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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 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 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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and of living for God.

WHEN IS LENT?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until the afternoon of Holy Thursday. It runs for about 40 days.

WHY 40 DAYS? The “40 days” (not including Sundays) of fasting, prayer, and penance before Easter reflect Jesus’ 40 days in the wilderness.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO DURING LENT?

1. Turn away from our sins and turn back to God. Detach from habits and tendencies that are contrary to God’s will. Lent is a time of conversion.
2. Open our hearts to our Father, so that we may live with Christ for God. Jesus is calling us to be people of praise and prayer, and living signs of his love for all.

“This time of fasting opens the gates of heaven to us. Let us welcome it and pray that when Easter comes we may share the joy of the risen Lord.”
LENTEN RESPONSORY

Archdiocese of Toronto | www.archtoronto.org
Text from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops’ “Living Lent”

Lent is the 40-day season of preparation for Easter. During Lent, Catholics recall their baptism and do penance – fasting, prayer, and almsgiving as they commemorate the death and resurrection of Christ.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent. Palms from the previous Palm Sunday are burned – ashes from these palms are distributed on Ash Wednesday as a sign of penitence. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on **March 2**.

St. Andrew’s Parish will have three Masses on **Ash Wednesday** with the distribution of Ashes at **8:00 am, 12:30pm and 7:00pm** in the Church. During Lent the **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed **every Friday evening** in the Church at **6:15pm**. **Confessions** will take place on **Wednesdays at 7:30am and Saturdays at 8:00 am and 4:00pm**.



Income tax receipts for the 2021 taxation year are ready and may be picked up from the parish office during office hours. We thank all parishioners for your past and continued support! Your offering helps us to continue to serve and minister to our parish community.

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Feb 26

8:30 am - † Salvatore Melchiorre, by Mary Notarianni
5:30 pm - † Veda Bhola, by friends

Sunday, Feb 27 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

8 am - † Pina Damico, by Rosa Wharton
9:30 am - (Ital Mass) In honour of St. Vito, by Maria Persanpieri
11 am - For the people of the Parish – **Livestreamed**
12:30pm - For the health of Zenaida Rebello, by Marilyn Apilan
2 pm - (Twi Ghana) **Mass Livestreamed**
5:30 pm - (Sp. Mass) Por la cirujia de Fany Pulla, ofrece José Pulla

Monday, Feb 28

8 am - † For the soul of Mercedes Pulla and for the surgery of Fany Pulla, by José Pulla
7 pm - Thanksgiving for Jason Reyes, by his parents

Tuesday, Mar 1

8 am - † Alwyn Joseph, by family
7 pm - † Lina Ariganello, by sister

Wednesday, Mar 2 - ASH WEDNESDAY

8 am - † Yusef Zetto, by Kharton
7 pm - (No Intention)

Thursday, Mar 3

8 am - † Yusef Zetto, by Kharton
7 pm - † Saviour (Sam) Borg (1 mth death anniv.), by Mirella

Friday, Mar 4 - St. Casimir - World Day of Prayer

8 am - † Constantino, Esterina and Rosario Furgiuele, Cecilia and Giovanni Settino, by family
7 pm - † Marie Fernando, by family

Saturday, Mar 5

8:30 am - † Yusef Zetto, by Kharton
5:30 pm - † Shahbaz Bhatti, by Peter Bhatti

Sunday, Mar 6 - 1st Sunday of Lent – Year C

8 am - Thanksgiving to St. Anthony for prayers answered, by Kathy Rea
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 - (Sp. Mass)

Update on Covid Restrictions

Capacity Limits Changing as of Tuesday, March 1, 2022:

Thank you for your ongoing patience and co-operation over the past two years in adapting to the Covid-19 reality and the many associated restrictions.

We are pleased to share good news that as of Tuesday, **March 1, 2022**, our Parish will be in a position to offer **100% seating capacity** with no physical distancing restrictions. Please note that mask will still be required.

Commemoration of Servant of God Shahbaz Bhatti

On Wednesday, **March 2nd**, is the 11th anniversary of Servant of God, Shahbaz Bhatti's assassination. International Christian Voice in collaboration with the Institute for Global Engagement in the USA, Christian Solidarity Worldwide (UK) and other International Organizations is organizing a one and half hour virtual memorial dedicated to Shahbaz. The event will be broadcast on media at 11:00 am EST. To register and for joining details, visit:

<https://www.csw.org.uk/ShahbazBhatti>

The International Christian Voice signature event, Martyr Shahbaz Bhatti Memorial Fundraiser Dinner is scheduled for Friday, **March 4th**, 2022, at 6:00 pm at Chateau Le Jardin, 8440 Hwy 27, Woodbridge, ON L4L 1A5. To get your tickets here is how:

◆ E-Transfer through email at:

internationalchristianvoice1@gmail.com

◆ OR make your cheque payable to International Christian Voice, and mail it to Noel Fernandis, 15 Annabelle Dr., Etobicoke ON M9V 3B7.

Note: don't forget to include your mailing address for the income tax receipt.

◆Your ticket(s) will be ready for you at the table at the entrance to the "Grand Versailles" banquet hall.

If you are unable to attend this event, you could consider to make a donation to the effort. The blessings of your donations help in the successful sponsorship of desperate Christian refugee families.

Finally, on Saturday, **March 5th**, a memorial Solemn High Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Ivan Camilleri, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto, retired Archbishop Larry Saldanha of Pakistan, priests and assisting deacons, at **5:30 pm** at **St. Andrew's Catholic Church**, 2547 Kipling Ave., Etobicoke ON M9V 3A8. We would be honoured if you could attend.

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.



Bearing Good Fruit

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” [Luke 6:43](#)

Conversely, it should be said that a good tree does bear good fruit. This must be our goal. By saying that “A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,” Jesus is teaching us the supernatural effect of living a holy life. When we live a life grounded in Christ, the effect will be that good fruit is born from our lives. This is an important spiritual principle to understand.

Hopefully, we all want to live good lives. We all want to make a difference in our world and in the lives of others for the good. But the fundamental question to ask is how do we do this? The answer is that it's not so much a matter of choosing the good actions we do; rather, on a more basic and fundamental level, we must choose to live a life grounded in Christ, thus becoming a “good tree.”

If you want to bear good fruit and make a holy and positive difference in the world, then you need to do one primary thing. Work at becoming holy. To use the image that Jesus gives, see yourself as a tree that is planted in the ground. See your roots stretching far and wide. See yourself being nourished and basked in the Sun. And see yourself growing and flourishing.

This is the life of grace and the effect is that good fruit automatically comes forth. The life of grace is accomplished by focusing upon your own health and spiritual well-being. You become this “good tree” by doing the basics well. First, pray, pray well and pray hard. Let your life be centered in prayer. Second, learn your faith. Listen to the Gospels, learn all that God has revealed through the Church, read the teachings of the saints, and learn from other holy people. Third, live a good sacramental life. Go to Mass, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, understand the grace of your Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Ordination, etc. Know that the Sacraments nourish you in powerful ways and embrace that nourishment with your whole heart.

Reflect, today, upon the important mission you have been given to go forth and to bear an abundance of good fruit in our world. This mission can be accomplished only as a result of a life of holiness. This holiness is only accomplished when your roots are firmly grounded in the life of grace. Embrace this life of grace through the many means that God has set before you, and know that the commitment you make to holiness will bring health not only to your own soul, but also to the souls of those whom God will touch through you.

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