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**THE CONSOLATA MISSIONARIES HAS BEEN SERVING
THE ST. ANDREW'S COMMUNITY SINCE 2003**

We are a parish that strives to experience God's grace and faithfully embody His love for one another by intertwining our cultures with His teachings! Our mission as followers of Christ is to synthesize the energies, talents and abilities of everyone of every age to fulfill our vision for a Christ-centered world. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our patron St. Andrew, may we beautify the mystery of faith by humbly denying ourselves to follow Christ. Amen

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00am – 4:30pm
Saturday 9:00am – 4:30pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday
8:00am (English) 2:00pm (Twi)
9:30 am (Italian) 5:30pm (Spanish)
11:00am (English)
12:30pm (English)

Children's Sunday Liturgy 11:00am & 12:30pm

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday 8:00am & 7:00pm
Wednesday Iraqi – Rosary and Mass at 5pm
Saturday 8:30am & 5:30pm
Public Holidays 8:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 8:00am & 4:00pm
Wednesday 7:30am
Anytime by Appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENTS

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am to 6:30pm
1st Saturday Devotions 9:30am to 10:00am

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Home visits: Please call the Parish Office

PARISH TEAM

Fr. George Kibura Njuguna, IMC – Pastor
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Fr. Timothy Kinyua Gatitu, IMC – Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Joseph Owusu-Afriyie – Permanent Deacon
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Ms. Sharanka Prince Yogarajah – Youth Coordinator
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BAPTISM (CHILDREN UNDER 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

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to get married must contact the Pastor, at least one year in advance, to set the wedding date.

RCIA

Rite of Initiation of Adults into the Christian Faith. 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.

OUR LADY CONSOLATA, PRAY FOR US

Welcome home to St. Andrew

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

The Light Burden of Grace

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” Matthew 11:28–30

Around the year 167 BC, two new groups of religious leaders emerged within Judaism: the scribes and Pharisees. By the time that Jesus walked the earth, these religious leaders had developed many customs, false doctrines and religious practices that they claimed were derived from the Law of Moses. However, Jesus condemned their teachings as scrupulous, self-centered, and hypocritical. What they taught was often a distortion of the Law. Recall, for example, that the Pharisees condemned the disciples for picking heads of wheat and eating them on the Sabbath, claiming that this violated the Third Commandment. Clearly, Jesus taught that it didn't.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to those “who labor and are burdened” and invites them to carry the light and easy yoke that He will give them. In other words, Jesus is identifying the fact that the scribes and Pharisees had so distorted the Law of Moses that the practice of the Jewish faith had become a burden that was too difficult to carry. In contrast, Jesus' New Law of grace was freeing, light, and easy.

When you consider Jesus' many teachings, do you see them as easy to follow? Or do they seem to be too much at times? For example, Jesus said to “be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). This was not only an invitation, it was also a command and a requirement. So are Jesus' teachings easy? Or are they overwhelming?

Of course, since Jesus Himself says that “my yoke is easy, and my burden light,” then we can be certain that they are. Jesus not only calls us to moral perfection, He also gives us the means by which we can obtain it. By analogy, say someone told you to move a boulder that weighed 2,000 pounds. Could you do that? You could if the person also gave you a large tractor to use for the task. In that case, it would be as easy as using the machine correctly. So it is with all that our Lord asks of us. When we find some moral obligation to be difficult or even overwhelming, then we are not relying upon the grace that God has given us to fulfill His command.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus' gentle invitation to you to embrace the “yoke” of perfection. Do not see it as too much. Rather, see it as a joyous invitation from our Lord. Ponder the fact that God not only calls you to the heights of holiness, He also provides you with the means to obtain it. Have faith in His almighty power and open yourself to it more fully so that You will be able to do anything and everything our Lord asks of you with ease and joy.

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, July 8

8:30 am - † Roberto Galicia, by Champion family
 10 am - Infants Baptism
 5:30 pm – Thanksgiving, by Chan family

Sunday, July 9 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Alex, Rose and Louis D'Souza, by family
 9:30 am - (*Ital Mass*) † Tersillo family, by figlia Anna Maria
 11 am - For the people of the Parish
 12:30pm - (*No Intention*)
 2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)
 5:30 pm - (*Spanish Mass*)

Monday, July 10

8 am - (*No Intention*)
 10:30 am - Mass - Humber Valley Terrace
 7 pm - (*No Intention*)

Tuesday, July 11 - St. Benedict

8 am - (*No Intention*)
 7 pm - (*No Intention*)

Wednesday, July 12

8 am - (*No Intention*)
 7 pm - † Veronica Perry, by family

Thursday, July 13 - St. Henry

8 am - † Lucy, Peter and Dominic D'Souza, by family
 7 pm - (*No Intention*)

Friday, July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8 am - (*No Intention*)
 7 pm - † Dennis and Nicola Sahar, Alexander Cabrosli, by family

Saturday, July 15 - St. Bonaventure

8:30 am - (*No Intention*)
 5:30 pm - † Batool and Raed Bedawid, by Sarah Mikha

Sunday, July 16 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Antonio Concepcion, by Consolacion Concepcion
 9:30 am - (*Ital Mass*)
 11 am - For the people of the Parish
 12:30pm - (*No Intention*)
 2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)
 5:30 pm - (*Spanish Mass*)

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

Collection for July 2nd, 2023

Sun. Offertory \$ 7,572.00

Offertory Envelopes

Please do not use envelopes from previous years as this number may have been reassigned to another family.



Thank you.

**JUNIOR AND YOUTH GROUP
SUMMER EVENTS OF 2023!**

THE CHOSEN MOVIE NIGHTS

JULY 8, JULY 15, AUG 5, AUG 12
ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE PARISH HALL AT 8PM TO WATCH THE FIRST-EVER MULTI-SEASON SERIES ABOUT THE LIFE OF CHRIST. ADMISSION FEE WILL BE \$5.00/ADULTS AND \$2.00/CHILD UNDER (UNDER 16)

GAME DAY AND BBQ

JULY 29 @ 10AM
ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTHS ARE INVITED TO A CHILL DAY OF PLAYING GAMES, MAKING FRIENDS AND ENJOYING GREAT FOOD AT THE BASKETBALL COURT BESIDE OUR CHURCH!

MULTI-CULTURAL CONCERT

AUGUST 19 @ 7PM
ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE PARISH HALL TO WATCH OUR CHILDREN/YOUTH CELEBRATE AND SHOWCASE THEIR CULTURES! TICKETS WILL BE SOLD FOR \$2.00 AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH!



This is a great opportunity for all children to get to know each other, socialize and become part of our parish community!



Archbishop Francis Leo of Toronto joined 31 other metropolitan archbishops appointed over the past year who received their pallium from Pope Francis after Mass for the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul earlier today.

Leo and the other archbishops went to the Chapel of the Pietà in St. Peter's Basilica and, seated before Michelangelo's famous statue of Mary holding her dead son, the Pope handed each archbishop the newly blessed woolen band folded up in a small wooden box.

The pallium is a stole-like, vestment, worn on top of the chasuble of metropolitan archbishops when celebrating Mass. Traditionally, they are made from white wool from two lambs blessed each year by the Holy Father on the feast of St. Agnes (Jan. 21). They are approximately two inches wide and are worn on the shoulders.

Leo was appointed Toronto's archbishop in February and installed March 25. He succeeded Cardinal Thomas Collins, who accompanied his successor, with a small delegation from the archdiocese, at the ceremony.

In his homily at the feast day Mass, Pope Francis described the pallium as "a sign of communion with the Church of Rome," and he urged the new archbishops to "be apostles like Peter and Paul. Be disciples in following and apostles in preaching."

"Bring the beauty of the Gospel everywhere, together with all the people of God."

The Pope gave the Toronto prelate the box with the pallium on the day before his 52nd birthday.

At a reception afterward, a gathering that included 30 Italian relatives he had not seen in years, Leo said, "The pallium is a powerful symbol of our Church. First, it symbolizes the unity and communion with the successor of Peter, Pope Francis himself.

"Second it symbolizes the mission a bishop has to be a good shepherd according to the heart of Christ," the archbishop said. "We are called to be good shepherds, like Jesus, for the flock."

The Metropolitan Archdiocese of Toronto encompasses the Dioceses of Hamilton, London, St. Catharines and Thunder Bay. Leo will have the pallium formally presented to him by the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic, in a Sept. 29 ceremony at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.



ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on **Wednesday August 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

Cemetery locations and Celebrants for this year's Annual Mass are as follows:

CEMETERY	CELEBRANT
Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga	Most Rev. Frank Leo, Archbishop of Toronto
Christ the King Cemetery, Markham	Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen
Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill	Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau
Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto	Most Rev. Robert Kasun, CSB
Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge	Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri
Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby	Rev. Fr. Dominic Barber
St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie	Rev. Fr. Laurence J. Leger

IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, MASSES WILL BE HELD IN:

Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum at Assumption Cemetery
Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery
St. Anthony's Mausoleum at Queen of Heaven Cemetery
Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery
Christ the King Cemetery will celebrate Mass in the Reception Centre at the cemetery office
Mount Hope Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Ave. Toronto
St. Mary's Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Parish, 65 Amelia Street in Barrie.

VOCATION SEEDS

"Have no Fear." Considering a ministerial vocation is not popular, but it may be what God is calling you to. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968- 0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

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