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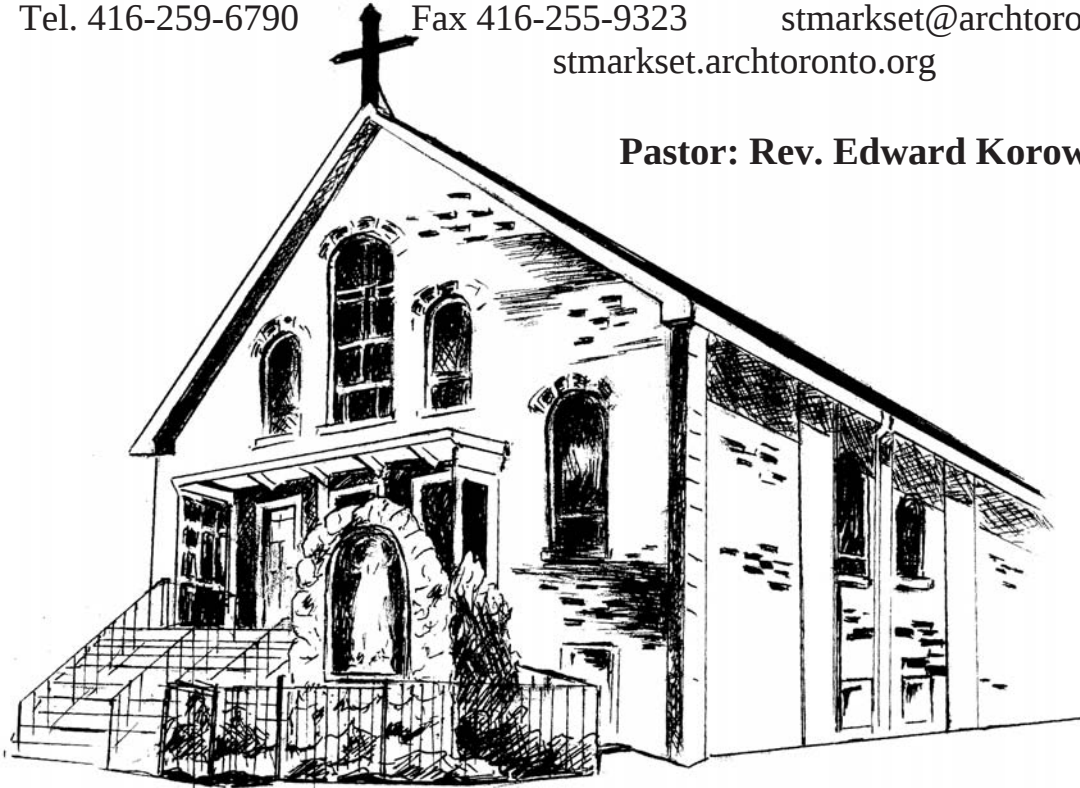
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WEEKEND MASSES

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)
catholicherald.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

- Oct. 4: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 Oct. 5: 8:30 a.m. Christopher & Tadeusz Sadowski
 10:00 a.m. Za Leokadię i Bronisława Szymczyków
 11:30 a.m. Aniela and Jan Stolarz
 Oct. 6: 9:00 a.m. Aleth Bruce, Jr. (birthday)
 Oct. 7: 9:00 a.m. Sister Gilchrist
 Oct. 8: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Oct. 9: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Oct. 10: 9:00 a.m. Catherine Wong Chan (health)
 Oct. 11: 5:00 p.m. Wilfred & Huguette Slater (70th wedding anniversary)
 Oct. 12: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 10:00 a.m. Za Marię i Michała Wysłobockich
 11:30 a.m. Jan & Katarzyna Sukiennik; Ludwik Sukiennik; Antoni & Karolina Warmuz

INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION COLLECTION.

There will be a special collection *this* weekend to support the Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Fund. The fund will support both local and national programs proposed by Indigenous communities to nurture the ongoing reconciliation journey. Orange envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose.

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA also known as the Canadian Bishops' Collection). Thank you to all who contributed \$415 in last weekend's annual collection.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Sunday, October 5, 4:00 p.m. at St. Gregory's Church (122 Rathburn Rd. at Kipling Ave.). Rosary and prayers for healing; followed by Mass and individual prayer and testimonies. (Sponsored by Ave Maria Centre of Peace.)

LIFE CHAIN: Sunday, October 5, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Nearest location: Islington/Bloor. Join us for a family-friendly, prayerful stand for life. Participants will hold non-graphic signs and pray silently to affirm the dignity of every human life.

THE GIFT OF FAITH. How often do we pray to God for greater faith? The apostles in today's Gospel echo the

words of Christians throughout the centuries, "increase our faith!" Jesus was teaching messages that challenged their own preconceived notions and they recognized that they needed faith to be able to accept these truths. So too, it is often difficult in our own secular society to believe all of the increasingly counter-cultural teachings of the Church. In a culture that demands the stamp of scientific approval on all matters, it requires greater faith to believe certain sublime truths of the Church that cannot be proven in such a manner.

This is why we too need to earnestly implore the Lord for more faith. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that "faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by Him." (CCC 153). This understanding is important in realizing that while we can perform acts that help cultivate our faith, it ultimately remains a pure gift of grace from God. This lens allows us to remain humble in times when our faith is strong for we realize that we are constantly being sustained by grace. This should spur us onto greater gratitude to God.

By recognizing our great need for the pure gift of faith, we should strive to return to the core act of our discipleship, namely, prayer. Let us set aside time each day to pray to the Father the words found in the Gospel of Mark, "I believe, help my unbelief." Let us then move outwards and pray for others to be strengthened in their faith, especially those whom we know are struggling, (source: archtoronto.org/stewardship)



Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in our parish on **Saturday, June 13, 2026**, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass by Bishop Ivan Camilleri, auxiliary regional bishop for the western region. Students in **Grade 7 or older**, and any adults who wish to be confirmed should attend one of the weekend Masses, and obtain a registration form from Fr. Koroway afterwards. The form lists the dates of the four preparation meetings the candidates and their parents must attend on Saturday mornings in the Church. The deadline for returning the registration form is **Sunday, November 16**.



First Communion

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents of students in Grade 2 or older who would like their children to receive these

sacraments this coming year should attend one of the weekend Masses with their children, and obtain a registration form from Fr. Koroway afterwards. The form lists the six preparation meetings the students and parents must attend in the Church on Saturday mornings. The deadline for returning the registration forms is **Sunday, October 26.**

HOLY NAME OF MARY COLLEGE SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE: Wednesday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m.

Private school for girls in Grades 5-12. Register now at www.hnmcs.ca or call Giselle Fernandes at 905-891-1890, ext. 103. (2241 Mississauga Rd., Mississauga.)

COME & SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND
RETREAT: October 31 – November 2, at St.

Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). The Office of Vocations will be hosting a retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, October 31 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, November 2 (2:00 p.m.). This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee. For more information, please email vocations@archtoronto.org.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ALL SOULS' DAY
MASS: Saturday, November 8, 2:00 p.m.

All families are invited to participate at the Masses which will be held indoors in the cemetery mausoleum.

PROJECT RACHEL (at St. Mary's Refuge). Project Rachel at the Refuge (Queensborough, Ontario) will hold a retreat for post-abortive women **November 14-16**. Here you will find a beautiful, natural setting, companionship, and a welcome free of judgment or condemnation – healing is possible. Call 613-473-2679 in confidence, and visit stmarysrefuge.org/rachel.

NEW TO OUR PARISH? Please pick up a box of offertory envelopes from the tables at the back of the Church so you can register. *Please do not just take a single envelope—take the whole box!* Thank you.

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.

XXVII-C Niedziela w ciągu roku

MODLITWA O WIARĘ. Dzisiejsza liturgia przywołuje dwa istotne aspekty życia chrześcijańskiego, jakimi są wiara i służba. Bez wiary nie można podobać się Bogu ani być zbawionym. O wiarę trzeba się nieustannie modlić. Przykład takiej modlitwy odnajdujemy w dzisiejszej Ewangelii. Apostołowie prosili Chrystusa: Przymnóż nam wiary. Widząc cuda, które czynił, słuchając Jego słów, a nade wszystko, przypatrując się Jego zjednoczeniu z Ojcem na modlitwie, czuli, że własnymi siłami nie są w stanie pojąć Bożych tajemnic ani wypełnić powołania, jakim zostali obdarowani. Panie, przymnóż nam wiary – to jedna z najprostszych, ale zarazem najważniejszych modlitw Kościoła. Tymczasem wielu chrześcijan, prosząc Boga o zdrowie czy pomyślne załatwienie trudnych spraw, zapomina o wierze, traktując ją jako coś oczywistego, raz zdobytego na wieki. Dar wiary, który otrzymaliśmy na chrzcie św. trzeba nieustannie pomnażać. Gdybyśmy mieli wiarę jak ziarno gorczycy, przenosiłaby ona góry i przesadzała potężne stare drzewa, czyli czyniłaby to, co po ludzku wydaje się niemożliwe.

Wiara jest niewidoczna. Nie można jej zobaczyć ani zmierzyć. Nie ma też duchowego amperomierza, który badałby jej natężenie. Wiarę poznajemy po owocach. Dlatego Jezus łączy naukę o wierze z zachętą do kształtowania w sobie postawy sługi, który kieruje się bezinteresowną miłością. Dobrze wyraziła tę prawdę św. Katarzyna ze Sieny, pisząc: „Miłość jest jak służąca, która myje w kuchni brudne naczynia”. (o. Jarosław Krawiec — dominikanin)

BLIŹNI - TO PODAREK MIŁOŚCI CHRYSZTUSA.

Bliźni to ten, wobec którego będziesz sądzony.

Bliźni to ten, dzięki któremu wzrastasz, to podarek miłości Chrystusa.

Bliźni to wysłannik Ojca, dowód miłości Chrystusa.

Bliźni to ten, przez którego Bóg się wypowiada, przez którego Bóg wzywa, przez którego Bóg ubogaca przez którego Bóg mierzy naszą miłość.

(Michel Quoist)

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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