

St. Mark's Catholic Church

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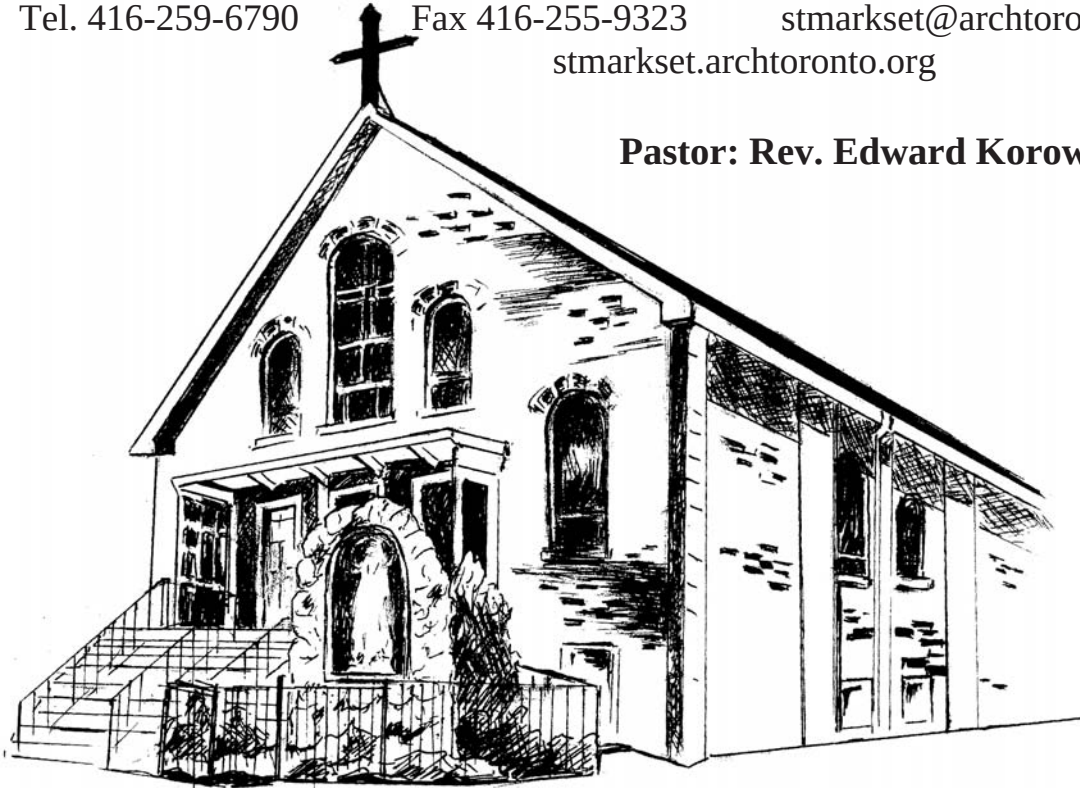
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WEEKEND MASSES

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
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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!



Mass Intentions

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
 Jan.26: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention (P.K.)
 Jan.27: 9:00 a.m. Eric Robb (9th anniversary)
 Jan.28: 9:00 a.m. Stefania Engineer
 Jan.29: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Jan.30: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Jan.31: 5:00 p.m. Emil Jachna
 Feb. 1: 8:30 a.m. Shirley Lee
 10:00 a.m. Za Zofię i Wacława Witek
 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.*

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR: Saturday, February 7, at 9:00 a.m. Learn how to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection; how to create your own legacy; about our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. To register: follow this QR link: <https://qrco.de/WebFeb7>; or send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar February 7" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

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.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025)

Receipts

Offertory	\$148,020.52
Building Fund	52,876.53
Easter and Christmas	12,633.95
Other parish collections	6,650.00
Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals	5,850.00
Bank Interest	109.71
H.S.T. Refund	7,667.71
Ont. govt anti-hate security grant	7,500.00
Masses	11,720.00
Candles	13,611.00
Insurance payments	3,391.58
Miscellaneous	811.91
Special Diocesan Collections	18,897.00
	<u>\$289,739.91</u>
Cash balance (January 1, 2025)	81,299.08
	<u>\$371,038.99</u>

Expenditures

Pastor's salary & stipends	\$ 48,479.12
E.I. (parish contribution)	1,388.61
Musicians and cleaners	36,870.00
Office supplies and expenses	7,382.59
Church utilities (gas, hydro)	10,614.50
Insurance	8,090.47
Repairs and maintenance	15,643.71
Church flat roof repairs	18,645.00
Liturgical expenses	4,959.18
Candles & Missals	4,937.20
Grounds (landscaping, snow removal)	11,599.45
Rectory expenses	16,666.60
Rectory property taxes	4,339.02
Diocesan assessment	37,046.00
Clergy health & retirement premium	12,010.00
Furnishings/equipment	854.00
Anti-hate grant expenditures	7,899.26
Sundry	6,084.02
Special diocesan collections	18,897.00
	<u>\$272,405.73</u>
Cash balance (December 31, 2025)	98,633.26
	<u>\$371,038.99</u>

Receipts. *H.S.T. Refund:* charities pay this tax, but then receive a *partial* rebate of about 69 per cent. *Other parish collections* includes the Initial Offering, New Year's, the Polish Advent/Lenten Missions, and Holy Souls. We received *Insurance payments* towards repairing the ceiling water damage in the children's room and dumping vandalism incident behind the

Church. The Ontario government again provided a grant of \$7,500 to improve security to protect against potential anti-hate incidents.

Expenses. *Pastor's salary* is gross, *before* deductions. The *Diocesan assessment* is a 15.75 per cent tax levied by the diocese on parish revenue. *Repairs and maintenance* includes repairing the ceiling water damage in the children's room, cleaning up the vandalism dumping behind the Church, painting the Church stairs and railings, plumbing work, locksmith, and the annual elevator maintenance contract and licence. *Liturgical expenses* includes hosts, wine, altar candles, offering envelopes. Our personnel expenses are low because there is only one priest, and no secretary, caretaker or housekeeper. Two part-time cleaners are responsible for cleaning the Church and rectory, and a firm is under contract for landscaping and snow removal.

There are many projects that need to be addressed in our parish. The Church was built back in 1955, and after 70 years, there is much in need of repair and renovation. With your prayers and support, we hope to be able to implement these projects over the next few years. We are grateful to all who make their sacrificial offering every week. In particular, we are extremely grateful to those who have made generous sacrificial offerings to the parish. The Church expenses never go on holiday! In keeping with diocesan policy, the parish has a finance committee. In 2025, it was composed of the Pastor, Darryl Quinn and Gerard Golian.

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.

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.

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.

III Niedziela w ciągu roku – A

ODWAŻNA DECYZJA. W Jezusowym wezwaniu do nawrócenia Bóg wyciąga do człowieka pomocną dłoń. To wezwanie jest dziś skierowane także do Ciebie! Każdy bowiem potrzebuje nawrócenia. Nie trzeba być wielkim, zatwardziałym grzesznikiem, żeby posłyszeć słowa Chrystusa: Nawracajcie się! (Mt 4, 17). Bóg oczekuje od nas poprawy także z małych grzechów, z tych codziennych słabości, które obciążają nas w drodze do Królestwa Bożego.

Nawrócić się znaczy porzucić dotychczasowy styl życia i wartościowania, by rozpocząć życie od nowa, razem z Bogiem oraz zgodnie z Jego wolą. Człowiek nawrócony to ten, kto oddał się Bogu we wszystkim i na zawsze, kto postawił Boga na pierwszym miejscu i żyje tak, aby zdobyć nagrodę życia wiecznego.

Żeby zbliżyć się do Boga i przemienić swoje życie, trzeba przede wszystkim dostrzec przechodzącego Jezusa i Jego pełne miłości spojrzenie oraz usłyszeć Jego głos, który proponuje: Pójdźcie za Mną! (Mt 4, 19). W ten sposób Jezus wskazuje nam drogę nawrócenia. Ten, kto decyduje się pójść za Nim, musi zostawić wszystko, by stać się Jego uczniem i apostołem, musi zburzyć mury, które go od Boga odgradzają, oraz odrzucić grzech i to, co go do grzechu prowadzi.

Chrystus zaprasza dziś każdego z nas do odważnego podjęcia decyzji o nawróceniu. Nie lękajmy się! On leczy wszelkie ludzkie choroby i słabości oraz podnosi na duchu tych, którzy zadają sobie trud przemiany i kroczenia Jego drogą. (ks. Wojciech Kuzioła)

Dzisiaj zbierana będzie druga kolekta 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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