



# ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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  
**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday** 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
**1<sup>st</sup> Friday** 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

**OR HOMEBOUND** (Temporary cancelled)

**Healing Service:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 below 7 years old)

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### 1st Sunday of Lent – Year C

#### Temptation is Real, and Painful

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. [Luke 4:1-2a](#)

What a painful experience for Jesus. If you really think about this, it can be difficult to understand...at least at first.

Jesus, the Son of God, the Messiah, the Creator of the Universe, the great I AM, the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, is in the desert, suffering for forty days while He is tempted by the devil and living among the wild beasts. Why in the world would He do this and why would God the Father allow it to happen? And what's more, it says that it was actually the Holy Spirit who drove Jesus into the desert to experience this painful 40 days!

Perhaps we rarely reflect upon all that Jesus endured and all that He suffered in His human life. Sure, we think about the Crucifixion at times, but even that is often overshadowed by our knowledge that He rose. It's easy to miss the suffering He experienced throughout His life. And it's easy to miss the reason He went through all that He did go through in His humanity.

So what's it all about? It's about love for us all. It's about God loving us so much that He was willing to endure every form of hardship and human suffering that enters into our lives. It's about God being able to look us square in the face and say, "Yes, I do understand what you're going through...I really do." This is love. It's a love so deep that God Himself was willing to experience our weaknesses and pain so that He would be able to meet us there, console us in the midst of whatever we are going through, and gently lift us out of it to the new life He has in store for us. Again, this is Love!

The Spirit "led" (Matthew's and Luke's versions) and even "drove" (Mark's version) Jesus out into the desert. This was a way of telling us that this experience was the plan and will of God. It wasn't something imposed upon Jesus by some strange happenstance. It wasn't bad luck or an unfortunate and meaningless human suffering. No, it was suffering for a purpose.

Suffering with an intention. And the intention was, in part, to experience and embrace all that we experience and must embrace.

Temptation in life is real. It's the result of our fallen human nature. It comes from our weakness but also from the evil one. Temptation can be a heavy burden and cause heavy emotional and psychological pain. And when the temptation is given in to, it causes an even deeper spiritual pain. Jesus never gave in to the temptations in the desert, nor did He give in to temptations at any other time in His life. But He endured them and suffered them.

This tells us that He can be our strength and inspiration in the midst of whatever we are tempted with each and every day. Some days we may feel the loneliness and isolation of one who is driven into the desert of our sins. We may feel as though the wild beasts of our disordered passions are getting the best of us. We may feel as though the evil one is having his way with us. Well, Jesus felt this way, also. And He freely allowed Himself to experience this in His humanity. It was the will of the Father and the working of the Holy Spirit that drove Him to this experience.

For these reasons, it is Jesus Himself who is able to meet you in this desert within. He is there, waiting for you, looking for you, calling to you. He is there in the midst of anything and everything you may be going through. And it is He, the One who defeated this desert temptation, who will gently guide you out. He went to the desert to meet you and to bring you back. And just as the angels ministered to Jesus in this desert, so also does He send those angels to minister to you.

So whether your "desert" is only a slight agitation in life right now, or if it's a struggle against complete despair, Jesus wants to meet you and bring you out. He conquered the desert once and for all, and He is able to conquer any desert in your life, also.

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### What are you doing for Lent?

10 IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON

<p><b>1. Give up sin</b> Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.</p>	<p><b>2. Fast</b> An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.</p>	<p><b>3. Pray</b> Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.</p>	<p><b>4. Do good works</b> Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.</p>
<p><b>5. Give alms</b> Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.</p>	<p><b>6. Abstain</b> Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.</p>	<p><b>7. Do meditative reading</b> Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God's thoughts and ways influence yours.</p>	<p><b>8. Control desire for possessions</b> Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself – your time and your talents – with others.</p>
<p><b>9. Control desire for entertainment</b> Too much entertainment and other distractions can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.</p>	<p><b>10. Carry out duties in life</b> Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ!</p>	<p style="font-size: small;">Text from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living Lent"</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Archdiocese of Toronto   www.archtoronto.org</p>	

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**.

**Update on Covid Restrictions**

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

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.

**WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS**

† = For the soul of    ♥ = Special Intention

**Saturday, Mar 5**

8:30 am - † Yusef Zetto, by Kharton

5:30 pm - † Shahbaz Bhatti, by Peter Bhatti

**Sunday, Mar 6 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – Year C**

8 am - Thanksgiving to St. Anthony for prayers answered,  
by Kathy Rea

9:30 am - (*Ital Mass*) † Antonio Della Posta and Teresa  
Narducci, by Giovanni Della Posta

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

12:30pm - For internship success of Tonna Anochie, by Onye  
Anochie

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

5:30 pm - (*Sp. Mass*)

**Monday, Mar 7 - Sts. Perpetua and Felicity**

8 am - † Yusef Zetto, by Kharton

7 pm - Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart of Jesus, by Juan Manuel  
and Lilia Hincapie

**Tuesday, Mar 8 - St. John of God**

8 am - † Immaculata Polera (5yrs death anniv.), by Mary Vito

7 pm - † Rolando and Daryl Sabado, by Cabuntocan family

**Wednesday, Mar 9 - St. Frances of Rome**

8 am - (*No Intention*)

7 pm - † Manuel Golle, Ceriaca and Jaime Sumbeling,  
by Zenaida Golle

**Thursday, Mar 10**

8 am - (*No Intention*)

7 pm - † Armando Sabado, by Lucena Lacambra

**Friday, Mar 11**

8 am - † Deceased members of the Morgan and Benjamin families  
by Alma and family

7 pm - † Phyllis Merrick, by Carol Anne McAvoy

**Saturday, Mar 12**

8:30 am - † Lucena Derpo and Petra Belen, by family

5:30 pm - † Antonio Campese (1 month death anniv.), by wife  
and family

**Sunday, Mar 13 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – Year C**

8 am - † For the repose of the soul of Gloria Mesina, by family

9:30 am - (*Ital Mass*) † Padre Vito Marsigliano, by Maria Pia Di Nardo

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

12:30pm - Petition for nursing license, by Rachel and Dennis

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

5:30 pm - (*Sp. 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.



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.

**First Holy Communion Classes**

The program will start on **Saturday, March 5, 2022** from **9:30am-11:00am** in **St. Andrews Church**. We invite all parents to join their children on March 5<sup>th</sup> to meet the catechists and our pastor, Father Peter and Father George.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation during these difficult times.

**Prayer, Fasting and Alms for Ukraine**

“I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day,” said Pope Francis during the announcement at last week’s General Audience. “May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.” The Pope said his heart aches over the situation.

According to Ukraine’s Interior Ministry, 352 Ukrainian civilians have been killed to date, including 14 children. Approximately 500,000 people, mainly women and children, have fled to neighbouring countries since the Russian invasion began. The United Nations estimates that there could eventually be up to five million Ukrainian refugees.

If you are able, the people of Ukraine would be grateful for your monetary support as well. [The Archdiocese of Toronto is now accepting donations](https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-humanitarian-relief/), which will we will channel to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and the Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT).

[CNEWA](https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-humanitarian-relief/) is a papal agency with a long history of humanitarian relief; it is currently working in Eastern Europe, providing Ukrainians with food, shelter, medicine and transportation to safe locations. [ORAT](https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-humanitarian-relief/) is Canada’s largest private Sponsorship Agreement Holder, which helps bring hundreds of newcomers to our country each year; it will use donations to bring Ukrainian refugees to Canada as soon as possible. Your donation will help Ukrainians who are beset by violence in Eastern Europe and it will help some of them find a new home in Canada. To donate please visit:

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