

# 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

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

#### **BAPTISM** (Children up to 7 years old)

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Second Sunday of Advent – Year C

#### **Humility Prepares the Way for Christ**

"A voice of one crying out in the desert. 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'" <u>Luke 3:4</u>

On this, the Second Sunday of Advent, we are given the person of St. John the Baptist to ponder. What a gift he is! Jesus Himself stated that "among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist" (Matthew 11:11). What a compliment!

What is it that made John so great? We can point to two things in particular. The first has to do with his calling and the second has to do with his virtue.

First of all, John was great because he was the transition from the Old Testament Prophets to the New Testament. He was the bridge that prepared for the new life to come. His unique mission makes him truly great.

But John was great not only because of his unique calling, he was also great because of the virtue he had in his life. And it is this gift that is worth pondering for our own inspiration more than any other.

The particular virtue that John had was that of humility. He saw himself as nothing other than a "voice of one crying out in the desert." And the Word he spoke was Jesus.

John acknowledged that he was not even worthy to stoop down and untie the sandal straps of Jesus (Mark 1:7). He was praised by many and followed by many and yet he continuously said of Jesus that "He must increase and I must decrease" (John 3:30). John was not in it for praise and honor; rather, his mission was to point everyone to the Savior of the World. He could have sought the honor and praise of many and he would have certainly received it.

They may have even made him king. But John was more than willing to fulfill his mission and then submit himself to the cruel sword of his executioner. His humility was such that he was focused only on Jesus and desired only to point to Him.

Reflect, today, upon this humility in your own life. Do you tend to point to yourself or to Christ? Do you seek the praise of others or do you humbly point all praise and glory to God? Humility is the path that St. John the Baptist took and it's the path we must strive for each and every day.

#### WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

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

#### 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

2 pm - (Twi Ghana) Mass Livestreamed

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

#### Monday, Dec 6 - St. Nicholas

8 am - † Paul and Assis Sequeira, by Christine

7 pm - (No Intention)

#### Tuesday, Dec 7 - St. Ambrose

8 am - † A.T. Mathew, by Jacob Mathew and family

7 pm - (No Intention)

# Wednesday, Dec 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am - † Immaculata Polera, by Mary and Vito Viglione

7 pm – In honour of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, by St. Andrew parishioners

#### Thursday, Dec 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

8 am - Thanksgiving for Selwyn Athayde and family, by family

7 pm - † Yousef Hattar, by family

#### Friday, Dec 10

8 am - † John Tak Shun Leung, by Lily and family,

7 pm - Thanksgiving for Immaculate on her birthday, by Mary Thavarajah

#### Saturday, Dec 11 - St. Damasus

8:30 am - In honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe, by parishioners of St. Andrew's

5:30 pm - Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe, by Pat Rodrigues

#### Sunday, Dec 12 - Third Sunday of Advent

8 am - † Giuseppe Galati, by Anna Galati

9:30 am - (*Ital Mass*)

11 am - For the people of the Parish – Livestreamed

12:30pm - (*No Intention*)

2 pm - (Twi Ghana) Mass Livestreamed

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

#### St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

Collections for November 28th, 2021:

Sunday Offertory \$ 3,415.00 Ghanaian Offertory \$ 775.00



Following the Filipino tradition - Mass at Dawn, Simbang Gabi - we will celebrate a novena of Holy Masses in preparation for the birth of Baby Jesus, at 5:30am from December 16 to 24. The Masses are followed by fellowship. *You are all welcome*!



St. Andrew Parish would like to thank you for your attendance to the feast of St. Andrew, our Patron Saint, on November 30<sup>th</sup>. We extend our gratitude to Bishop Ivan Camilleri for presiding the Holy Mass, to the members in the different ministries that made possible this celebration.

This feast was an opportunity to gather together and enjoy as family this significant event, despite the pandemic.

St. Andrew Apostle pray for us.

#### SACRAMENTAL LIFE AT ST. ANDREW



#### **Baptisms in November 2021**

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

Jackson Maurice Contiga, Star Jester Tabelin Julian, Malayah Clydiege Moise, Jidenna Chidumaga Onyilo, Jimetochi Chidumebi Onyil, Anthony Ramoutar, Eleser Jr Machica Agir, Jedidiah Benneth Nana Antobre, Raiden Hanz Espinoza Ulit, Elena Mary Younan, and Axel Chukwudubem Unegbu

#### 2021-2022 CONFIRMATION

The 2021-2022 Confirmation program will be starting to register for the catechism classes on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the **Parish Office during Office Hours**: Monday to Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Not On Public Holidays).

We will also have four **Registration Nights on December 6, 7, 9 and 10, 2021** from **5pm to 7pm**, at the Parish Hall.

**Cut-off** date for Registration is January 7th, 2022. Once we know the number of students who are planning to receive this sacrament, tentative dates for Confirmation will be given. Again, we don't know at this time, how the pandemic will progress.

For more information contact the church office or email at <a href="mailto:standrewparish.office@gmail.com">standrewparish.office@gmail.com</a>

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