



# 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**  
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**  
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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  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year A

**Obedience, Truth and Freedom**

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.” John 14:15–17

Imagine a spouse or a friend saying to you, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” Such a statement might cause you to react with surprise. Ordinarily, we do not see obedience to another as a sign that we love them. However, what if a parent were to say to a child, “If you love me, you will be obedient.” That statement is easier to accept because of the unique role of a parent to their children. In regard to our love of God, obedience to His divine will is the greatest act of love we can offer. This is because God’s will is perfect. It’s exactly what we need in life. It’s what we were made for. And it is the one and only way to achieve the human fulfillment that we seek. Only God can say such a thing to us because only God is God.

Jesus followed up His call to obedience by saying that obedience to Him will result in Jesus and His Father bestowing the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth upon you. The Holy Spirit will remain “with you, and will be in you.” This is such a profound statement from our Lord. In fact, so much of what He says within this sermon given at the Last Supper is profound beyond comprehension.

One clear thing this tells us is that obedience to God leads to a discovery of the Truth. And as Jesus says elsewhere, “If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31–32). Obedience leads to Truth. Truth leads to freedom.

This begs the question: Do you want to be free? Clearly you do. We cannot not want to be free. Meaning, we are obliged to want freedom, just as we are obliged to want happiness. Why? Because the desire for freedom and happiness is written upon our very nature. It is a desire that we cannot escape. It’s how we are wired. However, it is quite possible to become confused about the way we achieve these desires. For many, obedience is not always understood as the pathway to that desired freedom and happiness.

Consider, again, a child. Imagine a parent telling that child not to eat a certain wild berry that grows behind their house because the parent knows the berry is poisonous and will cause the child to become sick. If the child disobeys and eats the berry anyway, he will learn the important lesson that he should have been obedient. Or if the child were to get in a fight with his brother and was angry and crying, the parent may tell him to say he’s sorry and reconcile with his brother. If the child refuses, he will remain angry and crying. But if he obeys, then he and his brother will once again be able to have fun together.

On a grand scale, this is what God does for us. He is the perfect Father Who always knows what is best for us. For that reason, we must not only conform to His will, we must desire it, seek it out and desire to be obedient to the greatest degree. This is the path to Truth. It is the path to freedom. It is the path to the happiness we desire.

Reflect, today, upon your own level of obedience to the will of God and your understanding of the importance of that obedience. Do you realize that God’s will is perfect? Perhaps you do intellectually, but how about practically? When you read through the Scriptures and hear Jesus’ commands of love, do you seek to follow them without hesitation? For example, do you forgive those who seem undeserving? Can you say, with our Lord from the Cross, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do?” Reflect upon anything this past year that was difficult for you to embrace from God. Ponder it, pray over it and seek to obey whatever He has revealed to you. Doing so will be the first step toward the fulfillment of your deepest desires in life.

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St. Andrew Parish would like to congratulate all Mothers on this especial day when we celebrate and honour those who had the privilege of giving life, but also for the amazing job you do taking care of a family as a mother, a grandmother, an aunt, a godmother, a foster mother or any woman who has been a role model in a child’s life, with true sacrifice and selflessness.



This Mother's Day honour your Mother by offering a rose that you can buy at the entrance of the Church.



**Loving God,**  
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

**Amen.**

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# Confirmation

**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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## LADIES RETREAT at MARYLAKE, KING CITY



Marylake

Ladies please come and join us for a retreat at Marylake Retreat House, from Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

## WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of    ♥ = Special Intention

### Saturday, May 13 - OUR LADY OF FATIMA

8:30 am – Thanksgiving for favours received, by family

10 am - Infants Baptism

5:30 pm - † Essam Mikha, by Sarah Mikha

### Sunday, May 14 – 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – MOTHER'S DAY

8 am - † Louis and Cecilia Sequeira, by Janet

9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Christina Giammattolo, by Mary & family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Steve Zathy, by family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass) † Laya Mansor, by daughters

### Monday, May 15

8 am - † Julia Sealy, by Dianne

10:15 am - Revera Westside Mass

7 pm - † Boris Sardoz, by family

### Tuesday, May 16

8 am - Thanksgiving for all family members, by family

7 pm - (No Intention)

### Wednesday, May 17

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

### Thursday, May 18 - St. John I

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

### Friday, May 19

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

### Saturday, May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena

8:30 am - † Mary Joseph, by family

10 am - Infants Baptism

5:30 pm - † Antonio Concepcion, by Consolacion Concepcion

### Sunday, May 21- 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER THE ASCENCION OF THE LORD

8 am - † Father Basil Cembalista, by parishioners

9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Gulialmo Testani, by Luisa Testani

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - (No Intention)

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)



The St. Vincent de Paul Society is accepting registrations for Marygrove Camp for Girls ages 5 to 13 for a period of a week starting Friday July 7 to August 30 and Camp Ozanam for boys ages 7 to 12 for a period of a week starting July 27 to August 24. These camps provide a camping experience for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. Families who are experiencing financial or domestic hardship may contact **St. Andrew's SSVP at 416-747-7384** and leave their name and number requesting information for our camps. If you know of a child or children who may benefit from this experience please call with their contact information.

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