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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 Friday8:00 am and 7:00 pmSaturday8:30 am and 5:30 pmPublic holidays8:00 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-Wednesday8:30 am - 6:30 pm1st Thursday6:00 pm - 7:00 pm1st Friday5:30 pm - 6:30 pmPASTORAL CARE OF THE SICKOR HOMEBOUND (Temporary cancelled)

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

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Peter Ssekajugo imc, Pastor standrewspastor2021@gmail.com

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 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 Epiphany of the Lord – Year C

Adoration by the Magi



On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <u>Matthew 2:11</u>

"Epiphany" means manifestation. And the "Epiphany of the Lord" is Jesus' manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it's also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him.

These Magi were "wise men" who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. They would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day and would have been intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah.

God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the "star" that God is using to call you. It's closer than you may think.

A second thing to note is that the Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us. If these astrologers from a foreign land could come and adore Christ in such a profound way, we must do the same. Perhaps you could try literally lying down prostrate in prayer this day, in imitation of the Magi, or at least do so in your heart through prayer. Adore Him with a complete surrender of your life.

Lastly, the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our Lord, show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin. Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God, and myrrh is used for one who would die. Thus, their adoration is grounded in the truths of who this Child is. If we are to adore Christ properly, we must also honor Him in this threefold way. Reflect, today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what you are called to do. You are called from the foreign place of this world to seek out the Messiah. What is God using to call you to Himself? When you discover Him, do not hesitate to acknowledge the full truth of who He is, lying prostrate before Him in complete and humble submission.

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WEEKLY LITURGY	~ MASS INTENTIONS
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Saturday, Jan 1 - New Year's Day	

- 8:30 am (No Mass)
- 9:00 am In hounour of Our Lady de la Nube, by José Pulla

11 am - For the people of the Parish – **Livestreamed** 5:30 pm - (No Mass)

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)

Monday, Jan 3 – Holy Name of Jesus

8 am - † Antonio Polera, by Mary and Vito Viglione 7 pm - (No Mass)

Tuesday, Jan 4

9 am - † Gertrude Morgan, by Alma and family

7 pm - † Marie Fernando, by family

Wednesday, Jan 5

9 am - † Constantino, Esterina and Rosario Furgiuele, Cecilia and Giovanni Settino, by family

7 pm - (*No Intention*)

Thursday, Jan 6 - St. André Bessette

8 am - † Christina Giammattole, by Carmie and family

7 pm - (*No Intention*)

Friday, Jan 7 - St. Raymond of Peñafort

8 am - † Marie Lorraine and Henry Chan, by Chan family

7 pm - (No Intention)

<u>Saturday, Jan 8</u>

8:30 am - † Jack Draguzet, by family

5:30 pm - (No Intention)

Sunday, Jan 9 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8 am - (*No Intention*)

9:30 am - (*Ital Mass*)

11 am - For the people of the Parish - Livestreamed

12:30pm - † John Paul Dillon, by family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana) Mass Livestreamed

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

SACRAMENTAL LIFE AT ST. ANDREW 2021-2022 CONFIRMATION

Parents who would like to enroll their children for 2021-2022 Confirmation program, we are registering 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





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.

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

528 The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. 212 In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. the magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.213

Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.214 The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires Israelitica dignitas 215 (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel").

Dear parishioners,

We thank the good Lord who has accompanied us through this year 2021. Like 2020, this year was full of uncertainties, paralysis of institutions, loss of human life and resources. At the same time, it was a year full of opportunities. It was a year that tested our faith, human capacities and talents.

On my side, this year was a great adventure. At a time I wasn't expecting it, when I was feeling so comfortable in California, my Superiors asked me to move to Toronto to be Pastor of this great Church of St. Andrew's. It was not an easy surprise to assimilate, it was not easy to say "yes", but I was moved by many factors. First, my faith. It was faith that made Abraham say "yes" to God's call to leave his country. It was faith that led Moses to accept God's invitation to lead His people out of Egypt. It was faith that led to Mary's Fiat. It was this same faith that had guided me to say "yes" to come to Toronto. Together with faith, as religious people and missionaries, we are always ready to answer God's call and the Superiors' request to move. We are obedient people on the move.

My transfer to Canada has helped me to experience the goodness of this country, the welcome of Toronto and the hospitality and faith of St. Andrew's Parish. At first it was not easy to adapt to this environment. From California to Toronto the change is tremendous. Then knowing the people and getting to adjust to the needs of the parish, especially at this time when in-person meetings are scarce, was a bit challenging. I thank God and all of you who have helped me feel welcome to this Parish. Giving welcome and hospitality to a stranger is very Christian and a work of mercy.

Now I am inviting you to cooperate with me in this journey of leading this parish. We are all leaders, we are all called and sent by Jesus by virtue of our baptism. Let no one remain behind as an on-looker while the rest are going forward. If you love your parish, desire the best for her. A lot of projects are waiting for us. We have to strengthen the existing ministries and create new ones. We also have to reroof our temple, revitalize the parish hall and the washrooms and to plant the big cross that the Consolata Missionaries donated to us. All these projects need our collaboration.

Let's work together as one of God and the mystical body of Christ. Together with our staff, we wish all of you a blessed new year 2022.

Fr. Peter Ssekajugo, IMC.





