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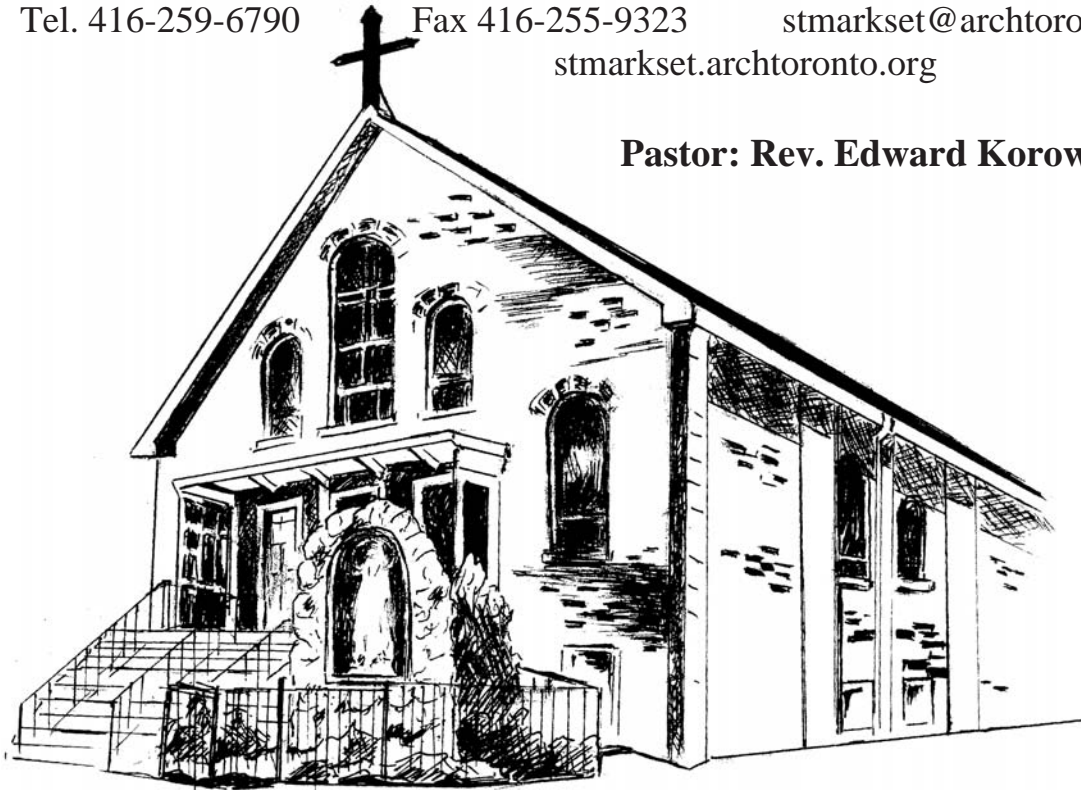
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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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

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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)
uscgb.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!

*A very Happy and Blessed Easter to
all of our Parishioners!*

Mass Intentions



for the Week

- Apr. 4: **7:00 p.m.** Easter Vigil
 Apr. 5: 8:30 a.m. For our Parishioners
 10:00 a.m. Za wszystkich naszych parafian
 11:30 a.m. For our Parishioners
 Apr. 6: **10:00 a.m.** Za Władysławę Żeglińską
 Apr. 7: 9:00 a.m. Anna Morassutti
 Apr. 8: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Apr. 9: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Apr. 10: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Apr. 11: 5:00 p.m. Leonia Wierzbicki
 Apr. 12: 8:30 a.m. Christopher & Tadeusz Sadowski
 10:00 a.m. Za Lucyjana i Gertrudę Kocleyda
 11:30 a.m. For our Parishioners

RETIREMENT AND NEW PASTOR. Fr. Edward Koroway will be turning 75 on April 4. Under canon (Church) law, Pastors are required to submit their resignation on reaching that age. He will therefore be retiring as Pastor effective June 24, 2026, after nineteen years here at St. Mark's. He plans to continue to serve as a priest to help out where needed in the diocese. Fr. Joseph Morawski, CSMA (Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel), currently Pastor of St. Teresa, Etobicoke, has been appointed as the new Pastor, also effective June 24.

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION: Special envelopes are included in the offertory envelope boxes for this purpose. Additional Easter Offering envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the Church for those who do not use the regular boxes. *Thank you!*

RECOGNIZING THE RISEN LORD. Rejoice, the Lord is risen, truly He is risen! Today is the Solemnity of Solemnities, the most holy day in the Church's calendar. Let us take a moment to rejoice in the glory of the resurrection. These past forty days we have been preparing for this great feast where we will be met with the risen Christ. However, let us ask ourselves, how often do we fail to recognize Him in our daily lives?

In the Gospel today, we hear the account of Jesus' appearing to Mary Magdalene. Mary is face-to-face with Jesus risen from the dead and yet she didn't recognize Him. She had spent the last couple years of her life following Him and now she cannot even identify Him as the man before her. While we may be quick to judge Mary, we should remember that Christ makes Himself present to us in countless ways that we often don't perceive.

One way that Jesus comes to us is through our neighbour. St. Teresa of Calcutta says, "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus." This Easter, let us rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and seek to find Him in our neighbours. The same way that we would run to serve Christ, let us serve Christ dwelling in those around us and fully live out our call of stewardship.

(www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

WHEN IS EASTER? In the western Church, Easter can fall between March 22 and April 25. The date is the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon, that is the full moon after the vernal equinox (first day of spring—taken to be March 21). This year the first full moon of spring was on Wednesday, April 1, so the first Sunday after that is April 5, Easter Sunday.

"EASTER DUTY": Because of the central importance of Easter to the Christian faith, the Catholic Church requires that all Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion receive the Holy Eucharist sometime during the Easter season (canon 920.1), unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year (canon 920.2.) The Easter season lasts until Pentecost Sunday (May 24 this year), fifty days after Easter. In order to receive Holy Communion worthily, we need to be in a state of grace. So also, after having reached the age of discretion (taken to be 7 years of age), each member of the faithful is obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year (canon 989). Of course, if we are in a state of grave sin, we should get to confession as early as possible, and not delay. We are also encouraged to confess lesser, or venial sins. For in the sacrament of penance, we not only receive God's forgiveness, his divine mercy, but also his grace so we do not fall back into sin so easily in the future.

APRIL 5, 2026



First Communion

The next preparation class for the students who have registered to receive this sacrament (and their parents) will be in the Church next **Saturday, April 11**, from **10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE 2026: **Thursday, May 14**, Parliament Hill, Ottawa. Rally: 12:30 p.m.; March: 1:30 p.m. The National March for Life is a peaceful pro-life and pro-family demonstration which calls upon our elected officials to bring forward legislation that will protect the right to life for all human beings at every stage of life. For details, visit marchforlife.ca. (Additional events during March for Life week: May 12-15.)

**Protect Mental Health, Protect Life —
Support Bill C-218
Write your Member of Parliament Today!
Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca**

You are invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca to quickly and respectfully contact your Member of Parliament and ask for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**. This proposed legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) (assisted suicide) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. A vote is expected by mid-April 2026.

If the law is not amended, MAiD (assisted suicide) will become available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to respond with compassion, accompaniment, and genuine care, safeguarding the dignity and lives of those who are vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

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!

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.

Niedziela Wielkanocna Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego

ZMARTWYCHSTAŁ TRZECIEGO DNIA. Czy zastanawiałeś się kiedykolwiek nad tym, dlaczego akurat trzeciego dnia? Zmartwychwstanie jest przecież wywyższeniem Chrystusa, a ono dokonało się już w momencie śmierci, właśnie wtedy, kiedy Ukrzyżowany wypowiedział słowa: Wykonało się.

Nie Chrystusowi i nie Ojcu były potrzebne owe trzy dni. Były one potrzebne ludziom, aby dojrzeni i przygotowali się do oglądania Zmartwychwstałego. Nie mogli spoglądać na niego przez łyż, które dają obraz zniekształcony, ani też w przestachu i przerażeniu, lecz w pokorze i z wdzięcznością. Na takim dojrzałym postrzeganiu Pana miała się opierać wiara Kościoła. Dlatego Jan, zwycięzca biegu do grobu Chrystusa, choć wyprzedził Piotra, zczekał na niego u wejścia do grobu i jemu pierwszemu dał prawo do obejrzenia miejsca, gdzie złożono ciało Chrystusa. Ujrzał i uwierzył, niejako w imieniu Kościoła, który miał zostać umocniony jego wiarą.

My, choć nie znamy Chrystusa według ciała, należymy do wspólnoty błogosławionych wiarą w Zmartwychwstałego. Umacnia nas w tej wierze Eucharystia – dar Chrystusa zmartwychwstałego. I nie szukamy już, jak niewierny Tomasz, ran umęczonego Pana, ale każdy z nas, ubogacony Jego przenajświętszą obecnością, wyznaje z wiarą: Pan mój i Bóg mój.

Msza święta jest zawsze sakramentem paschalnym, znakiem Chrystusowego przejścia pomiędzy nami. Świętujmy ją z radością ze swojego nawrócenia, z nowego życia i z tego, że ono się nie kończy. (*bp Jan Bernard Szlaga*)

*Pragnę złożyć wam wszystkim i waszym rodzinom—
szczególnie chorym—serdeczne życzenia Wesołych
Świąt Wielkanocnych, oraz błogosławieństwa
Zmartwychwstałego Chrystusa—Alleluja!*
ks. Edward Koroway

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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