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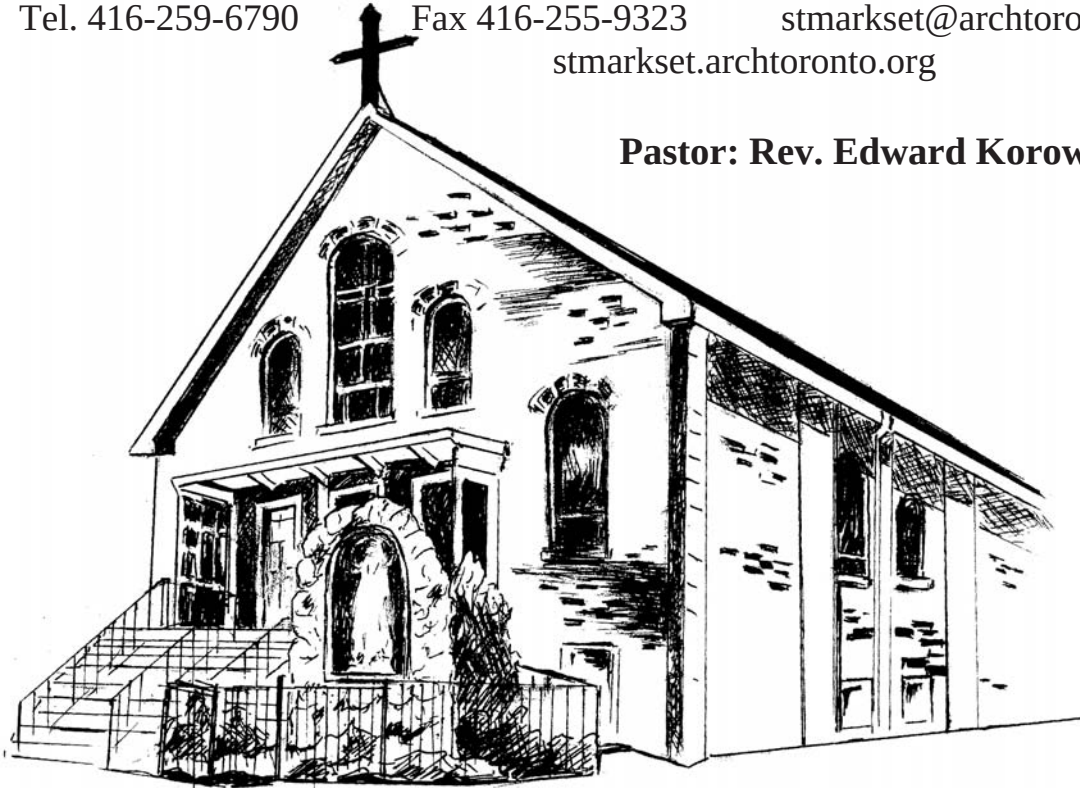
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WEEKEND MASSES

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

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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)
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catholicregister.org (The Catholic Register)

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

Mass Intentions



for the Week

- Jan. 3: 5:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Burzawa and Wojciechowski Families
 Jan. 4: 8:30 a.m. Gloria and John McDonald
 10:00 a.m. O zdrowie Janiny i Zbigniewa Widerlichów
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 Jan. 5: 9:00 a.m. Ochoa and Mantilla Families
 Jan. 6: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention (L.C.)
 Jan. 7: 9:00 a.m. Stefania Engineer
 Jan. 8: 9:00 a.m. Tadeusz Zych
 Jan. 9: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Jan.10: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 Jan.11: 8:30 a.m. George Lee (3rd anniversary)
 10:00 a.m. Za Gertrudę i Lucyjana Kocleyda
 11:30 a.m. John Munian (1st anniversary)

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY: The word “Epiphany” comes from the Greek word meaning “appearance” or “manifestation”. Today we honour the revelation Our Lord made of himself to the wise men, or magi, who, inspired by almighty God, came to worship him and gave him presents. Of the four evangelists, only St. Matthew relates the events described in today’s Gospel. He says some “wise men” came to Jesus. He does not name them, but by tradition, they have been known as Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Their remains are believed to have been taken to Cologne, Germany, and are enshrined in the cathedral there. These were the first of the Gentiles, that is, the non-Jews, to come to see the King of the Jews. That is really the main point of today’s feast. Our Lord has come as Saviour of all peoples, of all nations, of whom the Magi were the first to come and worship Our Lord.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2026: These have been placed on tables at the back of the Church, in numerical order. Blank envelopes (with no labels) are available for those who would like to start using envelopes. Envelope users receive a receipt for their charitable donations, which reduces their income tax payable. For total annual donations over \$200, there is a combined federal and provincial tax credit of approximately 40 per cent. Income tax receipts for 2025 will be mailed directly from the Chancery later this month.

BLESSED CHALK ON THE SOLEMNITY OF

EPIPHANY: Gold and frankincense was blessed on the Feast of the Epiphany in the 15th/16th centuries. Blessing of chalk was first introduced in the 18th century. This beautiful tradition is carried out in many countries, including Poland. The Blessed Chalk is used to inscribe the first letters of the names of the Magi and the current year (K+M+B 2026) on the front door of Catholic homes. Following Mass, a small piece of chalk may be taken home and the following is said with family and friends gathered at the front door:

Leader: And the Word was made Flesh.

All: And dwelt among us.

Leader: May Christ dwell in our midst.

All: Amen.

Step by Step

God does not lead me year by year

Nor even day by day;

But step by step my path unfolds

As He directs my way.

Tomorrow's plans I do not know;

I only know this hour.

And Him who bids me walk each step

Supported by His power.

And I am glad that it is so

Today's enough to bear.

And when tomorrow comes, His grace

Will far exceed my care.

What need to worry then or fret?

My Lord, who gave His Son,

Holds all my moments in His hand

And gives them one by one.

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE. As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.) on **Sunday February 8, at 2:30 p.m.** All married couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Please register early for limited reserved seating at www.archtoronto.org/marriage. Other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

RE: BILL C-9 – ACTION STILL REQUIRED.

While Parliament is on recess until the New Year, Catholics are still encouraged to reach out to their Member of Parliament regarding Bill C-9. For more details refer to Cardinal Leo's Dec. 5 statement: <https://bit.ly/CardinalLeoBillC9>. Thank you.

CATHOLIC ART CALENDARS for 2026 are available at the back of the Church. Our thanks to the **RIDLEY FUNERAL HOME** (3080 Lake Shore Blvd.) for so generously providing these beautiful calendars.

NEW LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS are for sale in the vestibule of the Church for **\$7.00** each. Simply place the money in the offering box on which the Missals are displayed.

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.



Uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego

MĘDRCY W BETLEJEM. W święta Bożego Narodzenia cieszyliśmy się, że Bóg stał się człowiekiem i narodził się z Maryi Dziewicy w ubogiej stajni w Betlejem. W uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego serca nasze wypełnia radość, że Bóg objawił swego Syna wszystkim narodom, które oddały Mu pokłon w osobach Mędrców ze Wschodu. Spełniły się w ten sposób słowa psalmu: *Uwielbią Pana wszystkie ludy ziemi.*

Trzej Mędrcy ze Wschodu ujrzeni gwiazdę Boga Wcielonego, która wzbudziła w nich nadzieję zbawienia. Poszli za tą gwiazdą, a ona zaprowadziła ich do Betlejem. Tam zobaczyli Dziecię wraz z Matką Maryją, upadli na twarz i oddali Mu pokłon. Ofiarowali Mu też dary pełne zbawczej symboliki: złoto, kadzidło i mirrę.

Świętych Mędrców uważamy za ojców naszej wiary i śpiewamy na ich cześć najpiękniejsze kolędy. Ale czy

sama radość z powołania do zbawienia wystarczy? Mędrcy ze Wschodu przebyli długą drogę do Betlejem. Była ona pełna różnych doświadczeń i cierpień duchowych, jak znikanie gwiazdy, obojętność na przyjście Chrystusa, a nawet strach mieszkańców Jerozolimy z powodu Jego narodzin i nienawiść Heroda do nowo narodzonego Zbawiciela. Jednak podobnie jak droga krzyżowa wiedzie do zmartwychwstania, tak pełna doświadczeń droga Mędrców prowadzi do szczęścia z odnalezienia Chrystusa. [abp Stanisław Nowak]

POŚWIECENIE KREDY. Kredą oznaczamy drzwi na znak, że w naszym mieszkaniu przyjęliśmy Wcielonego Syna Bożego. Piszemy na drzwiach domu poświęconą kredą: K+M+B. Niech przypominają nam one imiona Mędrców: Kacpra, Melchiora i Baltazara, a także łacińskie życzenia „*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*” (Niech Chrystus błogosławi temu domowi). Módlmy się więc, aby Chrystus Pan w tym Nowym Roku zawsze przebywał między nami i aby wszyscy, którzy Go szukają, tak jak Mędrcy ze wschodu, znaleźli Go w naszej rodzinie.

K+M+B=2026

mówiąc przy tym:

Przewodniczący ceremonii:

A słowo stało się ciałem

Wszyscy: I mieszkało między nami

Przewodniczący ceremonii:

Niech Chrystus mieszka w naszych sercach i umysłach i niechaj każdy, kto Go szuka znajdzie Go między nami.

Wszyscy: Amen.

KOPERTKI PARAFIALNE. Kopertki są wyłożone na stolikach przy wejściu do Kościoła według numerów. Zachęcamy wszystkich do korzystania z kopert na ofiarę, ponieważ zapewniają one zapis darowizn. Składając ofiarę w kopercie, możemy otrzymać pokwitowanie do podatku dochodowego od darowizny na cele charytatywne. Oprócz kopertek z nazwiskami są też wyłożone kopertki bez nazwisk dla tych którzy do tej pory kopertki nie używali. Proszę sobie wziąć pudełko i tylko napisać swoje imię, nazwisko i adres. Dziękujemy!

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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