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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
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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
Second Sunday of Advent - Year A

Public Repentance

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.” **Matthew 3:7–8**

This was both a very intense and yet very holy encounter. It was intense in that Saint John the Baptist, who had become quite popular and respected and was considered a great prophet, spoke harshly toward the Pharisees and Sadducees. “You brood of vipers!” he says. This was not the way the Pharisees and Sadducees were normally spoken to.

John speaks this way because it was the truth. These religious leaders were not leading anyone closer to God. One only needs to ponder all that Jesus would eventually say to the Pharisees and Sadducees to understand what kind of people these religious leaders had become.

So this passage is certainly intense. But it is also very holy. It is holy because this “brood of vipers” needed to be chastised. They needed to be condemned and challenged. They needed to be humbled. And there is nothing more humbling than sincerely repenting of one’s sins in a public way.

Notice that John does not dismiss the leaders outright. Rather, he requires of them “evidence” of their repentance. Why? Because of the spiritual damage these men did to the people of Israel on account of their pride, self-righteousness, hypocrisy, love of public honors, condemnation of others, etc. They had so distorted the faith that the good of their souls required public repentance. It required that everyone see sincere good fruits flowing from their lives as a sign that they had changed. Though this is a tall order for the Pharisees and Sadducees, it’s the way to holiness for them.

The same is true for us. If you have allowed yourself to fall into some of the same traps as the Pharisees and Sadducees, then you, too, will greatly benefit from clear and humble public change. If you have struggled with self-righteousness, a critical tongue, a “holier than thou” attitude or a judgmental attitude toward others, then you might have great need for a humble and public repentance.

Reflect, today, upon the Pharisees and Sadducees. Try to understand their sin and the reason John called them a “brood of vipers.” If you see any of their pride and self-righteousness within your own soul, then listen to this exhortation from John the Baptist as if it were spoken to you directly. “Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.” Do this, and God will free you through the gift of true humility.

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The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
SOLEMNITY: DECEMBER 8

What it is

- It is the **conception of Mary**. Through a special grace from God, she was kept free from Original Sin and lived her whole life free from sin in order to carry out her mission as the Mother of Jesus.
- It is an **ancient Church teaching**. While it was defined as dogma by Pope Pius IX in 1854, the Church has held it as point of faith for centuries before.

Why we celebrate

Because it is a **gift** that Mary said “yes” to God and bore his Son, Jesus!

What it is not

- It is **not a virgin birth**. Mary was conceived like any other person.
- It is **not the conception of Jesus**. We remember the conception of Jesus on the Feast of the Annunciation, which is celebrated on March 25.


The Miraculous Medal also known as the Medal of the Immaculate Conception has this prayer inscribed: *“O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee.”*



The Miraculous Medal

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Let Jesus Christ be the light of your soul



“The light that enlightens every person was coming into the world”
 John 1:9

Day of Confessions

“So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential.” - Thomas Cardinal Collins.

At St. Andrew’s, in unity with the Archdiocese of Toronto, We will have two special day for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on:

- December 14th from 7:30am to 10am & from 6pm to 8pm
- December 15th from 7:30am to 10am & from 6pm to 8pm

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Dec 3 - St. Francis Xavier

8:30 am - † Deceased members of Angelo & Gonsalves families, by family
 9:30 am - First Saturday Devotions
 5:30pm -† Angelo Sergnese, by family

Sunday, Dec 4 - Second Sunday of Advent

8 am - † Marie Fernando, by family
 9:30 am - (*Ital Mass*) † Constantino, Esterina & Rosario Furgiuele, Cecilia and Giovanni Settino, by family
 11 am - For the people of the Parish
 12:30pm -† Edgar Falzon, by family
 2 pm - (*Twí Ghana*)
 5:30 pm - (*Spanish Mass*)

Monday, Dec 5

8 am - † Thanksgiving, by Chan family
 7 pm - (*No Intention*)

Tuesday, Dec 6 - St. Nicholas

8 am - † Mary and Satish John Vetticaden, and AT Mathew by Usha Jacob and family
 7 pm - † Antonio & Angelita Galicia, by Florencia Champion

Wednesday, Dec 7 - St. Ambrose

8 am - (*No Intention*)
 7 pm - † Francisco Rodrigues, by Lucia Pinto

Thursday, Dec 8 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8 am - Thanksgiving for Connie on her birthday, by family
 7 pm - (*No Intention*)

Friday, Dec 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

8 am - (*No Intention*)
 7 pm - (*No Intention*)

Saturday, Dec 10

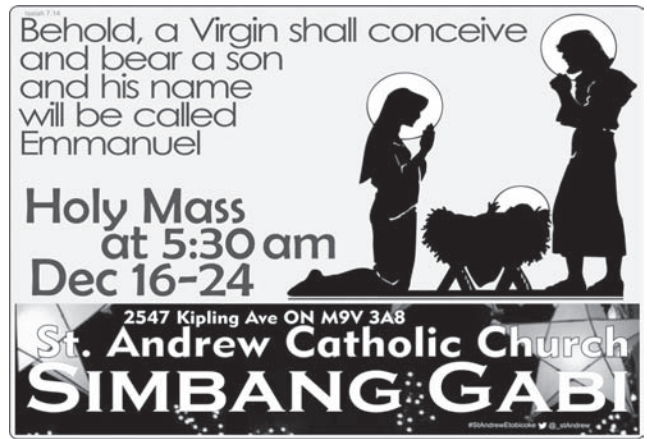
8:30 am - † Consuelo Mejia (death anniversary), by family
 10 am – Infants Baptism
 5:30pm -† Joseph, Ludvina, Custodio, Flory, Santana & Cristalyn, Luisa P. & Santan, by Dias family

Sunday, Dec 11 - Third Sunday of Advent

8 am - † John Tak Shun, by family
 9:30 am - (*Ital Mass*) † Giacinto, Sandra, Pietro & Giulio, by De Massimo family
 11 am - For the people of the Parish
 12:30pm -† Wilfred and Catherine Emodi, by family
 2 pm - (*Twí Ghana*)
 5:30 pm - (*Spanish Mass*) † José Humberto Pauta, by José Pulla

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

Collection for Nov 27th, 2022
 Sunday Offertory \$ 7,270.00



Following the Filipino tradition – Mass at Dawn, Simbang Gabi – we will celebrate a novena of Holy Masses in preparation for the birth of Baby Jesus, at 5:30am from December 16 to 24.
You are all welcome!



The Knights of Columbus are having a raffle for turkey and ham. Prices are 3 tickets for \$5, 7 tickets for \$10 and 15 tickets for \$20. You can contact Marlon Cowan at 647-383-6725 or by email at mcowan27@hotmail.com. Some of the proceeds will be donated to St Vincent De Paul where the need is still great in the community and our church renovation fund.

The draw will take place on Saturday December 17th. On this same day at 7 pm you all are invited to a **Concert of Christmas Carols Singing** with all the Parish's Choirs. Please bring your family and friends.

What is Advent?

A season of **hope**, preparation, EXPECTATION & celebration



The **ADVENT WREATH** is a popular symbol used as the focus of prayer throughout the season

Advent is made up of **four weeks**, divided into **two periods**:

- 1 First Sunday of Advent until December 16
focus: Christ's second coming at the end of time
- 2 December 17 to 24
focus: Preparation for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ

The **first Sunday of Advent** marks the beginning of the liturgical year

Through prayer, spiritual reading, acts of charity, and participation in Eucharist, Advent helps us to expand the meaning of our lives, **so that we are not ends in ourselves, but a people who seek Christ** as our hopeful end and joyful fulfillment



CANDLES mark the steps in our Advent journey



Our prayer at Advent is one of hope and love:
Come, Lord Jesus!

Advent is **more** than the preparation for Christ's birth. It also celebrates the **three-fold coming** of the Lord:

- Remembering the events that surrounded the Lord's coming long ago
- Celebrating his coming among us today
- Looking forward to his final coming in glory

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