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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 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday

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

8:30 am and 5:30 pm Saturday

Public holidays 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

8:00 am and 4:00 pm **Saturday:**

Wednesday: 7:30 am Anytime by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am - 6:30 pm**1**st **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

Mr. Martins Igbinoba, 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 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

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT | MAR 12, 2023 | ST. ANDREW CHURCH

Welcome home to St. Andrew 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A

Living Water for a Thirsty Soul

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." John 4:5–7

Today, throughout the world, Catholic liturgies will celebrate the first of three Scrutinies of those adults who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The word "scrutiny" comes from the Latin word scrutari which means an inquiry, close examination or search of something. It originally referred to rummaging through rubbish so as to find something of value. In a sense, this is what God does with all of us. When we first turn to Him, He sorts through the disorder of our fallen human nature and our sins so as to point to the goodness and beauty of the child He created. As for the liturgical rite that will be celebrated in churches throughout the world today, the Right of Christian Initiation of Adults describes it as follows: "The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (#141). The Gospel story we read today depicts this action beautifully. It is the long and inspiring story of the woman at the well. This story is filled with symbolism, much of which the casual reader could easily miss.

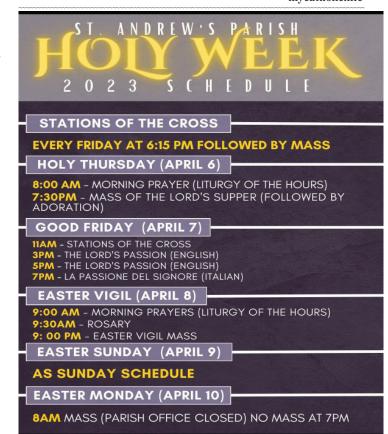
To begin, it is important to prayerfully imagine the scene. Jesus was all alone sitting next to Jacob's well around noon. Few women would come to the well at that time of day due to the heat. But this woman came at this time because she knew others would not be around. She was a sinner, and many of the other women of the town knew it. Therefore, in an attempt to avoid them and avoid feeling shame, she came at a time when she could avoid the other women. So the first thing to consider is the suffering this woman was enduring because of her shame and embarrassment over her sinful life.

As she approached the well, she was surprised to hear Jesus ask her for a drink. She was a Samaritan. Jews generally considered Samaritans as ritually unclean. For that reason, Jews would not drink from their vessels. But Jesus broke this unholy custom and looked at her as a daughter of God with innate dignity and value as He engaged her in conversation.

Within the heat of the day, Jesus spoke lovingly to this woman and said, "Give me a drink." Saint Augustine states that, symbolically speaking, Jesus thirsted for her soul, for her salvation. He longed to give her the grace soon to be won through His Cross. Her willing reception of this gift would also bring satiation to the Heart of our Lord. Jesus didn't dwell upon her past; He knew all about it. He could read her soul. All He wanted to do was to rummage through the sin and rubbish that was cluttering her soul so as to discover her dignity within. If she were to allow Jesus to offer her this mercy, not only would she receive true Living Water to quench her spiritual thirst, she would also satiate the spiritual thirst in the soul of our Lord that could only be satiated by the dispensing of His mercy.

As we celebrate the Scrutinies this Sunday, reflect upon this woman at the well. First, she is a symbol of every person coming to faith in Christ and preparing for the Living Water of Baptism this Easter. But she is also a symbol of your own soul, to the extent that it has become cluttered with the rubbish of sin and disorder. Do not let shame, fear or a sense of unworthiness deter you from engaging in this same conversation with our Lord. Hear Him say to you that He thirsts for you and longs to be satiated by the sacred act of the ongoing bestowal of His Divine Mercy, poured forth through the Living Water superabundantly given to you at your baptism.

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FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH NOVENA AND CELEBRATION



St. Andrew Parish invites you to a 9-Day Novena in honour of St. Joseph, from March 10 to 18 which will be done during the morning Mass ONLY. Join us to the Feast celebration on Monday, March 20th at 7:00 pm.

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship Collection for Mar 5th, 2023 Sunday Offertory \$ 6,222

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, Mar 11

8:30 am - † Deceased members of Morgan and Benjamin family, by Alma and family

10 am - Infants Baptism

5:30pm - † Phyllis Merrick, by Carol Anne McAvoy

Sunday, Mar 12 - Third Sunday of Lent

8 am - † Deceased members of Edward & Katheen Alex family, by family

9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Filippo, Franco & Giovanna Zampino, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Antonio Campese, by wife and family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (*Spanish Mass*) † Julia, Vicente, Manuel & Enrique Onofre, by family

Accion de gracias por los cumpleaños de Juan José
 Muñoz y Bryant José Berrio, by Ma. Eugenia Restrepo

Monday, Mar 13

8 am - †In memory of Gloria Mesina, by Lilian, Arthur & family 10:30 am - Humber Valley Terrace Mass

7 pm - † Maria Paglia, Michelina and family

Tuesday, Mar 14

8 am - † Anthony Hewlett, by Hewlett family

7 pm - (No Intention)

Wednesday, Mar - 15

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

Thursday, Mar 16

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

Friday, Mar 17 - St. Patrick

8 am - In honour of St. Patrick, by parishioners of St. Andrew

7 pm - Thanksgiving for Patricia and Rawle Nandram on their 45th Wed. Anniversary, by family

Saturday, Mar 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30 am - Thankgiving for Manny Rabino and Gemma Charles on their birhday, by family

5:30pm - † For the soul of Marie Lorraine Chan, by Chan family

Sunday, Mar 19 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8 am - Thanksgiving to St. Joseph, by Alex family

9:30 am - (*Ital Mass*) † Joe Marello and in honour of St. Joseph, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Antonio Concepcion, by Consolacion Concepcion

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.

LENTEN RETREAT SATURDAY - MARCH 18 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Retreat will be facilitated by the Queen of Apostles Team.

COST: \$45.00 includes lunch

CONTACT: Jean

PHONE: 905-278-5229

EMAIL: office@qoa.ca for more information.

SL ShareLife

SUPPORT OUR LENTEN SHARELIFE APPEAL

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DAY OF CONFESSIONS FOR LENT

St. Andrew Parish is having the Day of Confessions for Lent on Thursday, March 30° from 9 am to 12 pm, and from 4 pm to 7 pm.

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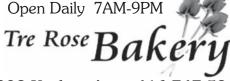
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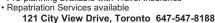
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