

# 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) 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

Wednesday (Iraqi - Rosary & Mass) 5:00 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**

**Tuesday & Thursday** 8:30 am - 6:30 pm **1st Saturday Devotions** 9:30 am - 10:00 am

#### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Home visits: Please call the Parish office

#### **PARISH TEAM**

Fr. George Kibura Njuguna imc, Pastor StAndrewsET@archtoronto.org

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 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time – Year C

#### **Overcoming Obstacles**

"Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." Luke 19:5

Zacchaeus was up a tree. Why? Practically speaking, he was up a tree because he was short and he wanted to see Jesus as Jesus passed by. But the symbolism reveals far greater meaning.

The first thing we must note is that Zacchaeus was a wealthy and well respected man. In the eyes of the world he was successful. But despite his wealth, it appears there was something missing. He heard about Jesus and desired to know Him. This passage is fascinating because it must have been an unusual sight to see a wealthy and successful man climbing a tree in the presence of a large crowd. In fact, it was so unusual that Jesus immediately noticed it.

Jesus also noticed Zacchaeus because of something far more significant than a grown man climbing a tree. Zacchaeus was noticed by Jesus primarily because Jesus was able to perceive the desire and openness of his heart.

Zacchaeus, this wealthy and successful man, was missing something and he was zealous to obtain it. He longed for Jesus and this desire is fulfilled by the compassion of our Lord.

Regardless of whether or not you are "successful" from a worldly point of view, it's essential that you, too, recognize the unfulfilled desire of your heart. That "unfulfilled desire" refers to any way that God is not fully the center of your life. Some people try to fulfill this desire in many worldly ways. But those who are like Zacchaeus will realize that Jesus is the answer. And when someone recognizes this fact, they will go to any length necessary to see Him and be with Him.

Reflect, today, upon a simple question: How far am I willing to go to see Jesus? Are you willing to do anything you have to so as to see Him, hear Him and be with Him? It may take an act of humility and you may have to act in a radical way. Doing so will call out to the heart of our Lord and He will respond to you with much generosity just as He did to Zacchaeus.

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On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Andrew's Church, we would like to thank everyone who support with their donations to our clothing drive.

Donated goods are provided to our neighbours in need in communities across the GTA and to those whom we serve through our supportive housing and outreach programs.

As always, we appreciate your support with the SSVP.
Thank you again and God Bless.

#### WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

 $\dagger$  = For the soul of  $\mathbf{v}$  = Special Intention

#### Saturday, Oct 29

8:30 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla

5:30pm - Thanksgiving, by Dias family / Fr. George Kibura Njuguna's Installation—presided by Most Rev. Ivan

Camilleri (livestreamed)

#### Sunday, Oct 30 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

8 am - †Anna Carlucci, by family

9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Joseph De Francesco, by Maria Pia Di Nardo and family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm -† Sixta and Benito Perez, by Juliana Cuyno

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (*Spn. Mass*) † Yolanda Castro and Washington Loja, by Karina

#### Monday, Oct 31

8 am - † Maria Tugare, by Morris family

7 pm - † Lidia S. & Arcadio M. Delos Reyes and Emmanuel Santiago, by Delos Reyes family

#### Tuesday, Nov 1 - ALL SAINTS

8 am - † Alfred, Mary and Arulammah, by Sebastian family

7 pm - †Deceased members of Angelo & Gonsalves families, by family

#### Wednesday, Nov 2 - ALL SOULS'S DAY

8 am - (No personal intention this Mass is for All souls)

7 pm - (No personal intention this Mass is for All souls)

#### Thursday, Nov 3 - St. Martin de Porres

8 am -†Christina, Tony, Louie & Eugenio, by Yollie & family

7 pm - † Anthony Misquitta, by Chan family

#### Friday, Nov 4 - St. Charles Borromeo

8 am - Thanksgiving for Anthony Morgan, by Alma & family

7 pm - † Marie Fernando, by family

#### Saturday, Nov 5

8:30 am - † Constantino, Esterina and Rosario Furgiuele, Cecilia and Giovanni Settino, by family

9:30 am - First Saturday Devotions

5:30pm - Thanksgiving for Shenel's on her birthday, by family

#### Sunday, Nov 6 – 32st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

8 am - † Deceased members of Derpo and Alzaga families, by Belen family

9:30 am - (Ital Mass)

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm -† Irene Selvamani Pillai, by Pillai family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

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

#### St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

Collection for Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

Sunday Offertory \$ 9,147



First Holy Communion Classes will begin on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 and end on April 15<sup>th</sup> 2023. Classes will take place on Saturdays from 9:30am to 11:00am at St. Andrew's School. For more information call the parish office.



#### MONTH OF NOVEMBER - ST. ANDREW PARISH

It is in this month that the Book of the Dead is opened annually and is placed near the altar to allow parishioners to write the names of relatives to be remembered. Mass will be celebrated to commemorate both **All Saints Day & All Souls' Day** on the following dates and times: Tuesday, November 1st, at 8:00 am and 7:00pm on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 8:00am and 7:00pm

#### All Souls Day Mass

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday November 5 at 2 p.m. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga
   Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum
- Christ the King Cemetery, Markham Reception Centre
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill Holy Family Mausoleum
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge
   St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English)
- Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby
   Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum

Parish Registration – The office is continuously working on updating the parishioner database. If you/family are not registered and would like to be registered with St. Andrew Parish please fill out one of our Membership Registration Form located at the entrance of the Church.

#### NOVEMBER, THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

In the tradition of the Catholic Church, the month of November is set aside for the remembrance of All Souls. The names of our loved ones who have preceded us in life and faith are placed in front of the altar and remembered at all Masses celebrated during the month of November.

You may place your All Souls Envelope bearing the names of relatives and friends in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. We will have our All Souls Memorial Mass on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8 am and 7pm.

All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead. The day is primarily celebrated in the Catholic Church, but it is also celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox Church and a few other denominations of Christianity. The Anglican Church is the largest protestant church to celebrate the holy day.

According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go.

Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven. There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin."

Additional references are found in Zechariah, Sirach, and the Gospel of Matthew. Jewish tradition also reinforces this belief as well as the tradition and teaching of the Church, which has been affirmed throughout history.

Consistent with these teachings and traditions, Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faithful on Earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter into heaven.

The belief in purgatory has not been without controversy. Certainly, some flagrant abuses of the doctrine were used to raise money for the Church during the renaissance. Famously, Martin Luther argued with the monk, Johan Tetzel, over the sale of indulgences. Indulgences were sold as spiritual pardons to the poor and applied to the souls of the dead (or the living) to get people into heaven. The abuse of indulgences and the blatant, sometimes fraudulent practice of selling indulgences for money, led to Luther's protest.

When Martin Luther translated the Bible into German, he omitted the seven books of the canon which refer to prayers for the dead. He then introduced the heretical belief that people are simply saved, or not, and argued that there is no need to pray for the dead to get them into heaven.

The Church reeled from Luther's accusation, and reformed its practice of selling indulgences. However, it reemphasized the Biblical and traditional practice of praying for the departed and the importance of such prayers.

In North America, Americans may say extra prayers or light candles for the departed. In parts of Latin America, families visit the graves of their ancestors and sometimes leave food offerings for the departed.

While 2 November remained the liturgical celebration, in time the entire month of November became associated in the Western Catholic tradition with prayer for the departed; lists of names of those to be remembered being placed in the proximity of the altar on which the sacrifice of the mass is offered.

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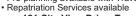
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