

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

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

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY | APR 16, 2023 | ST. ANDREW CHURCH

Welcome home to St. Andrew 2nd Sunday of Easter – Sunday of Divine Mercy - Year A

A Whole Ocean of Graces



Saint Faustina reports in her Diary what Jesus told her about Divine Mercy Sunday:

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow" (Diary #699).

That day is today! It is the Feast

of Divine Mercy! Today's feast is among the newer feasts in our Church. Though Jesus' desire that this feast be celebrated on the eighth day of Easter was spoken to Sister Maria Faustina Kowolska back in 1931, it was not solemnly instituted until the year 2000. On April 30 of that year, Saint Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina and inaugurated the Feast of Divine Mercy as a universal feast within the Church. Because this Feast is so recent within the Church, we can be certain that we still have much to learn about the message of this Solemnity as well as the numerous messages about God's mercy revealed in Saint Faustina's Diary.

Among the many messages contained within her Diary, Jesus revealed to us that this Sunday, the eighth and final day of the Octave of Easter, is a day like none other. Though grace and mercy are continuously poured out from Heaven upon us, Jesus is very clear that today is unique. Today, "a whole ocean of graces" is poured forth upon souls who approach the font of His mercy. Sit with that image for a time. "A whole ocean of graces." What does that mean?

Symbolically speaking, a whole ocean is meant to depict the infinite. Try to imagine what it would be like to have the entire ocean poured upon you—it's beyond comprehension! Thus, God is saying that the infinity of grace is given today. The question for us all to ponder is this: How receptive am I to those infinite graces?

By analogy, imagine that your life was like a thimble, and an ocean of water was poured upon you. As a thimble, you could not contain all that was given. Therefore, we should realize that God wants to stretch our capacity to receive His mercy more abundantly by widening our capacity for mercy. What if your soul were like a large pond? Still, the waters of the ocean could not be contained within that pond. What is it that is capable of receiving an entire ocean of mercy? Only an ocean can contain an ocean. For that reason, God desires to first prepare our souls to receive an infinity of mercy by transforming us into vessels of infinite capacity.

Saint Teresa of Ávila, in her spiritual classic, "Interior Castles," teaches us that the soul is, indeed, capable of infinite capacity for the simple fact that God dwells within. The soul is like an interior castle with many interlinked dwelling places through which we must pass so as to arrive at the central chamber. She teaches that the goal of the spiritual life is to travel through these various dwelling places to the center of our souls where the infinite God dwells so that we can be present to Him there.

Therefore, we must understand that our souls are indeed capable of receiving the infinite waters of mercy, because God created us with this ability when He chose to live within us. The key to being able to fully receive this fullness of mercy is to seek out the infinite God, dwelling within. How is this done?

The heart of the path laid out in the Diary of Saint Faustina is as follows: Go to Confession and receive Holy Communion so as to obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. However, as many of the great spiritual writers explain, such as Saint Teresa of Ávila, there are many levels we must pass on our spiritual journey so as to be able to encounter God in His fullness. This, of course, includes encountering God's mercy given to us in Holy Communion and Confession. Those who receive these Sacraments while dwelling only in the first dwelling places, for example, will never benefit from them to the extent that those who dwell in the seventh and central mansion where the King dwells in fullness. Thus, mercy is given in its fullness but unless we make the transforming journey to God through conversion and purification of our souls, we will never be able to receive the ocean of graces God bestows.

Reflect, today, upon this ocean being poured forth upon you. How much of this mercy are you able to receive right now in your life? As you humbly admit your limited openness to God's grace, know that God patiently waits for you, dwelling in His fullness deep within you, waiting for you to make the journey to Him. Commit yourself to this journey by prayer, fasting, penance, the reading of Scripture, the celebration of the Sacraments and spiritual reading. There is an ocean of the fullness of life waiting for you. Dive in and allow His mercy to deepen your capacity to receive Him most fully.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Masses will be celebrated on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Please see the details below to locate your child's mass times.

Mass at 10am

Schools: St. Andrew, St. Dorothy and St. John Vianney

Students must be dropped off and registered at 9am: location to be announced in the upcoming weeks

• Mass at 2pm:

Schools: Msgr. John Corrigan, St. Angela and Alternate Schools

Students must be dropped off and registered at 1pm: location to be announced in the upcoming weeks

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY will be on **Saturday**, **June 17**, **2023**. There will be two Masses for Confirmation celebrated by His Eminence Bishop Ivan Camilleri.

• Mass at 10:00am

Schools: St. Andrew, St. Dorothy and Msgr. John Corrigan

• Mass at 12:00pm

Schools: St. Angela, St. John Vianney and Alternate Schools

More information regarding time of arrival and dress code will be sent out closer to the date. If you have any questions or concerns - please do not hesitate to reach out to us by email on Flocknote.

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, Apr 15

8 am - Thanksgiving for 25th Wedding anniversary, by Dias family 10 am - Infants Baptism

5:30 pm - † All souls in purgatory, by Janet Mary and family

Sunday, Apr 16 – 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER – SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

8 am - † Amador Alon, by family

9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Rita Maio, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Thomas Mathias, by Ordella Pinto

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span. Mass) En honor a la Divina Misericordia, by José Pulla

Monday, Apr 17

8 am - † Giuseppe Galati, by Anna Galati

10:15 am - Revera Westside Mass

10:30 am - Humber Valley Terrace Mass

7 pm - † Salvacion Daza, by family

Tuesday, Apr 18

8 am -† Sebastiampillai & Mary Magdalene, Michael & Thayalini, by Sebastian family

7 pm -† For deceased members of Lacarpia & Perrone families, by Perrone family

Wednesday, Apr 19

8 am - Thanksgiving for Sebastian family & father Horacio, by Sebastian family

7 pm - (No Intention)

Thursday, Apr 20

8 am -† Antonio Concepcion, by Consolation Concepcion

7 pm - Thanksgiving for Florencia Champion, by Florencia

Friday, Apr 21 - St. Anselm

8 am - Thanksgiving for Dwight Sylvester, by Alma and family

7 pm - (No Intention)

Saturday, Apr 22

8 am - (No Intention)

10 am - FHC - Celebration (St. Andrew - St. John Vianney - St. Dorothy)

2 pm - FHC - Celebration (Msgr. John Corrigan -St. Angela - Alternate schs)

5:30 pm - Special intention for all volunteers, by Chan family

Sunday, Apr 23 – 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 am - † Paul Sequeira, by Janet

9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Enrico Palladini, by Anna

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Ernesto Rafael Ruiz, by Maria Ruiz

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

LADIES RETREAT at MARYLAKE, KING CITY



Ladies please come and join us for a retreat at Marylake Retreat House, from Friday May 19th to Sunday, May 21st, 2023. We will meet at St. Andrew parking lot at 5 pm on Friday, and car pool to King City. To register and for more information, please call Cora deNully at the Parish Office (416-749-4391).

Go therefore and make DISCIPLES of all nations

Welcome to all who have been baptized, confirmed and admitted to the Eucharist on Sat. April 8, 2023 at Easter Vigil.



Blessing Oluchi Ezeh, Joshua Ezeh, Adeniyi Adedojm Falabi, Christianah Oreoluwapo Oni, Sonya Sherice Aitken, Suedene Shantae Aitken, Sherinna Daring, Cheremaah Yeboah, Kaliyah Owusuwaa Opoku-Fofie, Abosede Olasunbo Osinowo, Liv Addae-Duah, Tadashie K. Bennett and Oluwadarasimi Esther Osinowo.

Thank you to the Catechists and sponsors for their support and dedication.

Those who would like to receive the Statue of Our Lady of Fátima in their homes, please write your name and phone number on the list posted at the entrance of the Church.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting **All Clothing** (any condition), all **Footwear** (any condition), **Bedding** (any condition), **Drapery/Towels** and **Toys** (new or nearly new).

Please bring your donations to the Society's truck the weekend of May 20-21, placed in the church's parking lot.

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