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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

Fr Alex Osei CSSp, Ghanaian Community

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Mrs. Cora deNully, Parish Office
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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

1st Sunday of Lent - Year A

Forty Days = Your Entire Life

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. [Matthew 4:1-2](#)

“Forty” is a significant number. In Scripture, it is used more than 145 different times. For example, the rain during the Great Flood lasted forty days and forty nights. Each time Moses went up Mount Sinai, he remained there for forty days and nights. The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years. After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days before ascending into Heaven. And there are many other uses of “forty” throughout the Bible. Interestingly, forty is even significant within human nature, in that we develop within our mother’s womb for forty weeks before being born.

The “forty” that we commemorate today is the forty days and forty nights that our Lord spent in the desert being tempted by the devil while He fasted and prayed. Forty is used to symbolize a time of testing, purification, trial or probation. For that reason, it should also be seen as a symbol of your entire life here on earth. In Saint Matthew’s version of Jesus’ temptation in the desert, He specifically uses the wording “forty days and forty nights.” Saint Bede, in commenting upon this, points out that this period of time not only symbolizes our entire lives, but the “days” represent the many graces and blessings we receive, while the “nights” represent the crosses we endure.

As we begin our Lenten journey, it is important to once again apply the lessons of Jesus’ time in the desert to our entire lives. Let’s consider two lessons we can take from the passage quoted above. First, we see that Jesus was “led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.” This teaches us that Jesus not only endured temptation, He confronted it. He was not afraid of the devil and did not fear his attacks. Instead, He willingly faced those temptations, being led by the Spirit, so as to not only overcome them in His life but also to enable us to confront, in our lives, every temptation by the power and initiative of the Holy Spirit. We must never be afraid to confront temptations directly and confidently when the Holy Spirit is in the lead.

A second important lesson is that Jesus voluntarily fasted during this time in the desert. This illustrates the importance of the virtue of temperance in life. If we see this period of forty as a symbol of our whole lives, then we will understand that temperance must always be part of our lives. When we experience the joys and blessings of life (the forty days), we must certainly celebrate them. But we must always do so with a certain self-denial, in that we must never allow the passing things of this world to become the primary satisfaction we seek. Saint John of the Cross teaches that we can even become overly attached to spiritual consolations. Conversely, when we experience the crosses of life (the forty nights), we must also practice a certain self-denial, in that we must not allow the difficulties we endure to discourage us or to distract us from seeking out and fulfilling the will of God. Fasting, meaning our acquisition of the virtue of temperance, must lead us always through the ups and downs of life, helping us to keep our eyes on the truths God has revealed to us and rejecting the lies of the devil.

Reflect, today, upon the importance of embracing the virtue of temperance with courage throughout life. Throughout life’s many ups and downs, joys and sorrows, blessings and crosses, we must allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit, confronting every circumstance with courage and self-control. Reflect upon any ways that you struggle with the crosses you endure or excessively cling to the consolations of life. Seek to embrace the road of virtue this Lent in imitation of Jesus’ forty days and nights in the desert.

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WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and of living for God.

WHEN IS LENT?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until the afternoon of Holy Thursday. It runs for about 40 days.

WHY 40 DAYS? The “40 days” (not including Sundays) of fasting, prayer, and penance before Easter reflect Jesus’ 40 days in the wilderness.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO DURING LENT?

- 1. Turn away from our sins and turn back to God. Detach from habits and tendencies that are contrary to God’s will. Lent is a time of conversion.
- 2. Open our hearts to our Father, so that we may live with Christ for God. Jesus is calling us to be people of praise and prayer, and living signs of his love for all.

“This time of fasting opens the gates of heaven to us. Let us welcome it and pray that when Easter comes we may share the joy of the risen Lord.” LENTEN RESPONSORY

Archdiocese of Toronto www.archtoronto.org
Text from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops “Living Lent”

ST. ANDREW’S LENTEN SCHEDULE

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING IN THE CHURCH AT 6:15PM FOLLOWED BY MASS



CONFESSIONS



EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:30AM AND EVERY SATURDAY AT 8AM & 4PM

LENTEN RETREAT SATURDAY MARCH 18

9:00 AM - 5:00PM

Retreat will be facilitated by the Queen of Apostles Team.

COST: \$45.00 includes lunch

CONTACT: Jean

PHONE: 905-278-5229

EMAIL: office@gqa.ca for more information.

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre is having a Retreat On Friday March 3- Sunday March 5

Conducted by Father Ron Rolheiser

Theme -Wrestling with God and with Love – Resistance and Surrender Within Our Spiritual Journey

For more information, contact:

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre 905-278-5229, or, office@gqa.ca

1st SUNDAY OF LENT | FEB 26, 2023 | ST. ANDREW CHURCH

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Feb 25

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for Jermaine Daniel, by Alma & family
5:30pm - Thanksgiving for Eloho & Osazuwa on their birthdays,
by family

Sunday, Feb 26 - First Sunday of Lent

8 am - † Salvatore Melchiorre, by Mary Notarianni
9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Maria Tonino, by Maria and family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Veda Bhola, by Mary Viglione
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

Monday, Feb 27 - St. Gregory and Narek

8 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla
7 pm - For the health of sister Linda Cal, by the Legion of Mary

Tuesday, Feb 28

8 am - Thanksgiving for Rose Rabino celebrating 68 yrs of life,
by Rose
7 pm - † Angela Ferro, by family

Wednesday, Mar 1

8 am - † Alwyn Joseph, by family
7 pm - † Antonio Campese, by wife and family

Thursday, Mar 2

8 am - Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate
Heart of Mary, by Janet Mary
7 pm - † Lubin Leblanc, by Bernice MacCallum by family

Friday, Mar 3 - Word Day of Prayer

8 am - For fr. Jobby Joseph for his birthday, by Cenacle group
7 pm - (No Intention)

Saturday, Mar 4 - St. Casimir

8:30 am - † Constantino, Esterina and Rosario Furgiuele, Cecilia
and Giovanni Settino, by family
9:30 am - First Saturday Devotions
5:30pm - † Elias Cowan, by Cowan family

Sunday, Mar 5 - Second Sunday of Lent

8 am - † Vito Polera (1yr death anniversary), by Mary
9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Maria Paglia, by Maria Pia Di Nardo
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Ernesto Rafael Ruiz (2nd month death anniversary),
by Maria Ruiz
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)



The income tax receipts for Year 2022 are issued by the Archdiocese of Toronto and will be mailed to your home. We thank all parishioners for your past and continued support!

God bless you all.

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

Collection for Feb 19th, 2023

Sunday Offertory \$ 6,384

Installation of Archbishop Frank Leo to take place Saturday March 25

Bishop Frank Leo of Montreal will be installed as the next Archbishop of Toronto during a special Mass and ceremony to take place on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in downtown Toronto.



On February 11, 2023, Pope Francis announced the appointment of the archbishop-designate, who will succeed Cardinal Thomas Collins, who has served as Archbishop of Toronto since 2007.

Given capacity restrictions at the cathedral, it is expected that participation will be limited to invited guests only. The ceremony will be live-streamed. Plans are also underway for a series of welcome events in various regions of the Archdiocese of Toronto, allowing the faithful an opportunity to meet the new archbishop.

We continue to pray for Archbishop-designate Leo and Cardinal Collins.

Hitch a Ride on the Bus going to the LIFE JESUS HIGHER RALLY on SATURDAY MARCH 4 (cost \$15.00 - first come first served). To reserve your seat on the bus and for further information please contact: Elizabeth Belen at 416-564-8264 or Michelle Ferrer at 647-408-9309

PLEASE NOTE:

You must purchase your ticket for the Lift Jesus Higher Rally

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