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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 3rd Sunday of Lent – Year C

Exhausting the "Soil" of Mercy

"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down." Luke 13:8–9

Every gardener knows that good fruit is, in part, dependent upon the presence of good soil. But other factors are also important in the production of good fruit. The plant must be free of disease, receive water and sun, be planted in a warm environment, be properly pruned, and have enough space to grow. When all factors are present, good fruit is guaranteed.

So it is with our lives. The soil in which we are to be planted is the mercy of God. And this soil is the richest soil attainable for the production of the virtues in our lives. God also produces the sun, the rain, and the warmth that is needed for our growth. But, analogously speaking, we must allow ourselves to be pruned. We must also allow the soil to be fertilized and cultivated in a variety of ways. Though Jesus is the Gardener of our lives, it's also fair to say that we are the gardeners in the sense that we must cooperate with our Lord, relying upon the supernatural resources of the Creator to ensure the healthy growth of our spiritual lives so that the good fruit of virtue may be born in our lives.

This passage above is the conclusion to the Parable of the Fig Tree. Just prior to this passage, the owner of the vineyard, God the Father, ordered that the barren fig tree be cut down so that it will no longer exhaust the soil. But our merciful Lord, sent on mission from the Father to till the soil of our lives, seeks to offer one more chance and the Father obliges out of love. This life is that "year" by which our Lord works fervently to cultivate the soil around us. We must cooperate through daily prayer, fidelity to His commands, acts of loving sacrifice and surrender to His providence. In the end, if we allow our Lord to do all He desires, our lives will bear good fruit.

But on the flip side, make no mistake about the fact that, if our lives do not bear good fruit, we will be "cut down." Bearing good fruit is not an option, it's a must. It's a clear indication of our spiritual health and it will become the measure of our eternal reward or eternal death. Do not be intimidated by such sharp language coming from our Lord. He spoke it in love so that we will know the serious duty we have to bear good fruit in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon the outward signs of your inward spiritual health. Do you see the virtues sprouting forth from your life? Are you aware of the work God desires to do in your soul so as to cultivate it and fertilize it with grace and mercy? Say "Yes" to Him this day and allow that grace to produce an abundance of good fruit.

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"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." - St. Padre Pio

Those who would like to be Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament and commit some of your time to visit our Lord for the Eucharistic Adoration, please fill out the sheet at the front of the Church indicating your name, contact information and availability.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION First Holy Communion Classes

The First Holy Communion classes are to formally begin on Saturday, **March 26th at St. Andrew's Catholic School**. Please check your email for additional information that has been sent through Flocknote.



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | MAR 20, 2022 | ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

 \dagger = For the soul of \bullet = Special Intention

Saturday, Mar 19 - St. Joseph

- 8:30 am † Antonio and Maria de la Cruz Sabado, by Cabuntocan family
 - Celebrating milestone 50th, 60th, and 60+ wedding anniversaries

5:30 pm - † Armando Sabado, by Lucena Lacambra

Sunday, Mar 20 – 3rd Sunday of Lent – Year C

8 am - † Hudson Joseph, by family

- 9:30 am (Ital Mass) [†]Joe Marrello, by family
- 11 am For the people of the Parish RCIA First Scrutiny Livestreamed
- 12:30pm Thanksgiving to the Knights of Columbus for their generous support, by Parishioners of St. Andrew's.

2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*) Mass Livestreamed

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

Monday, Mar 21

8 am - Thanksgiving to St. Blaise, by Christine 7 pm - (*No Intention*)

Tuesday, Mar 22

8 am - (*No Intention*)

7 pm - † Deceased members of Vella and Bonello families, by Martese

Wednesday, Mar 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - † Armando Sabado, by Lucena Lacambra

Thursday, Mar 24 - St. Oscar Romero

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

Friday, Mar 25 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

Saturday, Mar 26

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for Claudia and Mateo, by family 5:30 pm -† Elias Cowan and souls in purgatory, by Cowan family Sunday, Mar 27 – 4th Sunday of Lent – Year C

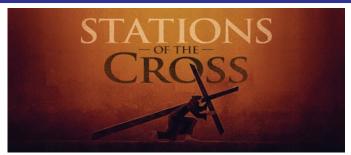
8 am - † For all souls in purgatory, by Alex family

- 9:30 am (*Ital Mass*) † Martora and Liberato Della Posta, by Giovanni Della Posta
- 11 am For the people of the Parish RCIA Second Scrutiny Livestreamed

12:30pm - † Guillermo Regala, by Regala family 2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*) **Mass Livestreamed** 5:30 pm - (*Sp. Mass*)



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.



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.**

March 19 Feast of Saint Joseph, Patron of the Church

Jesus, Mary and Joseph are in a sense the primordial nucleus of the Church. Jesus is Man and God; Mary, the first disciple, is the Mother; and Joseph, the guardian. And we too "should always consider whether we ourselves are protecting Jesus and Mary, for they are also mysteriously entrusted to our own responsibility, care and safekeeping" (*Patris corde*, 5). And here there is a very beautiful trace of the Christian vocation: to safeguard. To safeguard life, to safeguard human development, to safeguard the human mind, to safeguard the human heart, to safeguard human work. The Christian — we could say — is like Saint Joseph: he must safeguard. To be a Christian is not only to receive the faith, to confess the faith, but to safeguard life, one's own life, the life of others, the life of the Church. The Son of the Most High came into the world in a condition of great weakness: Jesus was born like this, weak. He wanted to be in need of being defended, protected, cared for. God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found



in him the bridegroom who loved and respected her and always took care of her and the Child. "In this sense. Saint Joseph could not be other than the Guardian of the Church, for the Church is the continuation of the Body of Christ in history, even as Mary's motherhood is reflected in the motherhood of the Church. In his continued protection of the Church, Joseph continues to protect the child and his mother, and we too, by our love for the Church, continue to love the Child and His mother ".



March 2022

We would like to congratulate the parents of the Newly Baptized Children. Johanna Curammeng and Lucas Fareed Sabri-Yaqu.

