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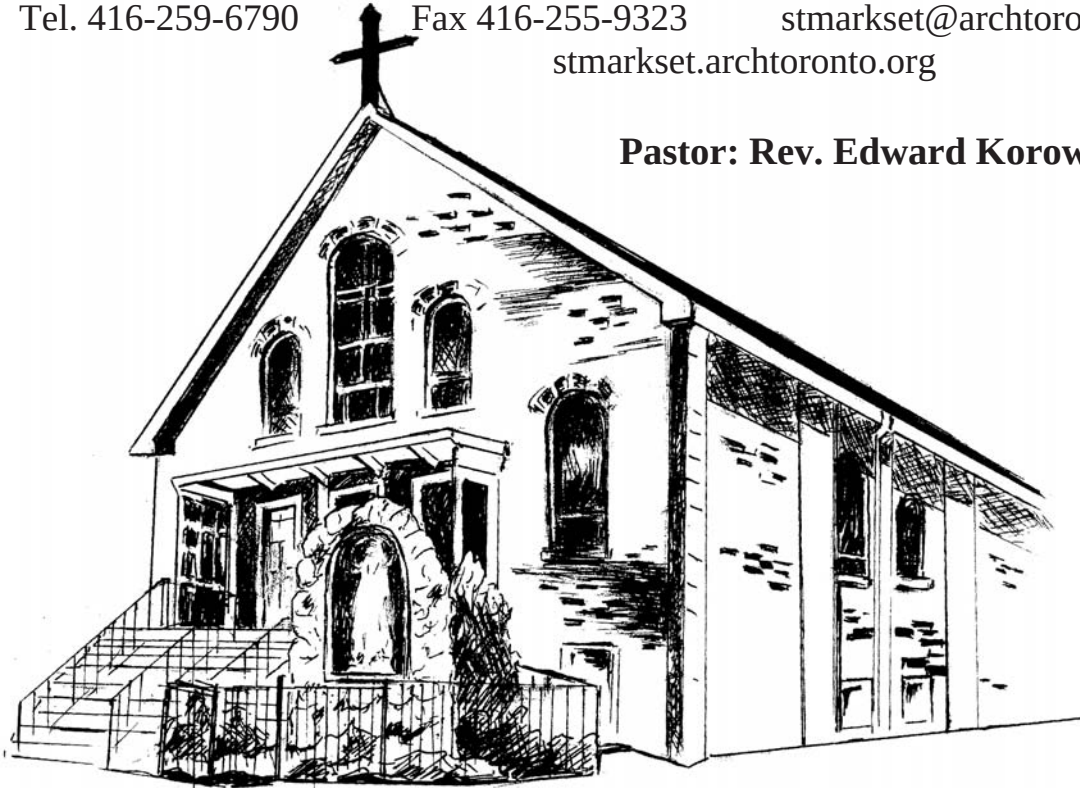
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WEEKEND MASSES

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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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 This Week

- Jan.17: 5:00 p.m. Special Intention
 Jan.18: 8:30 a.m. Clarita & Osmundo Angeles
 10:00 a.m. Za wszystkich naszych parafian
 11:30 a.m. Edwin Tabone
 Jan.19: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 10:30 a.m. Jerzy (George) Kowalczyk
 (funeral Mass)
 Jan.20: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 10:30 a.m. Jose Melo (funeral Mass)
 Jan.21: 9:00 a.m. Stefania Engineer
 Jan.22: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Jan.23: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Jan.24: 5:00 p.m. Luis Da Silva (3rd anniversary)
 Jan.25: 8:30 a.m. Loretta and Gloria Lee
 10:00 a.m. Za Aleksandra i Stanisława
 Skoczylas
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's

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.*

PLAYING OUR PART IN THE CHURCH. Even in today's short Gospel passage, we can learn a lot about authentic stewardship through the example of St. John the Baptist. John used his gifts of prophecy and preaching to help make Christ known. He readily used his gifts for the service of Christ and His mission. We should ask ourselves, how are we using our gifts to serve Christ? ... our time, talent and treasure "are the gifts that each of us has freely received, and which we need to use responsibly in a spirit of gratitude. If we do that ... then we will experience the joyful serenity of deep stewardship."

As we are still in the month of January, it is never too late to commit to a deeper life of stewardship this year. Let us strive to be intentional and tangible in our resolve to be stewards. For starters, it is important to gratefully acknowledge that all we have in our lives is from God. Let us begin to take time each day in prayer to thank Him for all of His blessings. ... Let us conclude today's reflection by pondering the following words of

encouragement by St. Teresa of Calcutta. "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

(Source: 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. Other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE: March 7-8. 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. Contact us now: Christian & Elizabeth Arroba, 416-554-4439 or 416-554-7062. christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org

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/comesee. For more information, please email vocations@archtoronto.org.

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Sunday, January 18, 4:00 p.m. at Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd. 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. 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.

LECTORS: We are looking for additional readers for the **Saturday 5:00 p.m.** and **Sunday 8:30 a.m.** Masses. If you are interested, please speak with Fr. Koroway.

17th ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE: **Saturday March 21.** Le Treport Banquet Hall, Mississauga. Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the closing Mass. Register at dwf2026.eventbrite.ca.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS for 2025 will be mailed directly from the Chancery. You should receive them either by the end of January or beginning of February.

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.

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.

II Niedziela w ciągu roku – A

UCZESTNICZYĆ W ŚWIATŁOŚCI. Dzisiejsze czytania kierują naszą uwagę ku Osobie Mesjasza, w którego usta Pan „włożył pieśń nową” (Ps 40,4). Wielki prorok Izajasz sięga jeszcze dalej i głębiej w sferę obszaru posłannictwa Mesjasza, pisząc: „Ustanowię Cię światłością dla pogan, aby moje zbawienie dotarło aż do krańców ziemi” (Iz 49,6). Światłość stanowi niezaprzeczalny atrybut Boga, więc przepowiadany tu Zbawiciel jest zarazem Synem Bożym.

Pan Jezus podczas swego trzyletniego nauczania na ziemi palestyńskiej niejednokrotnie wskazywał na Siebie jako na Światłość świata. Kto żyje Nim i w Nim, ten widzi, gdyż uczestniczy w Światłości. Oprócz światła materialnego, istnieje jeszcze światło duchowe, za pomocą którego człowiek – mając do dyspozycji inteligencję i uczucia – rozpoznaje byty bezcielesne. Światłość Boża jest dla ducha źródłem życia wiecznego. W niej jest mądrość i uświęcenie.

Św. Jan Ewangelista ukazuje nam niezwykle spotkanie Pana Jezusa z synem Zachariasza i Elżbiety. Jan Chrzciciel, uświęcony już w łonie swej matki światłem Ducha Świętego, żył nieustannie w Światłości. Dzięki temu, że kochał i rozumiał Światłość, bez trudu rozpoznał w Jezusie Syna Bożego, nazywając Go Barankiem Bożym, który gładzi grzech świata. W określeniu tym została zawarta cała istota misji ewangelizacyjnej i prawda o Mesjaszu.

Dzisiaj Bóg pyta każdego z nas, czy mamy otwarte oczy, czy ujrzeliśmy Jezusa i Jego działanie i czy jesteśmy gotowi świadczyć o Nim. (ks. Zbigniew Krzyszowski)

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.

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 darowizny. 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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