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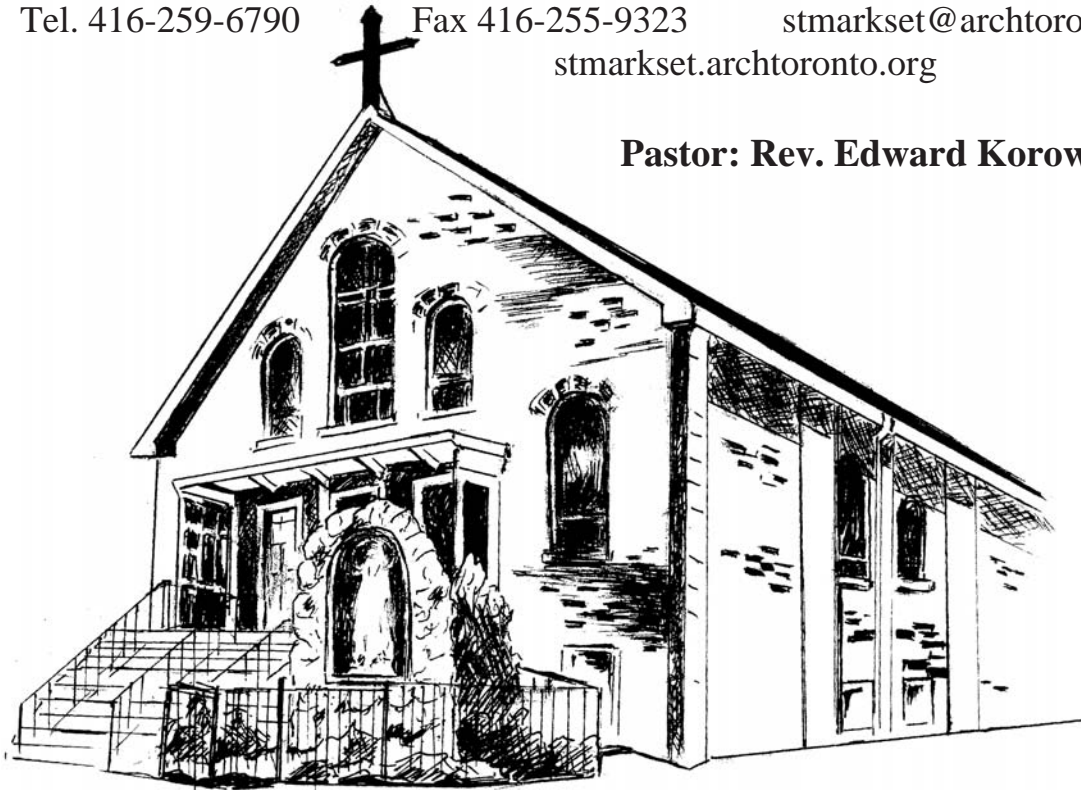
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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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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Sainte-Marguerite-d'Youville
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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!



**Masses
This Week**

- Apr. 25: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 Apr. 26: 8:30 a.m. Zofia Misiak
 10:00 a.m. Za Stanisławę i Antoniego Wołek;
 Za Zofię i Władysława Wołosz
 11:30 a.m. Edwin Tabone
 Apr. 27 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Apr. 28: 9:00 a.m. Józef and Karolina Skoczylas
 Apr. 29: 9:00 a.m. Jenny Chuck Chan
 Apr. 30: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 May 1: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 7:10 p.m. W pewnej intencji
 May 2: 5:00 p.m. First Holy Communion Mass
 May 3: 8:30 a.m. Christopher & Tadeusz Sadowski
 10:00 a.m. Za zmarłych Piotra, Antoninę
 i Ryszarda Puzio
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's



FIRST FRIDAY

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday, May 1 is the First Friday of May. After the usual 9:00 a.m. Mass (in English), there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **until 3:00 p.m.** The Church will reopen at **6:00 p.m.** for Confessions until **6:45 p.m.**, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at **7:00 p.m.**, and evening Mass at **7:10 p.m.** (in Polish).

SHARE LIFE: The second ShareLife collection will be held *this* weekend. Special green envelopes and brochures are available at the back of the Church for those who did not receive one in the mail.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION: Thank you to all who contributed \$1,155 in last weekend's monthly Building Fund go towards the many renovation projects that need to be addressed in our parish



First Communion

Seven children will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time during Mass on **Saturday, May 1**, at the **5:00 p.m.** Mass. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday, as we always hear the Gospel which presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is also the annual World Day of Prayer for vocations.

A Meditation (on vocation)

By Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission—I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work, I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place *while not intending it*—if I do but keep His Commandments.

Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me—still He knows what He is about.

IMITATING THE GOOD SHEPHERD. “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.” These are the beautiful opening verses of Psalm 23 which describes God as a shepherd taking care of His people. One attribute of shepherds that is especially poignant is how hard they labour for the good of their flock. Faithful shepherds will journey with their flock, seek out the lost sheep and defend them from any ravaging predators. Jesus does this as well, labouring for us so that we may reach our eternal home where we will rest in His love.

As Christians we are called to imitate Christ in all things including being a shepherd. We too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. To be a shepherd is essentially to be a good steward. As stewards, we offer ourselves and our gifts for the good of others, especially our parish communities. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how he labours for us.

One practice we can adopt, especially on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, is to encourage and pray daily for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. ... (source: archtoronto.org/stewardship)

HELP NOT HARM. Take Action to Support Bill C-218 Write your Member of Parliament Today! Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca. You're invited to visit 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 (assisted suicide) will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. We are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

A DAY WITH MARY: Saturday, May 30 at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis. There will be music, fellowship and more. Registration is now open online at: <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>. There is no fee to register — this is a free event open to all. Attendees are welcome to pre-purchase lunch if desired or bring their own lunch as they please. There will be no lunch sales on the day of the event: lunches are sold in advance only for the little ones.

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. St. Leo's parish Knights of Columbus are organizing a bus to Ottawa for \$40. Call 416-251-1109 to reserve a seat.

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 Wielkanocna –A Niedziela Dobrego Pasterza

PROWADZI NAS PASTERZ. Starotestamentalni prorocy oraz psalmiści nazywali Boga pasterzem Izraela. Zapowiadali też, że w czasach ostatecznych Bóg da swojemu ludowi Pomazańca, który będzie się troszczył o naród jak pasterz o swoje owce. Jezus oznajmia dziś, że to właśnie On wypełnia zapowiedzi proroków. Nie jest jednym z owych przywódców, którzy oszukiwali swych zwolenników i prowadzili ich na manowce. Nie chce też być potężnym wojownikiem lub ziemskim królem — nie przyszedł po to, by walczyć orężem. On jest Pasterzem — dobrym i miłosiernym.

Podobnie jak pasterz owiec idzie na początku stada, aby wskazywać właściwą drogę, tak też Jezus swoim życiem i nauką ukazuje ludziom drogę do Ojca. Dla Niego ważne jest życie i szczęście każdego bez wyjątku człowieka. Jego Ewangelia to niezawodny drogowskaz dla tych, którzy się zagubili na ścieżkach życia i nie umieją znaleźć drogi do Boga. Jezus pochyla się nad ich słabością jak pasterz nad skaleczoną owcą. W sakramencie pojednania goi ludzkie rany zadane przez grzech i dodaje sił do walki ze złem. Kiedy zaś doświadczamy pokus ponad nasze siły, On staje w naszej obronie, wiedząc, że sami nie będziemy w stanie przeciwstawić się atakom szatana.

Jezus oddał za nas życie i zmartwychwstał, abyśmy razem z Nim mogli żyć wiecznie. Chcemy więc z ufnością iść za naszym Panem, Nauczycielem i Pasterzem, bo u Jego boku czujemy się bezpieczni. Idąc z Nim przez życie, na pewno nie zginiemy. (ks. Franciszek Mickiewicz – *pallotyn*)

PIERWSZY PIĄTEK: 1-go maja przypada pierwszy piątek miesiąca maja. Po Mszy Św. o godzinie **9-ej** rano, będzie wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu do godziny **3-ej**. Będzie też okazja do spowiedzi świętej od godziny **6:00 do 6:45** wieczorem, i Błogosławieństwo o godz. **7:00**. Po Błogosławieństwie będzie dodatkowa Msza Św. po polsku o godz. **7:10**.

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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