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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
StAndrewsET@archtoronto.org

Fr. Timothy Kinyua Gatitu, IMC – Associate Pastor
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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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Vigilance with the Truth

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well.” Matthew 13:24–26

This parable would have made much sense to the people of Jesus’ time. It was common practice for an enemy to get revenge upon another by sowing a weed named “cockle” in with the wheat. As the cockle began to grow, it looked much like wheat until the grain was formed. And if it were mixed with the wheat and eaten, it would cause severe nausea. Due to this, it was also common practice for farmers with enemies to have servants stand watch over their fields after they were planted. Therefore, this parable reveals that the servants who were to keep watch failed in their duty.

In explaining this parable, Jesus says, “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels” (Matthew 13:37–39). One common tactic of the evil one is to subtly mix his lies with the truth. He knows that if he were to propose some grave and obvious lie that many would reject it outright. Therefore, he attempts to create division and confusion by slowly and slightly suggesting his errors in such a way that they are more easily believed. Therefore, “the children of the evil one” can be understood as those in this world who are under the influence of the devil, as well as the legions of demons who attempt to sow confusion in our lives and within the Church.

One helpful way to prayerfully ponder this parable is to see yourself as one of those servants who is entrusted with the task of guarding the field. Since the field is the world, we all have a duty to keep the lies of the evil one from flourishing. To do that, we certainly must confront the most serious errors we encounter. For example, the dignity of the unborn child must be protected and the diabolical practice of abortion must cease. Additionally, we must work to protect the Church, our communities, friends and families from not only the grave errors of our times but also those most subtle ones. For example, within the Church, conflicts and confusions often arise. These divisions are part of the subtle lies sown by the evil one.

We must also see our own souls as the fertile soil. Certainly God’s Word has been planted, but oftentimes we allow ourselves to believe subtle errors. This leads to internal conflict, sin and confusion. Thus, we must regularly guard our souls from these lies by relying upon the authentic teachings of our Church and the teachings of the saints.

Reflect, today, upon your sacred duty to be vigilant and constantly on the lookout for the seed of error sown within our world, the Church and your own soul. Vigilance is key. The evil one is always on the prowl. If we are to learn one of the central messages of this parable, then we must learn to guard and protect all that God has revealed and hold firmly to the Truth alone.

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Celebrating World
Day of Grandparents
and the Elderly
(4th Sunday in July)



On January 31, 2021, Pope Francis decided to institute throughout the Church the celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. It will be held every year on the fourth Sunday in July near the liturgical memory of

Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. Pope Francis said, "It is important for grandparents to meet their grandchildren and for grandchildren to meet their grandparents."



PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023

Virgin Mary,
Mother of faith and hope,
an example for this humanity bent by indifference,
make me as willing as You
to accept the will of God,
to magnify and praise His Mercy.

Mary, Mother of fortitude,
you who knows my heart,
do not allow me to become discouraged.
I confidently surrender my life into your hands.
Heal my wounds.
May your tenderness accompany me on the way.

Your presence, Mother of love,
brings us to experience the joy
of seeing our families united.
Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God
to the grandchildren and youth
so that, in addition to praying for them,
we can pray with them.

Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me:
sustain my weakness;
breathe into my heart the consolation
that I may leave traces of faith among the young,
bearing witness to the beauty of life,
knowing that life has a limit
and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace.

Amen.

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JULY 23, 2023 | ST. ANDREW CHURCH

The Knights of Columbus Mother Teresa Council are hosting a movie night on Saturday July 29th at 7pm in the church hall. The movie is called Mother Teresa. Admission is free which includes popcorn and pop/water.

Monetary Donations will be accepted. Tickets will be handing out at the weekend Masses starting on July 15th and 16th. You can contact Marlon Cowan at mcowan27@hotmail.com for more information.



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MISSION APPEAL – AUG 5 & 6, 2023

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The Mission Appeal in our parish will take place at all Masses in English on the weekend of Aug 5th & 6th by Fr. Allen Martin Basilio from the Archdiocese of Virac in the Philippines.

Special marked envelopes are available by the doors of our parish. Thank you for your support to this worthy cause.

ST. ANDREW'S 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 7PM 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!

GOSPEL CONCERT
AUGUST 26 @ 7PM
ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE PARISH HALL TO WATCH OUR CHILDREN/YOUTH PERFORM ALL OF OUR FAVOURITE SONGS TO PRAISE THE LORD! 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!

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

8:30 am - † Edmund deNully, by family

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

Sunday, July 23 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time –

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

8 am - (No Intention)

9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Frank Pisanti, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - (No Intention)

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

Monday, July 24 - St. Shabel Makhlūf

8 am - † Cajetan and Ana Lobo, by Anthony and family

7 pm - (No Intention)

Tuesday, July 25 - St. James, Apostle

8 am - † Giuseppe Galati, by Anna Galati

7 pm - (No Intention)

Wednesday, July 26 - St. Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am - † Edmund deNully, by family

7 pm - (No Intention)

Thursday, July 27

8 am - Thanksgiving for Angus Morgan, by Alma and family

7 pm - (No Intention)

Friday, July 28

8 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla

7 pm - † Mylvaganam Canapathy (1 month death anniversary), by family

Saturday, July 29 - Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

8:30 am - † Edmund deNully, by family

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

Sunday, July 30 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - (No Intention)

9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Joe Marello & In honour of St. Anna, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - (No Intention)

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

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. For further information please check boards in the Church.

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