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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 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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Rev. Mr. Joseph Owusu-Afriyie, Permanent Deacon

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BAPTISM (Children below 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**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.” [Luke 6:22-23](#)

It takes a lot of faith to “rejoice and leap for joy” after experiencing hatred and persecution from another. Even when one is persecuted on account of his/her faith in Christ, it takes a lot of faith and a lot of love to sincerely rejoice.

But with that said, this level of faith and love is possible! If it were not, our Lord would not have given this teaching. It is a teaching to live the highest ideal. It’s a calling to live in Beatitude.

Though it would be worth it to spend time on each and every one of the Beatitudes and to try to apply them to our lives, it’s also helpful to look at the more general fact that Jesus does not call us to mediocrity; rather, He calls us to the heights of perfection. It is within those heights that our souls find the greatest reward.

Reflect, today, upon this Beatitude. Perhaps you have never experienced persecution and hatred as a result of following Jesus. But even if you haven’t, try to put yourself into this situation and try to honestly discover how you would react. Would you be able to allow persecution to “roll off your back” so to speak? Would you be able to accept injustice in your life without allowing it to disturb your interior peace? Or would you turn bitter and angry as a result of the hurt you would feel?

Try to put your eyes upon the ideals of the Christian life. If you aim for anything less, you run the risk of actually attaining that lower goal. But if you put your eyes upon the high calling of the Beatitudes, then you will find that our Lord will continually draw you closer to His heart, cleansing you, strengthening you, filling you with more faith, hope and love, and bringing you to an increasingly blessed level of holiness. It’s worth it to aim for the ideal!

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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.

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special 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)

Monday, Feb 14 - St. Cyril and St. Methodius

8 am - † For sister Norah O'Malley, by Eveline and family

7 pm - † Gina Giannitti, by son and family

Tuesday, Feb 15

8 am - † Kishore Boodhoo, by Sylvia and family

7 pm - Special Intention, by Dilasha

Wednesday, Feb 16

8 am - In honour of Blessed Joseph Allamano, by IMC Community

† Kishore Boodhoo, by Sylvia and family

7 pm - Thanksgiving for Blessed Joseph Allamano, by Eveline Vettorello

Thursday, Feb 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

Friday, Feb 18

8 am - † Ronald deNully, by family

7 pm - (No Intention)

Saturday, Feb 19

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for Christine Apilan, by Apilan family

5:30 pm - Thanksgiving for Eloho on her birthday, by family

Sunday, Feb 20 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

8 am - Special Intention for sister Doreen Murray on her birthday, by Eveline and family

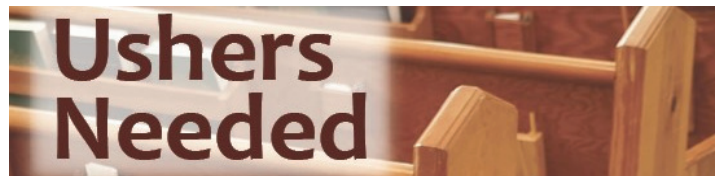
9:30 am - (Ital Mass) †Giuseppe Pannia, by Stefano Pannia

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

12:30pm - † Concetta Gaudio, by family

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

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)



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

We are currently in need of Ushers to warmly welcome those who enter our doors. If you would like to be a member of this important ministry or have questions, please contact the Pastor.

FHC and Confirmation Catechism Programs

Please be attentive to an update on the in-person classes for FHC and Confirmation programs. We are re-evaluating 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!

Pope: Human trafficking an 'open wound' in the body of Christ and humanity

Pope Francis has released a video message on the occasion of the World Day of Prayer and Reflection against Human Trafficking, marked in the Catholic Church on the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, 8 Feb.

By Vatican News staff reporter

Pope Francis is urging all to join the fight against the scourge of trafficking in women and girls saying it is violence. It is a deep and open wound in the body of Christ and in the body of all humanity, which affects each one of us, he says in a video message on the occasion of the 8th World Day of Prayer and Reflection against Human Trafficking, Tuesday.

The Catholic Church's annual observance was first introduced by Pope Francis in 2015, when he invited the women religious' International Union of Superiors General (UISG) and the men religious' Union of Superiors General (USG) to mark the day on 8 February, the liturgical memorial of St Josephine Bakhita.

The United Nations, however, separately marks its own World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on 30 July.

The Sudanese-born Italian Cannosian nun (1869 – 1947) was sold several times as a slave since she was 7 or 8, until she landed in Italy where she later became a Cannosian religious sister. Declared a saint in 2000, she is the patron saint of Sudan and of human trafficking survivors.

The theme of the 8th World Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking is: "The power of care. Women, the Economy and Trafficking in Persons."

In his message, the Pope says the theme "invites us to consider the condition of women and girls, subjected to multiple forms of exploitation, including forced marriages and domestic and labour slavery". He stresses that the thousands of women and girls who are trafficked every year point to the dramatic consequences of relational models based on discrimination and submission.

Talitha Kum, the international Catholic network against human trafficking, cites some grim figures from the United Nations to point to the inequality and injustice experienced by women. Women and girls account for 72 per cent of the identified victims of trafficking. Two-thirds of the world's illiterate population are women; 90 per cent of the employed (ages 25 to 54) are men, while women make up less than two-thirds. Thirty per cent of young women are not in education, employment or attending vocational training.

In his message, the Holy Father laments that the organization of societies around the world still continue to deny women the same dignity and rights as that of men. Women are "doubly poor", suffering "situations of exclusion, mistreatment and violence", because they have fewer opportunities to defend their rights.

According to UN figures, most victims are trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation. In 2018, 50 per cent of the victims detected were trafficked for sexual exploitation and 38 per cent were trafficked for forced labour. Female victims continue to be the primary targets, with women making up 46% and girls 19% of all victims of trafficking. Globally, one in every three victims detected is a child.

In his message, the Holy Father points out that "trafficking in persons, through domestic and sexual exploitation, violently returns women and girls to their supposed role as subordinates to the provision of domestic and sexual services, to their role as providers of care and dispensers of pleasure, which re-proposes a pattern of relationships marked by the power of men over women". This exists even today at a high level.

"Human trafficking is violence! The violence suffered by every woman and every girl is an open wound in the body of Christ, in the body of all humanity, it is a deep wound that also affects each one of us."

Noting that there are many women who have the courage to rebel against violence, Pope Francis invites men to join the battle. "We men are also called to do so, to say no to all violence, including violence against women and girls. And together we can and must fight to ensure that human rights are interpreted in a specific way, respecting diversity and recognizing the dignity of each person, with a special concern for those whose fundamental rights are violated."

The way to this transformation, the Pope says, is shown by Saint Bakhita, whose life proves that "change is possible when we allow ourselves to be transformed by the care that God has for each of us". "It is the care of mercy, it is the care of love that changes us in our depths and makes us capable of welcoming others as brothers and sisters."

The Pope points out that recognizing the dignity of each person is the first act of care, which benefits everyone - those who give and those who receive. It generates reciprocity and is not a unidirectional action.

In this regard, he cites the case of Bakhita. God took care of her, accompanying her in the process of healing the wounds caused by slavery until he made her heart, mind and inner self capable of reconciliation, freedom and tenderness.

The Pope thus encourages every woman and every girl who is committed to transformation and care, in school, in the family, in society. He also urges every man and every young person to join this process of transformation, holding up the example of the Good Samaritan "who is not ashamed to bend down over his brother and take care of him".

This year's observance of World Day of Prayer and Reflection against Trafficking, the Pope says, is to the call to men and women to care. "Together we can grow an economy of care and oppose with all our strength every form of exploitation of trafficking in persons."

Pope Francis concludes his message thanking participants in the various initiatives of the annual observance worldwide and encouraging them in the fight against human trafficking and all forms of slavery and exploitation. He invites them to keep alive their indignation against human trafficking with determination in the face of violence, without surrendering to the corruption of money and power.

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