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THE CONSOLATA MISSIONARIES SERVE ST. ANDREW'S COMMUNITY SINCE 2003

St. Andrew's is a diversified Community that actively includes all members and shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those who have fallen away or do not belong to any Church. It is a parish of families and individuals, of priests and lay leaders. St. Andrew's is a Community that understands and values the diversity of cultures, striving to accomplish its mission in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm (*English*)

Sunday

8:00 am (*English*)

9:30 am (*Italian*)

11:00 am (*English*)

12:30 pm (*English*)

2:00 pm (*Twi*) Ghanaian Community

5:30 pm (*Spanish*)

Children's Sunday Liturgy: 11 am, 12:30 pm

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

Wednesday (*Iraqi - Rosary & Mass*) 5:00 pm

Saturday 8:30 am and 5:30 pm

Public holidays 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday: 8:00 am and 4:00 pm

Wednesday: 7:30 am

Anytime by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am – 6:30 pm

1st Saturday Devotions 9:30 am – 10:00 am

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Home visits: Please call the Parish office

PARISH TEAM

Fr. George Kibura Njuguna imc, Pastor
StAndrewsET@archtoronto.org

Rev. Mr. Joseph Owusu-Afriyie, Permanent Deacon

Fr Alex Osei CSSp, Ghanaian Community

Mr. Martins Igbinoba, Parish Council

Mr. Joseph Fragomeni, Finance Council

Mrs. Cora deNully, Parish Office
standrewspar@yahoo.ca

Ms. Carolina Chavez, Parish Office
standrewparish.office@gmail.com

BAPTISM (Children below 7 years old)

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 10:00am. Please contact the Parish Office at least 1 month in advance.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to get married must contact the Pastor, at least one year in advance, to set the wedding date.

RITE OF INITIATION OF ADULTS INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Please contact the Pastor.

NEW PARISHIONER? BE MOST WELCOME!

Welcome to St. Andrew! We'd like you to know that we are here to support you and, together, become closer to Christ. Please introduce yourself to the Priests or any of the Ministers.

Pick up a membership form at the entrance of the church, complete it and submit it to the Parish office. Thank you!

OUR LADY CONSOLATA – PRAY FOR US

Welcome home to St. Andrew

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year A

A New Era of Hope

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” [Matthew 4:17](#)

In Matthew’s Gospel, from which we read today, we hear the first words spoken by our Lord as He begins His public ministry: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Up until this point, Matthew’s Gospel presented us with Jesus’ genealogy, His birth, the story of the Magi, the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt, the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, Jesus’ baptism, the preaching of Saint John the Baptist and Jesus’ forty days in the desert. Now, after these introductory stories of Jesus’ life, we enter into His public ministry.

Recall that John had just been imprisoned, thus concluding his public ministry. Therefore, the time for the preaching and ministry of the Son of God had arrived. And though Jesus continues the theme of repentance started by John, Jesus takes John’s words further. Jesus adds something that John could not: “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Since we are still at the beginning of the season of Ordinary Time, it’s important to understand this transition from the Old Testament prophets, of which John was the last, to the New Testament preaching of our Lord. The difference is that all that had been prophesied and pointed to in the Old Testament had now arrived. Saint Jerome, in commenting upon this passage, says that as the Old Testament Law ceased, the Gospel commenced. And, of course, the fulfillment of this new era of the Gospel was only a few short years away when our Lord would offer up His life for the salvation of many.

As Jesus begins His preaching, His words are challenging but also very hopeful. By saying that “the kingdom of heaven is at hand,” Jesus stirs interest and holy curiosity among His first listeners. His call to repentance was softened by His new proclamation about the Kingdom.

One helpful insight we can take from these first words of Jesus’ public ministry is that this is the best way to share the Gospel with those who do not yet follow Christ. Oftentimes, when we see someone living in serious sin, we want to judge and condemn. But usually what they need the most is hope—hope that there is something much greater that comes from repentance. Certainly we need to speak against sin. But one of the most effective ways to do so is by initially offering the listener hope of something much better than the sin with which they struggle—specifically, the hope of the Kingdom of God.

Reflect, today, upon the newness of the ministry of Jesus, the newness of the first proclamation of the Gospel. As you do, try to imagine the holy curiosity that many would have had as they first listened to Jesus preach. Soon He would follow up His preaching with many signs and wonders that would confirm His message. But at first, Jesus simply instilled a hope in His hearers. As you ponder this, think about those in your life who also need this initial sense of hope and holy curiosity about the Gospel and pray that God will inspire you and use you to be an instrument of this merciful message.

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Jan 21 - St. Agnes

8:30 am - (No Intention)
5:30pm - †Antonio Campese (1yr death anniv.), by wife &family

Sunday, Jan 22 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Thanksgiving for Rosario Alon and family, by Vina Salanio and family
9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Gori Bruno, by family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Everest Gilchrist, by wife and children
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

Monday, Jan 23 - St. Vincent and St. Marianne Cope

8 am - † Nima Ishak, by Eveline Vettorello
7 pm - (No Intention)

Tuesday, Jan 24 - St. Francis de Sales

8 am - (No Intention)
7 pm - † Maria Nasella, by sister Betty Nasella

Wednesday, Jan 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul

8 am - (No Intention)
7 pm - (No Intention)

Thursday, Jan 26 - St. Timothy and St. Titus

8 am - (No Intention)
7 pm - (No Intention)

Friday, Jan 27 - St. Angela Merici

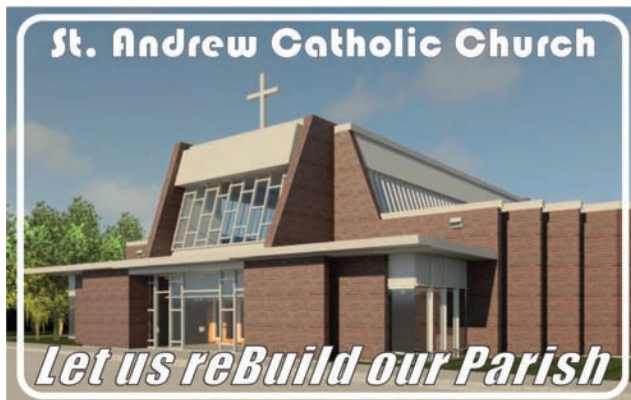
8 am - (No Intention)
7 pm - † Lu Yun Hsiang, by family

Saturday, Jan 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 am - (No Intention)
5:30pm - †Estelle Jodhan-David, by Mr & Mrs Lakhan & family

Sunday, Jan 29 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Antonio Concepcion, by Consolacion Concepcion
9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Francesco Pisanti and Maria Panaro, by family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - (No Intention)
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass) † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla

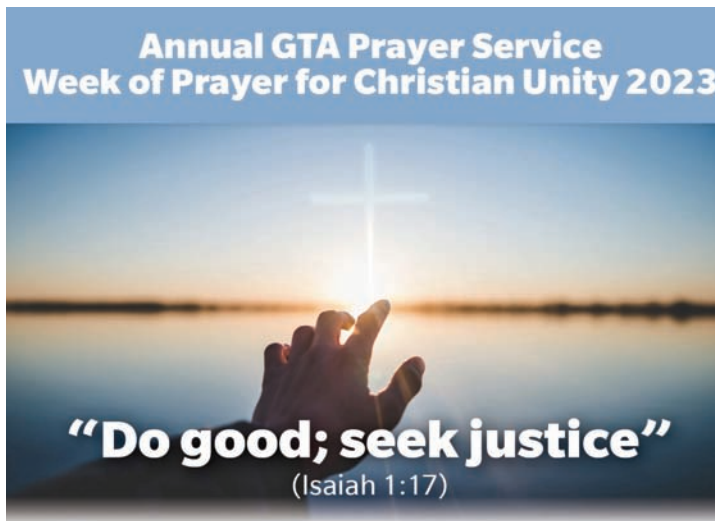




January 2023

We would like to congratulate the parents of the Newly Baptized Children.

Kibati Harry Brown, Tremani Chance Hibbert, Jeanette Oseye Oden and Zonniqne Halo Haughton.



The Annual Week of Prayer Service for the Greater Toronto Area will be held at:
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
73 Simcoe St. (@ King St. W.),
Toronto, ON M5J 1W9
on Sunday, January 22, 2023
at 4:00 p.m.

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church.

The homilist is The Rev. Dr. Robert Faris
(Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.)

This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto's Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.



Office for Promoting Christian Unity
& Religious Relations with Judaism
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Prayer is at the very core of the spiritual ecumenism to which the Catholic Church is committed in the search for Christian unity.

A week devoted to prayer for Christian Unity is formally observed annually from 18 to 25 January. It culminates in a service for the Greater Toronto Area with the presence of church leaders in the Archdiocese of Toronto. For more information you can visit:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/pastoral-ministries/office-for-christian-unity-and-jewish-dialogue/home/prayer-for-christian-unity/>

2023 PARISH ENVELOPES & PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Thanks to all who have picked up your 2023 envelopes and use them for your donation each Sunday. If you did not use envelopes in 2022 but would like a box of envelopes for this year, please visit, call, or email the office to request a box of 2023 envelopes. We invite each family to consider the option of Pre-Authorized Giving.



Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG)

The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, authorized and supported by the Archdiocese of Toronto, is a direct debit program allowing you to support our Parish through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Now you can lend us your support in the same manner that you currently pay many of your current financial obligations without writing cheques or searching your wallet for cash every Sunday. To enroll in this convenient program, simply fill out the form, attach a void cheque and drop it into the weekly collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. For additional information on PAG please contact the parish office. A tax receipt will be issued to you for the donations you contribute for that year.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS February 12, 2023 – 2:30 PM

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass here at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here:

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 PM.

Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.

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