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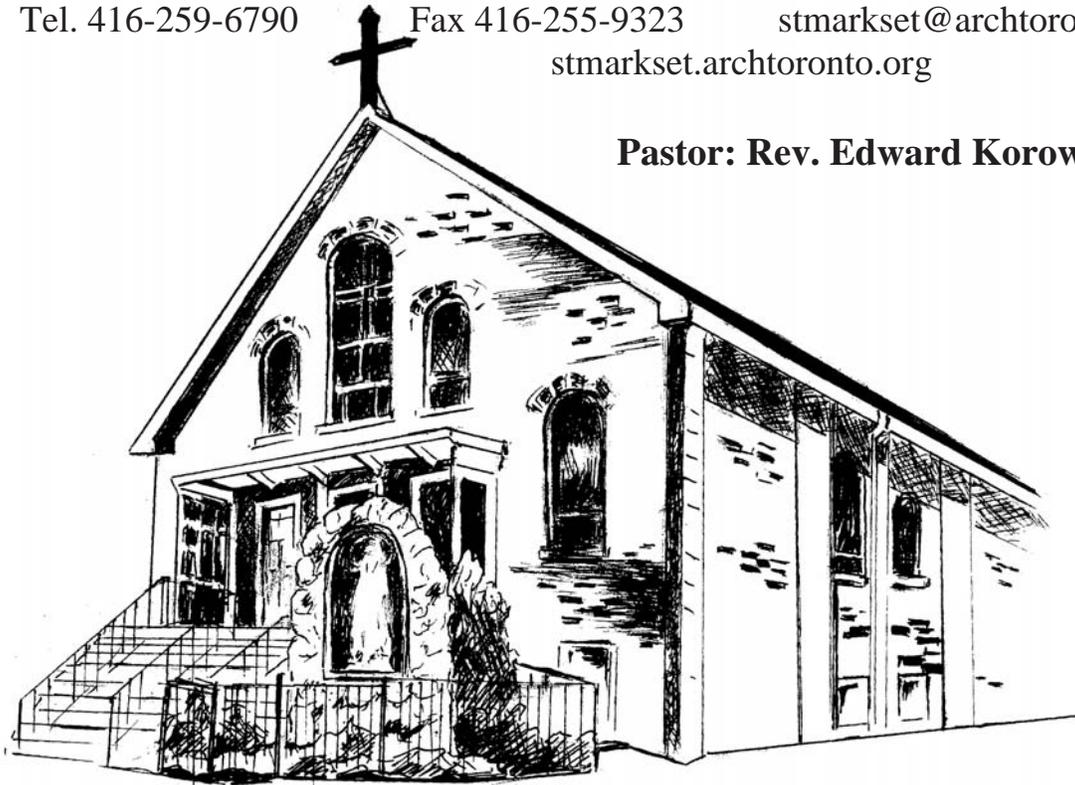
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**Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway**

## 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

## 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)  
uscbb.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!*



- Mar.14: 5:00 p.m. Ted Koroway  
 Mar.15: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's  
 10:00 a.m. W pewnej intencji  
 11:30 a.m. Tricia Robertson (health)  
 Mar.16: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 7:00p.m. Za zmarłych z rodziny  
 Jędrzejczyków  
 Mar.17: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving  
 Mar.18: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 Mar.19: 9:00 a.m. Amelia Samaniego  
 Mar.20: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving  
 Mar.21: 5:00 p.m. Jose Melo  
 Mar.22: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's  
 10:00 a.m. Za zmarłych z rodziny Jędrasików  
 11:30 a.m. Anna Anderson (89<sup>th</sup> birthday)

## Stations of the Cross

During Lent, there will be the Stations of the Cross in English on **Fridays, at 9:25 a.m.** (after Mass); and in Polish on **Mondays, at 7:25 p.m.** (after Mass).

**SHARE LIFE:** Next Sunday, March 22, is **ShareLife Sunday**. Special envelopes, as well as brochures, are available at the back of the Church for those who did not receive one in the mail.

**LAETARE SUNDAY:** The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as *Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday*. Rose vestments are worn as an external sign of our joy, in place of the usual purple. We take a pause as we have passed the half-way point of Lent, and rejoice as Easter draws near. As a sign of our joy, the organ is allowed to play on its own this Sunday, not just to accompany the singing.

**ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS** will take place at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on **Tuesday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m.** Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Those unable to attend can participate in the celebration via livestream at [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live).

## Help Not Harm: Take Action to Support Bill C-218 Write your Member of Parliament Today! Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca)

You're invited to visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**, which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) (assisted suicide) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

Our Catholic faith teaches that every human life is a sacred gift from God. We are called to accompany those who suffer, to uphold their dignity, and to ensure they receive authentic care, compassion, and hope. Mental illness requires treatment, support and love — never abandonment or the offer of death. Many of us know someone living with mental illness — a family member, friend, neighbour, or colleague. At this critical moment, let us raise our voices in faithful witness to the Gospel of life.

As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

**TRUE RECOVERY OF SIGHT.** In today's Gospel we encounter Jesus healing a man who was born blind. In all of the Bible, this is the only healing of a man blind since birth, whereas other healings were of temporary blindness. The uniqueness of this great mystery offers us the ability to richly reflect on what it means to be good stewards of Christ.

First, while the man was healed of his physical sight, the more remarkable miracle was his ability to grasp Jesus' true identity. When Jesus reveals to him that He is the Son of Man, the blind man boldly responds, "Lord, I believe." The blind man did not come to this realization on his own, but it was the Lord's working in his life that led him to this change of heart.

So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about our interior conversion. We must never fall into the temptation that our faith and charity is the result of our own strength or abilities. After the blind man's

encounter, it says “he worshipped Him.” As good stewards we should seek to imitate his example, falling down in thanksgiving and adoration for all of the grace and gifts the Lord has poured into our lives. Let us take a moment today to praise God most especially for the gifts of our Catholic faith and the Church.

(source: [archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://archtoronto.org/stewardship))

**VOTIVE CANDLES.** Please remember that the price for lighting a large votive candle is **\$5 each** and **\$1 each** for the small candles. Thank you!

**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](http://dwf2026.eventbrite.ca).

**SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION.** One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine’s Seminary, The Shepherds’ Trust, and many others. To donate securities, and for more information, please contact our office at [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).

**PROJECT RACHEL.** Have you suffered the loss of a child from abortion, or the abortion pill? If grief, sadness, or shame has kept you alone in this, know that you are not alone, and that there is healing for you. Project Rachel at the Refuge will hold a retreat for post-abortive women in late April, 2026. 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](http://stmarysrefuge.org/rachel).

**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.

## Czwarta Niedziela Wielkiego Postu – A

**DUCHOWE ŚWIATŁO.** „Nie tak widzi człowiek, jak widzi Bóg...” – takie słowa kieruje Pan do Samuela mającego namaścić nowego króla nad Izraelem. I Samuel, tylko dlatego że słucha głosu Boga, potrafi dokonać właściwego wyboru.

Nasze ludzkie kryteria często zawodzą, gdyż nie zawsze pokrywają się z tymi, które pochodzą od Boga i zdani tylko na siebie błądzimy. Faryzeusze i uczeni w Piśmie, stojąc wobec ewidentnego cudu uzdrowienia niewidomego od urodzenia, nie chcieli przyjąć do wiadomości, że Bóg przemówił do nich w Jezusie Chrystusie, dając także im szansę zbawienia. Uparcie trwali przy swoich własnych kryteriach oceny rzeczywistości i wyobrażeniu Boga, który podlegał ich ludzkim ograniczeniom. I w rezultacie to oni okazali się ślepymi, którzy potrzebują uzdrowienia, zamkniętymi na poznanie prawdy – nie widzieli, tak jak widzi Bóg...

Żeby widzieć, potrzebujemy światła, którego sami w sobie nie mamy. To Jezus jest światłością świata i to w Nim i przez Niego otrzymujemy Boże spojrzenie na nas samych, naszych bliźnich, na otaczającą nas rzeczywistość. W Jezusie zyskujemy nowe kryterium, które oczyszcza nasze ludzkie spojrzenie, zdejmując łuski z oczu. Gdy wpatrujemy się w Jego oblicze, w przykład Jego życia, słuchamy Jego nauki, przyjmujemy Go w Eucharystii i naśladujemy Go w naszym postępowaniu, widzimy tak jak widzi Bóg i potrafimy wybierać to, co dla nas lepsze i co prowadzi nas do życia wiecznego. (ks. Witold Wiśniowski – paulista)

**DROGA KRZYŻOWA:** W każdy poniedziałek podczas Wielkiego Postu o godzinie **7:25** wieczorem (po Mszy św. o godz. **7:00**.)

**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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