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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
Rev. Mr. Joseph Owusu-Afriyie – Permanent Deacon
Fr. Alex Osei CSSp – Ghanaian Community
Mr. Martins Igbino – Parish Council
Mr. Joseph Fragomeni – Finance Council

Ms. Carolina Chavez – Parish Office
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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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Overcoming the Impossible

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Matthew 14:22–23

Our Gospel today presents us with two different images to ponder. The first one is recorded above, and the second one is the story of Jesus walking on the water. In the second story, the disciples were rowing against the wind and waves in the early morning before the sun rose. Jesus appeared to them walking on the water, and they were frightened. Jesus confronts the fear they experience and calls Peter to walk on the water as a sign of his faith in Him. Peter begins to walk on water, and then in fear, he begins to sink. He cries out to Jesus Who catches Him and then gently rebukes Peter for his lack of faith.

It is helpful to understand the first image in this Gospel passage as the context for the second. In this first image, we see Jesus dismissing the crowds after feeding the five thousand and going up a mountain to pray all alone. Though Jesus was always in perfect union with the Father and, therefore, had no need for prayer, He prayed nonetheless because it was His human expression of the deep union He had with His Father. As He prayed, He also set forth an example to all who would follow Him, teaching them by His example about the importance of private prayer. The primary lesson He taught on this occasion was that prayer is the remote preparation we need so as to overcome all apparent obstacles in life and to confront fear with perfect faith.

First, the obvious “obstacle” Jesus overcame through His prayer was symbolized by His walking on the stormy sea. No one walks on water. It’s physically impossible. But that’s the point. When we make our life of personal prayer a priority, God will lead us to accomplish that which appears to us to be impossible. It might not be walking on water literally, but His walking on water after spending the night in prayer is symbolic of every apparent impossibility we face in life. The lesson is that if God wills it, nothing is impossible. We will know that if we make personal prayer our first priority.

A second obstacle that Jesus confronts is fear. Fear is paralyzing and results in us “sinking” when life becomes difficult. Again, personal prayer is the necessary preparation for overcoming fear. What’s interesting is that we have two witnesses of prayer. First is Jesus’ witness. He prayed because it was good and right to pray. The second is Peter. He prayed when he started to sink. He said, “Lord, save me!” This is the prayer of one who failed to have faith and prayed out of a present need rather than out of pure love of God. Too often, Peter exemplifies the prayer life that many Christians have. We often wait to pray until we need help and are sinking. But what if Peter had also spent the night in prayer simply out of love of God? What if he had just finished praying all night when he was invited to walk on water? Perhaps then he would have easily walked to Jesus and would not have given into fear.

Reflect, today, upon making your life of prayer the number-one priority in your life. Maybe you have many responsibilities in life. Nothing is more important than praying—and not only when you feel trapped or feel like you are sinking. Instead, we must all establish an unbreakable habit of prayer to God for the singular reason that it is good and right to do so. The fruit of such a life of prayer is that no matter what obstacle comes our way, we will have the faith we need to follow every command of our Lord, overcoming even that which appears to be impossible.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The program is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God’s help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully.

RCIA is offered for anyone who feels called to the Catholic faith: If you are interested please call the parish office.

- Those who have never been baptized as Christians
- Those who have been baptized in another Christian faith who are now interested in the Catholic tradition.
- Those who have been baptized in the Catholic tradition but have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation (fully initiated into the Catholic faith).

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. GEORGE KIBURA

On behalf of all the parishioners of St. Andrew's Church, we would like to wish Fr. George a blessed birthday this August 13th! May God continue to watch over you with love, today and each day to come.

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Aug 12 – St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:30 am - † Virginia & Emmanuel Cuaresma, Hulda & Benjamin Cuaresma Sr., & Gloria Mesina, by family
5:30 pm - † Vincent & Teresa Fernando, Steven & Winifreda Perera, by family

Sunday, Aug 13 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Florence Du Bose, by family
9:30 am - *(Ital Mass)* Thanksgiving for Fr. George on his birthday, by parishioners of St. Andrew's
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Eliza and Joseph D'Souza, by family
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)*

Monday, Aug 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe

8 am - *(No Intention)*
10:30 – Humber Valley Terrace - Mass
7 pm - † Stadly Blake, by family

Tuesday, Aug 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am - † Giovanni Depellegrin, by family
-Thanksgiving for Fr. Zé on his 45th priesthood anniversary, by friends in St. Andrew's
7 pm - † Laya Mansor (1yr death anniversary), by daughters

Wednesday, Aug 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary

8 am - *(No Intention)*
7 pm - Thanksgiving to our Lady of the Assumption, by Maria Pia Di Nardo

Thursday, Aug 17

8 am - *(No Intention)*
7 pm - † Hanna and Emilia Moussallam, by family

Friday, Aug 18

8 am - Thanksgiving for Katrina Rabino Nicolas on her birthday, by family
7 pm - Thanksgiving for Agatha Daniel, by Alma and family

Saturday, Aug 19 - St. John Eudes

8:30 am - *(No Intention)*
5:30 pm - † Deceased relatives and friends, by Chan family

Sunday, Aug 20 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Louis Sequeira, by Janet
9:30 am - *(Ital Mass)*
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Antonio Concepcion, by Consolacion Concepcion
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)*

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

Collection for Aug 6th, 2023
Sun. Offertory \$ 7,543



ST. ANDREW'S UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG
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THE CHOSEN MOVIE NIGHT
7 PM IN THE HALL

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THE CHOSEN MOVIE NIGHT
7 PM IN THE HALL

AUG
12

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AUG
26

GOSPEL CONCERT
7 PM IN THE CHURCH

YOUTHS WILL BE SELLING TICKETS SUNDAY AUG 6TH AND THE 13TH AFTER ALL THE MASSES. TICKETS ARE \$2.00 EACH

PARISH PICNIC
10 AM - 6 PM AT ROWNTREE MILLS PARK LOT 1

AUG
27

Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium upon the Most Rev. Francis Leo - Friday, Sep. 29, 2023 - 5:30 p.m. St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful.

Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!

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