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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 - 4:00 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
- Ms. Carolina Chavez, Parish Office standrewparish.office@gmail.com

BAPTISM (Children below 7 years old)

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2^{nd} 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 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

The **Gospel** is a reading from St. Luke (Lk 5:1-11). How the wisdom of God differs from the wisdom of men! If a businessman of today (or even of the year 28 A.D.) were choosing a chairman and assistants for the world-wide enterprise he was about to set up, is it likely that he would choose them from among the unknown, unlettered fishermen of Galilee? Yet Christ, who was about to set up not only a world-wide institute but an everlasting one, chose these simple fishermen and made them his assistants and his successors in the work that he had taken in hand.

And it wasn't that he was restricted in his choice. There were many highly educated priests and scribes in Jerusalem whom he could have won over, men who could preach and instruct so much more eloquently than Peter or Andrew. There were Roman officers in Palestine who were highly educated, and who would be much more eagerly listened to in the Gentile world. There were Greek philosophers whose very name would add prestige to the Gospel message had they been Apostles. Yet it was to none of these that Christ entrusted the arduous task of spreading the good news of the Gospel, it was to none of these that he gave the keys of his kingdom.

Christ was not influenced in his judgement by external, accidental qualifications. He judged the heart and the will. He knew the true worth of men. Furthermore, the society that he was about to set up was not a worldly business concern but a free transport system to heaven. The truths he was committing to its keeping were not based on earthly wisdom which would require eloquence and prestige to bolster them up. They were the eternal, divine truths which needed no human propaganda, no help from mere men.

Thus, in the selection of his Apostles, Christ has given us an extra proof, if one were needed, of his own divine wisdom and of the divine origin of the Christian religion which we profess. Our religion is not man-made, God is its author.

While thanking God today for our Christian religion, with its clearly-drawn map of salvation, let us show our appreciation by doing our own little part, as humble apostles, weak but willing helpers of Christ. This we can do without eloquence, or personal prestige. We do so by living as true Christians in our homes, in our places of work, and in our recreations, by carrying our cross daily and patiently, ever ready to give a hand when the neighbor's cross seems too heavy for him. This will be Christian eloquence, this will be a true apostleship of Christ, because actions speak louder than words. WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday, Feb 5 - St. Agatha

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for Nadia Vettorello, by Eveline, Christian and family
5:30 pm - † Coralia Vides (9 yrs death anniv.), by family

Sunday, Feb 6 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

8 am - † Paul and Assis Sequeira, by Alex family 9:30 am - (*Ital Mass*)

11 am - For the people of the Parish – Livestreamed

12:30pm - † Lina Daoud, by Carlo Daoud

2 pm - (Twi Ghana) Mass Livestreamed

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

<u>Monday, Feb 7</u>

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

Tuesday, Feb 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm (No Intention)

Wednesday, Feb 9

8 am - † Kathleen Markey, by friends

7 pm - Birthday blessings for Lauren Fong Young Walshe, by family

Thursday, Feb 10 - St. Scholastica

8 am - (*No Intention*)

7 pm - Thanksgiving for Kenneth's birthday, by family

Friday, Feb 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

Saturday, Feb 12

8:30 am - † Louis and Cecilia Sequeira, by Alex family

5:30 pm - (No Intention)

Sunday, Feb 13 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

8 am - † All souls in Purgatory, by Alex family

- 9:30 am (*Ital Mass*)
- 11 am For the people of the Parish Livestreamed
- 12:30pm † Lily Theres, by family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana) Mass Livestreamed

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

The 2022 donation envelopes are ready for pick up at the entrance of the church 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.



Pope's February prayer intention: For consecrated women

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of February, and invites Catholics to pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

"What would the Church be without religious sisters and consecrated laywomen? The Church cannot be understood without them."

The Pope encouraged all consecrated women to discern how best they can respond to the challenges facing humanity.

"I exhort them to keep working and to have an impact with the poor, with the marginalized, with all those who are enslaved by traffickers," he said. "I especially ask them to make an impact on this."

Unfair treatment

Pope Francis also prayed for the many women religious who "show the beauty of God's love and compassion" through their ministry as catechists, theologians, and spiritual guides, even when they encounter obstacles.

"I invite them to fight when, in some cases, they are treated unfairly, even within the Church," he urged, "when they serve so much that they are reduced to servitude —at times, by men of the Church."

When faced with these difficulties, women religious should "not be discouraged," said the Pope. "May you keep making God's goodness known through the apostolic works you do. But above all through your witness of consecration."

Securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds)

Donating shares or mutual funds is currently the smartest way to give in Canada. When you donate shares to a registered charity, there is no capital gains tax applied to any benefit received from the sale of these securities.

The Archdiocese does not charge fees or commissions of any kind. There is only a \$150 brokerage fee charged by our broker. You are strongly encouraged to seek professional advice from a private financial professional before deciding upon any charitable gift using personal assets.

To donate listed securities, you can obtain form, the Letter of Direction by visiting:

https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-andministries/social-justice--outreach/development-andsharelife/home/gifts-of-securities/



Jesus said, "Whoever receives you, receives me, and whoever receives me receives the One who sent me" (Mt 10:40).

Your willingness to serve God in the capacity as an usher reflects your commitment to Christ. Your willingness to commit, arrive on time, to be a friendly and welcoming presence to those coming to worship here at St. Andrew is a further reflection of your commitment to serve this Parish. For more information please contact the pastor.

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG)

The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, authorized and supported by the Archdiocese of Toronto, is a direct debit program allowing you to support our Parish through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Now you can lend us your support in the same manner that you currently pay many of your current financial obligations without writing cheques or searching your wallet for cash every Sunday. During the pandemic, you are asked to please consider this manner of supporting our parish community. To enroll in this convenient program, simply fill out the form, attach a void cheque and drop it into the weekly collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. For additional information on **PAG** please contact the parish office. A tax receipt will be issued to you for the donations you contribute for that year.

World Day of the Sick

February 11th is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them. We specially remember and pray for those who have suffered and continue to suffer the effects of the pandemic.

FHC and Confirmation Catechism Programs

Please be attentive to an update on the in-person classes for FHC and Confirmation programs. We are reevaluating the situation according to the safety measures and as an added precaution to keep everyone safe and healthy. We are praying and hoping that we will be able to start the catechism classes as previously planned. Be safe and well!

