



# 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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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**

**Fr Alex Osei CSSp, Ghanaian Community**

**Mr. Martins Igbinoba, Parish Council**

**Mr. Joseph Fragomeni, Finance Council**

**Mrs. Cora deNully, Parish Office**  
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**Ms. Carolina Chavez, Parish Office**  
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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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year A

## The Journey to Perfection

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” [Matthew 5:1-3](#)

The Sermon on the Mount begins with today’s reading in Chapter Five of Matthew’s Gospel and continues through Chapter Seven. This beautiful sermon presents us with many familiar teachings of Jesus, such as the Beatitudes, the Lord’s Prayer and the Golden Rule. Jesus begins His sermon by going up a mountain and sitting down. The mountain is believed to be just north of the Sea of Galilee, just a few miles from Capernaum where Jesus often stayed during His public ministry. Today’s Gospel presents us with the glorious and very high calling of the Beatitudes. This teaching on the Beatitudes sets the stage for the many other lessons Jesus taught.

The Beatitudes are certainly a teaching about morality, but the lessons are not the same as many of the moral teachings that the people were familiar with. Up until that time, morality was primarily seen as a list of forbidden practices. “Thou shall not...” was the general tone. However, the Beatitudes take morality to a much higher level. In this new teaching, Jesus did not start with that which was forbidden or that which was a violation of God’s Law. Instead, He explained that reaching for these ideals brought forth the greatest fulfillment in life. Morality was not only a list of regulations one needed to avoid. At the heart, morality was now presented by our Lord as a glorious journey to perfection. The result of this journey was the attainment of the Kingdom of Heaven.

When you consider the moral life, how do you look at it? Do you see it more as a list of things you can’t do? Or do you see it as a journey up the mountain of true holiness and fulfillment? The Christian life certainly forbids us to engage in many forms of sin and violations of God’s Law. But unless we understand that the highest form of morality is given to fulfill us on the deepest level, then it will be easy to become discouraged by our calling.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus calling you to follow Him up the mountain of the Beatitudes. As you do, begin by considering this journey first from a physical point of view. It would have been much easier for His first hearers of this sermon to simply stay in Capernaum and recline at table, listening to Jesus speak. But the physical journey up the mountain gives insight into the high calling of the moral life. It requires effort and determination. From there, try to imagine yourself listening to Jesus preach. Remind yourself that the Christian life is one of perfection in every way. This is our calling. But the fruit of perfection is the fulfillment in which God wants us to share. The easy life of sin leaves us dry and interiorly dead, but the hard journey to perfection leads us to the deepest fulfillment we could ever attain. Commit yourself to the journey and do not hesitate on the way, and you, too, will be rewarded with the Kingdom of Heaven.

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## WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of      ♥ = Special Intention

### Saturday, Jan 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 am - (No Intention)

5:30pm - †Estelle Jodhan-David, by Mr & Mrs Lakhan & family

### Sunday, Jan 29 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Antonio Concepcion, by Consolacion Concepcion

9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Francesco Pisanti and Maria Panaro, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - (No Intention)

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass) † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla

### Monday, Jan 30

8 am - † Otillo V. Dela Rosa (12 yrs death anniv.), by family

7 pm - † Thressiamma Mathew, by Jacob Mathew and family

### Tuesday, Jan 31 - St. John Bosco

8 am - † Colin Joseph (2yrs death anniversary), by family

7 pm - (No Intention)

### Wednesday, Feb 1

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - † Anthony Ferro, by family

### Thursday, Feb 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

### Friday, Feb 3 - St. Blaise and St. Ansgar

8 am - Thanksgiving to St. Blaise, by Christine

7 pm - † Donald Champion, by Champion family

### Saturday, Feb 4

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

9:30 am - First Saturday Devotions

5:30pm - † Milton and Mary Fernando, by family

### Sunday, Feb 5 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Thanksgiving for Yvonne Castanheiro on her birthday, by Roberts family

9:30 am - (Ital Mass) †Giovanni & Filomena Sardella, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Annie D'Costa (10th death anniv.), by family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

## St. Andrew’s Parish Stewardship

Collection for Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Sunday Offertory \$ 7,059



**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS**  
**February 12, 2023 – 2:30 PM**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass here at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 PM.

Please visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.

On Sunday, **February 5th**, we have this year's first offertory to our Building Fund.

As we are invited to donate to our Building Fund, let us do it with a spirit of Sacrifice and Thanksgiving for all the gifts and benefits that we received from God in this church. All efforts are being made to complete the renovation work.

**2023 PARISH ENVELOPES & PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING**

Thanks to all who have picked up your 2023 envelopes and use them for your donation each Sunday. If you did not use envelopes in 2022 but would like a box of envelopes for this year, please visit, call, or email the office to request a box of 2023 envelopes. We invite each family to consider the option of Pre-Authorized Giving.

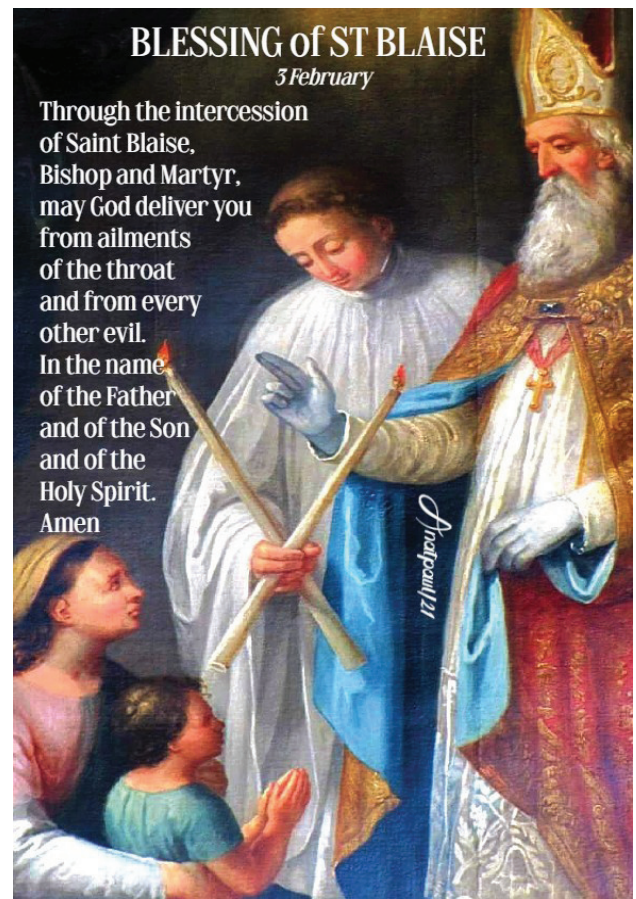


**Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG)**

The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, authorized and supported by the Archdiocese of Toronto, is a direct debit program allowing you to support our Parish through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Now you can lend us your support in the same manner that you currently pay many of your current financial obligations without writing cheques or searching your wallet for cash every Sunday. To enroll in this convenient program, simply fill out the form, attach a void cheque and drop it into the weekly collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. For additional information on **PAG** please contact the parish office. A tax receipt will be issued to you for the donations you contribute for that year.

**Church Bulletin Advertisement**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in April 2023 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.



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