

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 - 4:30 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 - Livestreamed)

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 **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

(Temporary cancelled)

 Tuesday-Wednesday
 8:30 am - 6:30 pm

 1st Thursday
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

 1st Friday
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

OR HOMEBOUND (Temporary cancelled)

Healing Service: 1st Friday 6:30 pm **Home visits:** Please call the Parish office

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Peter Ssekajugo imc, Pastor

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Fr George Kibura Njuguna imc, Associate Pastor

Rev. Mr. Joseph Owusu-Afriyie, Permanent Deacon

Fr Alex Osei CSSp, Ghanaian Community

Mr. Anthony Joseph, Parish Council

Mr. Joseph Fragomeni, Finance Council

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

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BAPTISM (Children up to 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 First Sunday of Advent – Year C



"Be vigilant at all times and pray." Luke 21:36a

Advent begins with a call to vigilance as reflected in the passage above. There are numerous Scripture passages that call us to this vigilance and anticipation of the Lord's coming. Being vigilant means, also, that we are prepared. We are not caught off guard. Imagine if Christmas morning came and you woke up suddenly realizing that you forgot to prepare! Imagine if you had no gifts, no food purchased and no plans were made. Of course you wouldn't allow that to happen, but we do sometimes allow it to happen spiritually speaking. We often are not prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ within our hearts.

The first week of Advent also offers the focus of the Second Coming of Christ. Jesus will return again, in all splendor and glory, to judge the living and the dead. We profess that fact every Sunday in our Creed. So, even though Advent is a time for the preparation of the celebration of the first coming of Jesus in the flesh, it is also a time to acknowledge that His first coming is ultimately fulfilled in His final glorious coming.

As Advent begins, reflect upon how ready you are for Jesus' coming. Are you preparing for it with the same fervor that you prepare for Christmas through shopping, cooking, decorating, etc.? Are you looking forward to that day when He will return? Are you preparing for the spiritual celebration of His birth? Are you awake and attentive to the numerous ways that God speaks to you on a daily basis?

If you find that you are not as prepared for His return in glory as you'd like to be, make this Advent a time when you get your heart ready. Commit to prayer, spiritual exercises, reflection and attentiveness to His gentle and glorious voice.

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

 \dagger = For the soul of \mathbf{v} = Special Intention

Saturday, Nov 27

8:30 am -† Raffoul, Farideh, Simon and Walide Sabat, by family

5:30 pm - † Vince Merrick, by Carol Anne Mc Avoy

Sunday, Nov 28 - First Sunday of Advent

8 am - † Eli Navarro, by Visitacion Andal

9:30 am - (Ital Mass)† Giuseppe Pannia, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish – Livestreamed

12:30pm - † Edgar Falzon, by family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana) Mass Livestreamed

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

Monday, Nov 29

8 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla

7 pm - † Philomena and Savio Mascarenhas, by LaPlume family

Tuesday, Nov 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle

8 am - † Giulia De Rose, by Robert and Manuela Carino

7 pm - Feast of St. Andrew

Wednesday, Dec 1

8 am - Thanksgiving to St. Francis Xavier, by Anthony and family

7 pm – † Alfredo Barcelona, by Frechel and family

Thursday, Dec 2

8 am - † Mary Joseph, by family

7 pm - † Armando Sabado, by family

Friday, Dec 3 - St. Francis Xavier

8 am - Thanksgiving for Cleantha Lobo on her birthday, by Spencer, Martha Lobo and family

7 pm - For all deceased legionaries, by the Legion of Mary

Saturday, Dec 4 - St. John Damascene

8:30 am - † Constantino, Esterina and Rosario Furgiuele, Cecilia and Giovanni Settino, by family

5:30 pm - Thanksgiving, by Chan family

Sunday, Dec 5 - Second Sunday of Advent

8 am - † Giulia De Rose, by Sam and Gina Spagnuolo

9:30 am - (Ital Mass)† Angelo Sergenese, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish - Livestreamed

12:30pm - † Raffoul, Farideh, Simon and Walide Sabat, by family

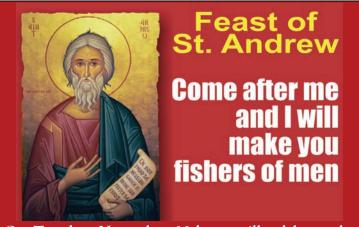
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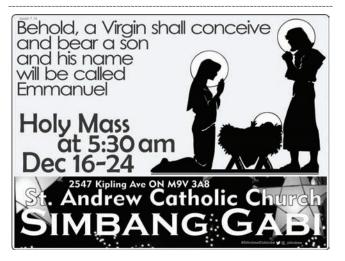
St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

Collections for November 21st, 2021:

Sunday Offertory \$ 4,822.00 Ghanaian Offertory \$ 1,045.00 Building Fund \$ 1,210.00



On Tuesday, November 30th we will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Andrew. The Holy Mass will be presided by Mgr. Ivan Camilleri, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto and Bishop of our Pastoral Zone, at 7:00pm. Please join us to celebrate our Patron Saint's Day.



Following the Filipino tradition - Mass at Dawn, Simbang Gabi - we celebrate a novena of Holy Masses in honor of Mama Mary at 5:30am from December 16 to 24, at St. Andrew Church. The Masses are followed by fellowship. Invite your family, friends and neighbors: You are all most welcome!





We are all invited to a Concert of **Christmas Carols Singing** with all the Parish's Choirs: **on Saturday, December 18**th **at 7 pm.** Please bring your family and friends.

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin this sacred time of Advent, let's renew our commitment to live as a community. Community means that we are in communion with God, with one another and with nature. Communion means that we share in each one's joys and sorrows, and that we work for the progress and wellbeing of each member of our Church. The children, the youth, the sick, the elderly, the home-bound, the poor and the abandoned need our lovingkindness and attention.

All the preparations for Christmas: the Advent period, candles, novenas, Simbang Gabi, decorations, lights, flowers, carols, concerts, shopping, food and drinks are external realities that must express what is taking place inside our lives. This is the joy of celebrating Christmas.

These celebrations should be an expression of our spiritual transformation, wellness and love that take place inside each individual, each family and in the Parish Community. This is the environment in which the son of God, Baby Jesus would like to be born in. This is the best crib, the best manger, the best nativity scene, the best decoration and Christmas song.

Our parish is a community, made of a diversity of cultures, nationalities, religious traditions, languages and continents. We are proud of this God-given diversity. We are a rich family composed of sons and daughters of the same father who wants us to live in harmony, celebrating together in joy the birth and life of our Lord Jesus. Let's celebrate this period as a family.

Fr. Peter Ssekajugo, IMC.

This is a continuation on the teaching of the catechism of the Catholic Church

II. THE MYSTERIES OF JESUS' INFANCY AND HIDDEN LIFE

The preparations

522 The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant".195 He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming.

523 St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way.196 "Prophet of the Most High", John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last.197 He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom", whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world".198 Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah", John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.199

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