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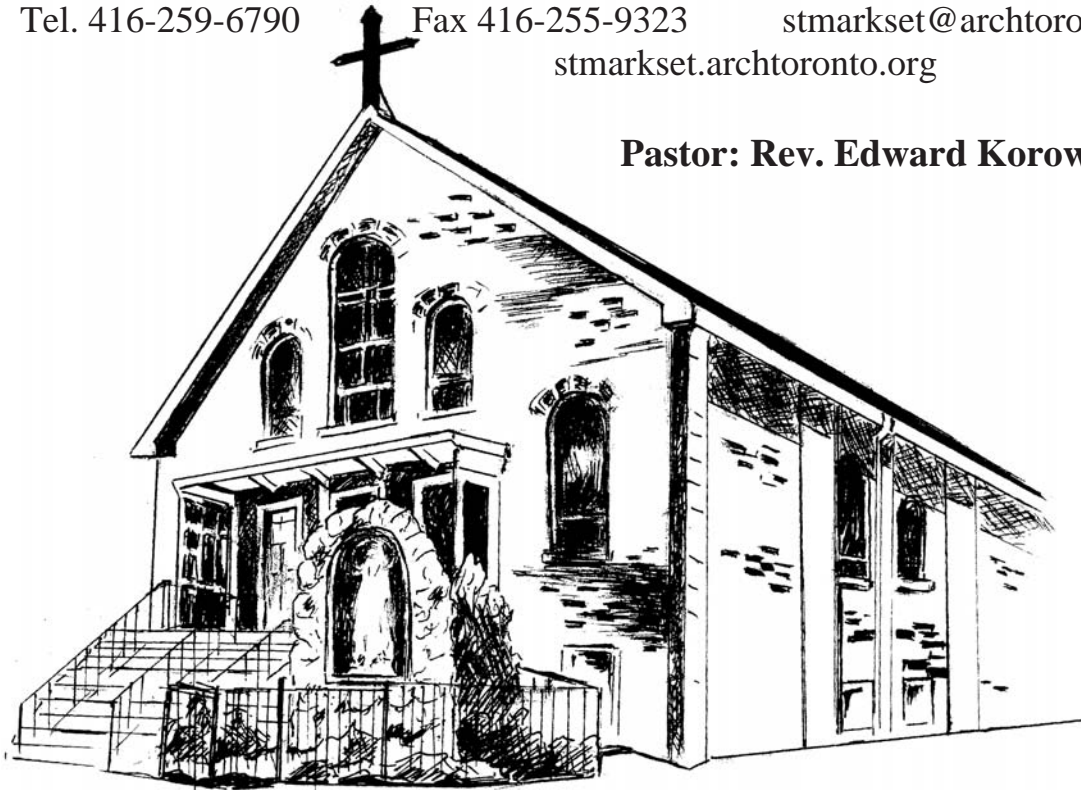
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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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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Bishop Allen Academy
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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!



Masses For The Week

- 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
 Apr. 13 9:00 a.m. Caprice Derushe
 Apr. 14: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 10:00 a.m. St. Mark's School Mass
 Apr. 15: **No Mass** (*due to Bishop Allen Masses*)
 Apr. 16: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Apr.17: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Apr.18: 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving
 Apr.19: 8:30 a.m. Special Intention
 10:00 a.m. Za Stanisława Frankowskiego
 11:30 a.m. For our Parishioners

THANK YOU to all who helped to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so beautiful this year: the musicians, altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, those who helped to decorate the sanctuary, those who count the collection, and anyone else who assisted in any way. Thank you too for your generosity during the Easter collection.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is known as *Divine Mercy Sunday*. During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy, he asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of this day concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast, which had already been granted to Poland, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope St. John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000: "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened". (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy.

The Divine Mercy image is displayed in our Church above St. Joseph's chapel. The image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing mercy to the whole world. "The two rays denote blood and water. The pale ray stands for the water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross. ...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him." (Diary 299)

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.*

"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.



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 18**, from **10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

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!

Food for Thought

*He had no servants, yet they called Him Master.
He had no degrees, yet they called Him Teacher.
He had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.
He had no army, yet kings feared Him.
He had no toys, yet children loved Him.
He won no military victories,
yet he conquered the world.
He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.
He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today!*

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.

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.

**Druga Niedziela Wielkanocna Miłosierdzia
Bożego – A**

PAN MÓJ I BÓG MÓJ. Dzisiejsze święto Miłosierdzia Bożego ukazuje nam ogrom Bożej miłości względem każdego z nas. Jezus otwiera przed nami wnętrze swojego Najświętszego Serca, byśmy mogli zaczerpnąć wiele łask dla siebie i całego świata. Dlatego i my otwórzmy się na bezmiar tej miłości uzdrawiającej, byśmy mieli pełny udział w radościach Zmartwychwstania. „Bóg bogaty w miłosierdzie” pragnie dotknąć nas swoją łaską, byśmy nie byli niewolnikami grzechu i szatana, ale stali się „dziećmi Światłości”.

Zmartwychwstały Jezus zachęca nas do głębokiej wiary, pobudza naszą nadzieję i obdarza nową miłością. Miłość ta większa jest od śmierci, przewycięża wszelkie zło i jest całkowicie bezinteresowna. Nie patrzy na to, co było, ale pragnie nam dać nową szansę na lepsze jutro. Dzisiejszy świat, tak bardzo poraniony grzechem egoizmu i pychy, potrzebuje tej miłości, by w sercu każdego człowieka zapanował pokój i radość, które płyną z faktu pustego grobu Zbawiciela.

Chciejmy dziś, wpatrując się w Miłosiernego Pana, powiedzieć za św. Tomaszem: „Pan mój i Bóg mój!”, byśmy mieli udział w błogosławieństwie Zbawiciela: „Błogosławieni, którzy nie widzieli, a uwierzyli”. Nie bądźmy jedynie wystraszonymi uczniami Chrystusa, zamkniętymi w skorupie swoich słabości, ale stańmy się mężnymi głosicielami Jezusowej Ewangelii, bo Pan pokonał wszelkie zło i pragnie naszego szczęścia. (ks. Jacek Zakrzewski — *pallotyń*)

„Kiedy sam odślonisz tajemnice swego miłosierdzia, wieczności będzie za mało, aby Ci za to naleźycie podziękować”. (św. Faustyna Kowalska, Dzienniczek, 1122).

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.

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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