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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

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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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

The angel said to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” [Luke 2:10-14](#)

Glory to God in the highest! The celebration of the glorious birth of Christ the Lord has begun... Merry Christmas!

Try to put yourself in the shoes of these shepherds. Little excitement would have regularly come their way. They were poor, simple shepherds who spent their days and nights tending the sheep of the fields. That night, a group of them had gathered together for camaraderie. It's easy to imagine the scene of normal talking, laughing and being together. Little did they realize what was about to happen.

As they were gathered, an angel of God appeared to them announcing “good news of great joy!” They must have been stunned. But that's only the beginning. The angel announced that the Savior of the World had been born and then, much to their surprise, they witnessed the whole host of heavenly angels singing praises: “*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*” “Glory to God in the highest!”

These humble shepherds were the first to be called by God to go and greet the newborn King. What's amazing is that God did not first call the “important” of the age to come worship. He called these poor shepherds.

One thing this tells us is that, in the eyes of God, all are equal. God does not pick favorites from among those who are seen as important in the eyes of the world. No, He sees the great value and dignity of each and every person and desires all of us, rich or poor, powerful or weak, to come to Him in adoration and love.

Christmas is a time filled with many exciting things. Often there are gifts and gatherings, food and good times. But more than anything else, Christmas must be seen as a time for us to step back and take in the deep and rich meaning of this sacred event. We must see, first, that God entered our human condition and, in doing so, is able to identify with all that we experience in life. God understands human life! He lived it.

Second, we must understand that the birth of the Savior of the World and His appearance to shepherds reveals that each and every one of us is invited to come and meet Him. God humbled Himself in the most profound way so that we could come to know Him and His perfect love for us. “Do not be afraid,” as the angel said, to come and behold the Christ who came as your Savior. Do not be afraid to come to meet Him, love Him, adore Him and get to know Him. God is given to us, today, as an infant. Small, weak, fragile and innocent. Do not be afraid to gaze upon His humble presence and to give glory to God for His blessed coming.

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Dec 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas Day)

8 am - † Gertrude Morgan (10th year death anniversary),
by Alma and family

9:30 am - *(Ital Mass)*

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

12:30pm - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla

2 pm - *(Twi Ghana) Mass Livestreamed*

5:30 pm - (No Mass)

Sunday, Dec 26 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Boxing Day)

8 am - † Giulia De Rose, by John and Margherita Carino

9:30 am - *(Ital Mass)*

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

12:30pm - † Julia Sealy, by Dianne Ali

2 pm - *(Twi Ghana) Mass Livestreamed*

5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)*

Monday, Dec 27 - St. John

9 am - † Eliza, Max, Aquino, Glemency, Theadore and Meena,
by Dias family

7 pm - (No Mass)

Tuesday, Dec 28 - The Holy Innocents

9 am - † Giulia De Rose, by Maria and Sam Carino

7 pm - (No Mass)

Wednesday, Dec 29 - St. Thomas Becket

9 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla,

7 pm - (No Mass)

Thursday, Dec 30

9 am - † Laureano Salanio, by family

7 pm - (No Mass)

Friday, Dec 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE

8 am - (No Mass)

7 pm - (No Mass)

11 pm - Thanksgiving Mass (No personal Intentions)

Saturday, Jan 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

9 am - In honour of Our Lady de la Nube, by José Pulla

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

Sunday, Jan 2 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8 am - *(No Intention)*

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)*



The 2022 donation envelopes are ready for pick up in the parish hall or you can also pick them up in the office during regular hours. Please remember to confirm that they are yours by verifying the number, name and address.

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

Likewise, the world today is happy about Christmas. We hear songs, see lights and other decorations. People have done all kinds of things to make Christmas merry. Spiritually, we have also prepared ourselves, with prayers, novenas, masses, confessions, Christmas carols. We have had nine days of the Simbang Gabi Masses following the Filipino tradition.

However, there are many people who are not able to celebrate Christmas. One of the reasons is the Covid 19 pandemic that is still paralyzing the world. Many people are either sick or fearing to come to Church. Others don't have the means to celebrate because their wages are too small, others don't have a job. Many are immigrants or refugees, who like Joseph, Mary and Jesus are still looking for someone to welcome them. All these people need both our prayers and hospitality.

Our parish is happy to be one of the few institutions that are open and willing to give hospitality to people of different origins. St. Andrew Parish is happy to make our Christmas, a Christmas to many brothers and sisters. By our hospitality, we are not only welcoming these people but Jesus himself who was born in Bethlehem and now is being born in Toronto today.

For this reason, our parish staff, clergy, Fr. George Kibura, Fr. Jorge Amaro, Fr. Alex Osei, Deacon Joseph Owusu-Afriyie, his wife Agnes and myself, we wish you Merry Christmas.

Fr. Peter Ssekajugo, IMC.

Beloved parishioners,

Christmas is an event of joy, a time of great excitement because of the birth of Jesus. Christmas brings joy to the world and to each of us because it's the fulfillment of all the prophecies of the Old Testament. Christmas is God's "Yes" to what all the prophets, until John the Baptist had announced. With the birth of Jesus, God is saying that what his holy men and women had said about the messiah was true and real. The same God who sent these people to announce his son's coming is the same one who brought to fulfillment what they said. For this reason we have Christmas.

The whole world is celebrating, singing Christmas songs, families have come together to feast because Jesus was born in Bethlehem. This is the joy that makes us echo the angels' song of Gloria to God in the heavens and peace to all human beings that the Lord loves.

Human beings, animals, the earth, and all creatures are singing Gloria. This joy was first revealed by the way the shepherds, the animals in the stable, the star of Bethlehem and the three Kings welcomed Jesus at his birth. Heaven and earth were overjoyed because the Messiah had come. "The people who had been walking in darkness, saw a great light," Is 9:2.

However there are so many people who didn't know that the Messiah had been born. Others, like king Herod, knew about it but they felt envious and tried to kill him. Those who felt their power threatened received the Good News as bad news.



By Pope Francis

Prayer for the Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
 in you we contemplate
 the splendour of true love,
 to you we turn with trust.
 Holy Family of Nazareth,
 grant that our families too
 may be places of communion and prayer,
 authentic schools of the Gospel
 and small domestic Churches.
 Holy Family of Nazareth,
 may families never again
 experience violence, rejection and division:
 may all who have been hurt or scandalised
 find ready comfort and healing.
 Holy Family of Nazareth,
 make us once more mindful
 of the sacredness
 and inviolability of the family,
 and its beauty in God's plan.
 Jesus, true God and true man,
 graciously hear our prayer.
 Mary and Joseph,
 co-operators with God's plan,
 pray for us.
 Amen!

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