

# St. Mark's Catholic Church

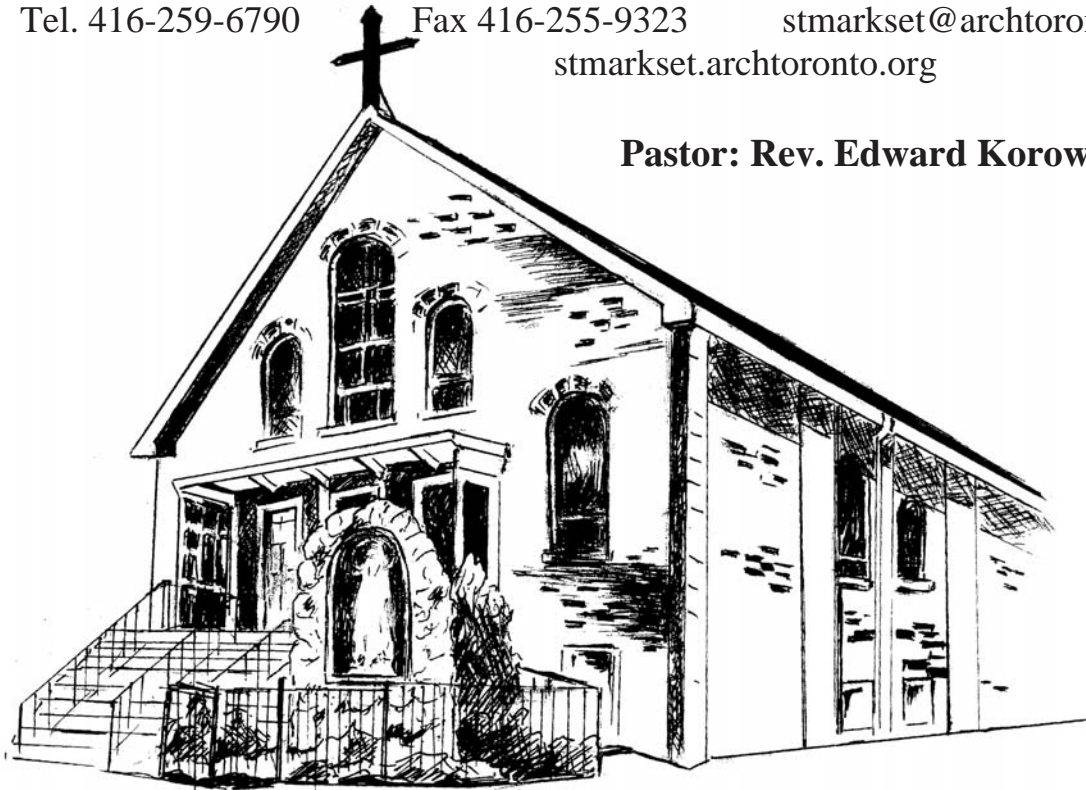
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**Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway**

## 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

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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)  
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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

Jan.10: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's  
Jan.11: 8:30 a.m. George Lee (3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary)  
10:00 a.m. Za Gertrudę i Lucjana Kocleyda  
11:30 a.m. John Munian (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary)  
Jan.12: 9:00 a.m. Józef Rymarz  
Jan.13: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention (R)  
Jan.14: 9:00 a.m. Stefania Engineer  
Jan.15: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving  
Jan.16: 9:00 a.m. Msgr Eduardo Resendes  
Jan.17: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's  
Jan.18: 8:30 a.m. Clarita & Osmundo Angeles  
10:00 a.m. Za wszystkich naszych parafian  
11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving

**BLESSED CHALK** which was blessed on the Solemnity of the Epiphany last Sunday is available on the tables at the back of the Church.

**BAPTIZED INTO STEWARDSHIP.** This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. From reflecting on Jesus' baptism, we can learn more about the mystery of our own baptism which the Catechism describes as "God's most beautiful and magnificent gift" (CCC, 1216).

First, we realize that being God, Jesus did not need to be baptized yet chose to do so as a model for us and to reveal Himself more fully. The Father reveals Jesus as His "beloved Son." So too, in our baptism we receive our renewed identities as beloved sons and daughters of God. St. Paul also describes baptism as clothing ourselves with Christ (Gal 3:27). It is during this most special sacrament that our entire lives are changed for we fully recognize who we are in the eyes of God.

Secondly, the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove reveals Jesus as the Anointed One, or the Christ. Following His baptism, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to prepare for His mission. Similarly, during our baptism we are anointed with sacred chrism which "signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, 1241). Like Jesus, we too will be led by the Spirit into mission. ... all the baptized [are called] to accept their baptismal responsibility "to place their gifts, their resources, their selves at God's service in and through the Church." Essentially, to live out our baptism is to live as an authentic steward. Let us ask ourselves, are we

truly living out the call of stewardship we received during our baptism?

(Source: [www.archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship))

**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](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage). Other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

**COME & SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT:** Friday, February 27 (6:30 p.m.) to Sunday, March 1 (2:00 p.m.), at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). The Office of Vocations will be hosting a retreat for men 18 years and older to offer them an opportunity to discern a possible call to the priesthood at our diocesan seminary. Registration must be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee). For more information, please email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

**ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** Sunday, January 18, 4:00 p.m. at Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd., Toronto. Theme: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). Join Bishop John Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.

**RE: BILL C-9 – ACTION STILL REQUIRED.** While Parliament is still on recess, Catholics are 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.

**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.

**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.

#### **PLANNING TO BE A CATHOLIC TEACHER?**

It is important for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic School Board in Ontario as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you are planning to apply to teach in a Catholic School, please contact the pastor well in advance. It is also helpful to be a regular envelope user in order to verify that you do indeed regularly attend Mass in the parish.

**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.

### **Święto Chrztu Pańskiego**

**DAR CHRZTU ŚWIĘTEGO.** Dziś, w święto Chrztu Pańskiego kończy się okres Bożego Narodzenia. Ewangelie zgodnie zaświadczenia, że gdy Jezus wyszedł z wody, zstąpił na Niego Duch Święty w postaci gołębic i z nieba zabrzmiał głos Ojca,

który powiedział: "Ty jesteś mój Syn umiłowany, w Tobie mam upodobanie" (*Mk 1, 11*).

Jezus, wmieszany w tłum pokutników, poprosił Jana Chrzciciela o chrzest, czym głęboko zaskoczył Prekursora. Lecz to właśnie ten gest objawia szczególnie rys mesjanizmu Jezusa: ma On wypełnić wolę Ojca, wydając się w "ofierze prześlągalnej za nasze grzechy" (*1 J 4, 10*). Pokorna solidarność z grzesznikami doprowadzi Go do śmierci na krzyżu. Zanurzenie w śmierci i zmartwychwstaniu Chrystusa jest radykalnym wyzwoleniem człowieka z grzechu i śmierci oraz stanowi nowe narodziny z Ducha do życia, które nie będzie miało końca.

Chrzest dzieci, w bardzo prosty i wymowny sposób pozwala nam pojąć prawdziwą naturę zbawienia. Jest ono łaską, czyli darmowym darem Pana. Dlatego rodzice chrześcijańscy powinni spieszyć ze swoimi dziećmi do chrzcielnicy, aby mogły one otrzymać na mocy wiary Kościoła wielki dar życia Bożego. Rodzice ci poprzez swój przykład, modlitwę i pouczenia mają też być pierwszymi wychowawcami w wierze swoich dzieci. [*Św. Jan Paweł II*]

*Boże w Trójcy Jedyny, przez łaskę chrztu św., pragnę być Twoim dzieckiem teraz i w wieczności.*

**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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