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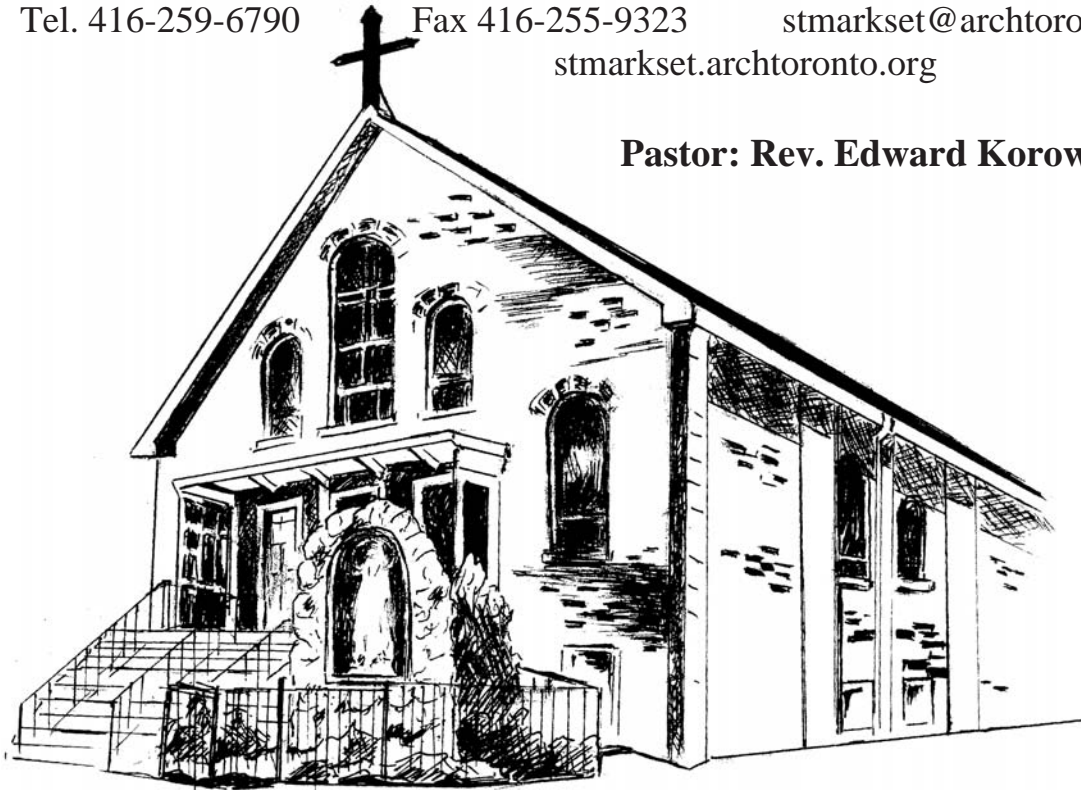
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Pastor: Rev. Edward Koroway

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)
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!

Mass Intentions



for the Week

- 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
- May 4 9:00 a.m. Leonardo Morassiuttii
- May 5: 9:00 a.m. Stefania Engineer
- May 6: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention (C.L.)
- May 7: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
- May 8: 9:00 a.m. Hendrika Hoevenaars
- May 9: 5:00 p.m. Special Intention
- May 10: 8:30 a.m. Paul Kremieniecki
- 10:00 a.m. Za Jana Przybyłką (23. rocznica)
- 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's



First Communion

Seven children will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time during Mass this **Saturday, May 2**, at the **5:00 p.m.** Mass. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.



The first preparation class for candidates *and their parents* will be held in the Church on **Saturday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

SHARE LIFE: Thank you to all who contributed \$2,220 in last weekend's second ShareLife collection.

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.

EXERCISING OUR PRIESTLY CALL. “Beloved: let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood.” These are the words of St. Peter that we find in the second reading today. St. Peter exhorts us to see ourselves as priests. The Catechism says “the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king” (CCC 1546).

What is the primary and essential act that priests perform? The answer is simply that priests offer sacrifices. ...To be an authentic steward is to offer our God-given gifts back to God for the good of the Church and our parishes. Essentially, it is to sacrifice our lives for Christ, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. That is why He is the true, high priest that we strive to emulate. ... “part of what is involved here for Catholics is a stewardship of time, which should include setting aside periods for family prayer, for the reading of Scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for attendance at Mass during the week whenever this is possible.” Let us conclude this reflection by asking ourselves, how well are we living up to the call of being part of the royal priesthood of Christ? (source: archtoronto.org/stewardship)

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.

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS: A healing retreat for adult children of divorced or separated parents The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from **Friday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m.** to **Sunday, May 17 at 3:30 p.m.** at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$325 per person (\$225 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern. Please contact Igwtoronto@proton.me. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit: bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2026.

MICHAEL POWER – ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL REUNION: The graduating class of '76 is happy to announce its 50th Anniversary Reunion Celebration to take place on **Thursday, June 11**, at Markland Wood Golf Club in Etobicoke. If you or a family member or someone you know graduated from MPSJ in 1976, please invite them to register for the reunion at mpsjclassof76.com. Thanks for spreading the word!

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.

V Niedziela Wielkanocna –A

CZY WIERZYSZ WE MNIE? Dziwne są sformułowania kierowane przez uczniów do Chrystusa. Tomasz pyta o drogę do nieba; Filip domaga się spojrzenia na Ojca. Apostołowie ci, to przedstawiciele nas, zwykłych ludzi, którzy mamy wiele podobnych niejasności. Czasem formujemy je w przeróżne pytania do Boga: „A dlaczego tak źle się dzieje wokół? Skąd tyle nieszczęścia, bólu i łez, i cierpienia? Skąd tylu niedobrych ludzi pośród nas?” I to ostateczne, ponoć

najważniejsze pytanie – „czy Bóg naprawdę istnieje?” Brak odpowiedzi czy odpowiedź niezadowolająca powoduje nasze zwątpienie, odejście od Boga, od wiary, od Kościoła.

A co Pan Jezus odpowiada dziś, nam wątpiącym: „Kto we Mnie wierzy...” Tylko tyle i aż tyle. Co było dalej z Apostołami – wiemy. Za wiarę w Chrystusa wszyscy oprócz Jana ponieśli śmierć. Podobnie i pierwsi chrześcijanie, którzy uwierzyli tym, co głosili im Słowo Boga. A my dziś?

To takie trudne oprzeć się na wierze, na zaufaniu słowom Chrystusa – chcielibyśmy wszystko zmierzyć, zbadać, dotknąć. A nie na tym polega wiara. Czy nasza wiara opiera się na modlitwie i Bożym Słowie? Czy mimo światowej niechęci do Boga i Kościoła wierzę w siłę modlitwy i Boga w Ewangelii? Jeśli Boga zabraknie w naszym życiu, to nie ma wiary, nie ma drogi do Boga, nie ma niczego.

Kościół żyje przez wieki, dlatego, że wciąż są w nim ludzie, dla których wiara, Słowo Boga, modlitwa i wszystko, co Boże, jest najważniejsze! Życzę Ci i proszę Cię, byś do takich ludzi należał. (ks. Krzysztof Stosur)

Módlmy się ze św. Franciszkiem z Asyżu:

O Panie, uczyni z nas narzędzia Twego pokoju.
Abyśmy siali miłość tam, gdzie panuje nienawiść.
Wybaczenie - tam, gdzie panuje krzywda.
Jedność - tam, gdzie panuje zwątpienie.
Nadzieję - tam, gdzie panuje rozpacz.
Światło - tam, gdzie panuje mrok.
Radość - tam, gdzie panuje smutek.
Spraw, abyśmy mogli nie tyle szukać pociechy, co pociechę dawać.
Nie tyle szukać zrozumienia, co rozumieć.
Nie tyle szukać miłości, co kochać.
Albowiem dając otrzymujemy.
Wybacząc zyskujemy przebaczenie.
A umierając rodzimy się do wiecznego życia.
Przez Jezusa Chrystusa Pana naszego. Amen.

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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