which the Church is built. Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and for ever. Amen!

SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION.

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and support of various archdiocesan charities such as your parish. For further information, contact the

development office: Tel. 416-934-3400, ext. 519/561; or by email at development@archtoronto.org.

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.

V Niedziela Wielkanocna – C

KOCHAĆ ZA NIC. Trwamy w okresie wielkanocnym i każdego dnia śledzimy, jak po zmartwychwstaniu Chrystusa rozwija się wspólnota pierwszych uczniów, czyli tych, którzy uwierzyli, że Pan rzeczywiście żyje. Cechą wspólną wyznawców Jezusa jest szczególna miłość. Miłość, która dla współczesnych im ludzi jest czymś wyjątkowym, przez co mówią do siebie: „zobaczcie jak oni się miłują”. ...

Jezus zostawia nam dzisiaj na nowo swoje przykazanie miłości, ale nie jest to tylko czysty nakaz, lecz zaproszenie „miłujcie się wzajemnie tak, jak Ja was umiłowalem”. W ten sposób wskazuje On, że nasza miłość rodzi się ze spotkania z Jego miłością. Bardzo często możemy doświadczyć tego, że sami z siebie nie jesteśmy w stanie kochać. Dopiero doświadczenie bezinteresownej miłości Boga do nas, miłości, która jest niezasłużona, może dać nam siłę do kochania innych. Boża miłość nie jest reakcją na nasze dobre postępowanie. On nas kocha, dlatego że nas kocha. Za to nasza ludzka miłość często bywa odpowiedzią na życzliwość innych; kocham, bo ktoś jest dla mnie miły. Dlatego właśnie przykazanie Jezusa jest nowe — zaprasza, by kochać tak jak Bóg, czyli kochać za nic. ... (ks. Adam Raczkowski)

Dzisiaj 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.

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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