



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

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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

Third Sunday of Advent – Year C

Purification by the Fire of God

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." [Luke 3:16–17](#)

Again, this Sunday, we are given the glorious witness of St. John the Baptist. In this sermon of John, he says that Jesus will come and baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire." The image of being baptized "with fire" is a good one to reflect upon. It especially reveals to us the deep purification Jesus desires for our souls.

What does it mean to be purified? For one thing, purification of our soul hurts. But it hurts in a sweet sort of way. Turning from sin and growing closer to God requires great sacrifice and surrender. And it requires that we allow God to do powerful things within us. And the most powerful thing God wants to do is purify us.

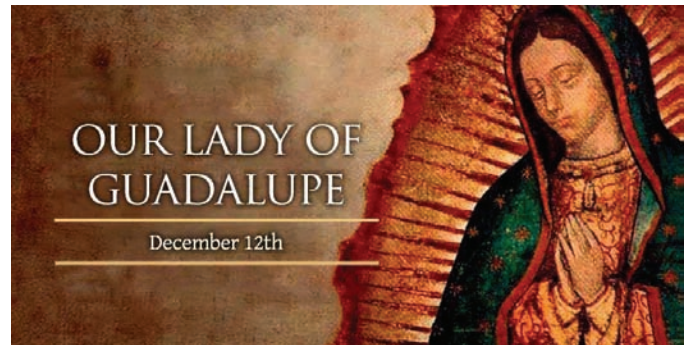
Our Catholic faith reveals to us the reality of Purgatory after we die. Purgatory is said to be a place of much spiritual pain, but again, in a sweet sort of way. It's painful in the sense that we are stripped of all that we hold on to that God wants us to let go of. It's painful in the sense that we endure a complete transformation of who we are and what we love. We learn to love God and God alone. And in the embrace of our love of God, we come to love all people.

It's also sweet because, as we are purified, we grow infinitely closer to God and grow in holiness. This lifts the burden of sin and frees us to love as we ought.

But our purification ought not start only in Purgatory. We are all called to enter into that process of purification here and now. We are called to heed the words of John the Baptist today and repent of all that keeps us from holiness of life.

Reflect, today, upon the purification to which God may be calling you. What is it that you hold on to that He wants you free of? Commit yourself to the purifying fire of God's love and let that love cleanse you in this Advent season.

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

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)* †Pietro and Giulio DiMassimo, by Teresa

11 am - For the people of the Parish – **Livestreamed**

12:30pm - † Nancy Kwan Callejo, by Ponce family

2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)* **Mass Livestreamed**

5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)* † Robelio Duran, by family

Monday, Dec 13 - St. Lucy

8 am - † Giulia De Rose, by Maria and Gene Rea

7 pm - †Ludwina, Joseph, Santan, Luisa and Ricardine, by Dias family

Tuesday, Dec 14 - St. John of the Cross

8 am - † Philomena and Savio Mascarenhas, by LaPlume family

7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Wednesday, Dec 15

8 am - Private Intention of Hilda and Helen Joseph, by family

7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Thursday, Dec 16

5:30 - Mass at Dawn

8 am - Congratulations for Gabriel Matti for becoming a policeman, by the community of St. Andrew's

7 pm - † Lily Theres, by family

Friday, Dec 17

5:30 - Mass at Dawn

8 am - Special Intention for Pope Francis on his birthday, by parishioners of St. Andrew's

7 pm - † Eloy Salazar (1 yr death anniversary), by family

Saturday, Dec 18

5:30 - Mass at Dawn

8:30 am - † Ruby, Caetaina, Soccor, Rosy, Fenil and Anthony, by Dias family

5:30 pm - † Jhon Thomas Lobo, by Spencer Lobo and family

Sunday, Dec 19 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:30 - Mass at Dawn

8 am - † Giulia De Rose, by Ippolito and Virginia Spagnuolo

9:30 am - *(Ital Mass)*

11 am - For the people of the Parish – **Livestreamed**

12:30pm - † Alphonsus Azike, by family

2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)* **Mass Livestreamed**

5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)*

SACRAMENTAL LIFE AT ST. ANDREW

2021-2022 CONFIRMATION

The 2021-2022 Confirmation program will be starting to register for the catechism classes.

Registration will start on December 6th, 2021 at the **Parish Office during Office Hours**: Monday to Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Not on Public Holidays).

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.

For more information contact the church office or email standrewparish.office@gmail.com



ADVENT RETREAT December: 13-14-15 at 7.30 pm after the Mass

Learn all about **FAITH** from **ABRAHAM**

Advent is the four-week period leading up to Christmas, a time of preparation and anticipation of the commemoration of the Lord's birth in which we Christians also celebrate the coming of our Lord into our lives each day. We are inviting you to a 3 days Retreat taking place on December 13, 14 and 15 after 7:00 pm Mass in the parish Hall. In this retreat we shall look at the figure of Abraham as a model and inspiration of our faith. Conducted by Fr. Jorge Amaro, IMC.



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SIMBANG GABI

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!*

Brothers and sisters,
This Sunday the Lord invites us to be glad and rejoice in him. The true happiness comes when we know and feel that God loves us. This love is a free gift that we receive not because we merit it but because God is generous, merciful and forgiving. It's from this paternal love that God sent us his only begotten Son to redeem us. It's this same love with which we have to treat others. Let love and joy be our best Christmas gift to our neighbour.

Fr. Peter Ssekajugo, IMC.



Christmas CAROLING

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



CHRISTMAS 2021

Christmas Novena - Mass at Dawn from Dec 16 - 24 at 5:30 am
The Nativity of the Lord
Fri Dec 24 - Christmas Eve

- 5:30 pm - Christmas - Family Mass
- 10:30 pm - Carols singing
- 11:30 pm - Midnight Mass

Sat Dec 25 - Christmas Day

- 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm (English Mass)
- 9:30 am (Italian Mass) and 2:00 pm (Twi Mass)

On Dec 27, 28, 29 & 30 Mass at 9:am only - No evening Mass

2022 - New Year's Day
Fri Dec 31 - New Year's Eve

- 10:30 pm Private Adoration of Baby Jesus
- 11:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass

Sat Jan 1 - New Year's Day

- 9:00 am and 11:00 am (English Mass)

On Mon Jan 3 Mass at 8: am only & - No evening Mass

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are having a raffle for turkey and ham. **Prices are 3 tickets for \$5, 7 tickets for \$10 and 15 tickets for \$20.** You can contact **Marlon Cowan at 647-383-6725** or by email at mcowan27@hotmail.com. Some of the proceeds will be donated to St Vincent De Paul.

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