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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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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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Begging for Scraps of Mercy

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, “Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.” Matthew 15:21–22

After Jesus was harshly challenged by the Pharisees, He and His disciples took a 35-mile journey to the northwest to a region that was in pagan territory and outside of the jurisdiction of Herod and the Jewish leaders. It might have been a time of repose for Him and His disciples and an opportunity for Jesus to form the disciples more directly. It was during this retreat that a pagan woman came to ask Jesus for help.

As the story unfolds, we see that her prayer is a model for us all. First, she acknowledges Who Jesus is—the Son of David. This is a manifestation of her faith and a clear contrast to the lack of faith Jesus had experienced with many of the people in Galilee. Second, her request is expressed in straightforward and simple language, “Have pity on me!” And, “Lord, help me.” Third, her prayer is persistent. Jesus allows her to manifest her persistence by first being silent to her request and then telling her “It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” Jesus obviously does not say this to be rude, but to invite her to manifest her faith in a persistent way. And that she does. Finally, her prayer is one of deep humility. She responds, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” She was begging for the “scraps” of Jesus’ mercy, and she received His mercy in abundance.

Do you desire the scraps of Jesus’ mercy in the way a dog desires the scraps from the table of its owner? Hopefully you do. This is the disposition that we must all have in prayer. Sometimes, out of pride, we can think that we have a right to God’s mercy. We can think that God owes us. And though we might realize that mercy is not deserved, we must allow that truth to sink in deeply. That is why this story is so important. It presents us with the ideal way to pray and the humble interior disposition we must have when approaching God.

Prayerfully sit with the image of a dog begging for scraps from the table. When a dog is given what is left over, it is thrilled. To us, eating the scraps from another’s plate is undesirable. But if the “plate” belongs to the Savior of the World and the “food” is His grace and mercy, then that changes everything. In the end, the Master also invites us to the table and feeds us with the finest of spiritual food. But that doesn’t change the fact that we must always have the humble disposition exemplified by this humble woman.

Reflect, today, upon this holy woman. In the end, Jesus cried out, “O woman, great is your faith!” But that did not come until she wholeheartedly expressed her faith with humility and persistence. With her as a shining example, reflect upon how you pray to God. Do you pray with self-righteousness, as if you deserve God’s mercy? Do you tend to see God as one Who owes you something? Do you get angry with God when He doesn’t immediately answer your demands? Try to humble yourself like this woman. Beg for whatever God wants to give to you. Do so with perseverance and the utmost trust. If you do, our Lord will not only pour forth the scraps of His mercy, He will also pick you up and invite you to the glorious meal of His abundant grace.

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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).

**ST. ANDREW'S
UPCOMING EVENTS**

AUG 05 **THE CHOSEN MOVIE NIGHT**
7 PM IN THE HALL
ADMISSION FEE: \$5 FOR ADULTS AND \$2 FOR CHILDREN (UNDER 16 YEARS OLD)

THE CHOSEN MOVIE NIGHT **AUG 12**
7 PM IN THE HALL
ADMISSION FEE: \$5 FOR ADULTS AND \$2 FOR CHILDREN (UNDER 16 YEARS OLD)

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 **AUG 27**
10 AM - 6 PM AT ROWNTREE MILLS PARK LOT 1

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 Jurković 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!



Would you like to be more active in St. Andrew's life?

There are great opportunities to serve within our Church community in the different ministries for example Catechists, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministry, Altar Service, Ushers, Youth Ministry, and Children Liturgy.

Serving as a volunteer not only enables the ministries of the Church to function, but it also promotes spiritual growth within yourself. Through your ministry you are responding to the call and consecration you received at Baptism.

If you are interested in serving in a particular ministry, please contact the pastor and let us know how you would like to serve within the church.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

**Collection for Aug 13th, 2023
Sun. Offertory \$ 7,319.20**

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Aug 19 - St. John Eudes

8:30 am - † Antonio Campese, by wife and family
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) † Antonio Campese, by wife and family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Antonio Concepcion, by Consolacion Concepcion
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

Monday, Aug 21 - St. Pius X

8 am - † Antonio and Maria Sabado, by Gloria Aquino
10:15 am - Mass at Revera Westside
7 pm - † Joseph & Ludivina Dias, Santana & Pontes, by Dias family

Tuesday, Aug 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am - † Genowefa, Antoni and Henryk Kokoszka, by Kinga
7 pm - † Milton and Mary Fernando, by family

Wednesday, Aug 23 - St. Rose of Lima

8 am - Thanksgiving for the gift of life of Arlie Angela Cuaresma, by family
7 pm - † Maria Nasella, by Betty Nasella

Thursday, Aug 24 - St. Bartholomew

8 am - † Joseph & Mary Perera, Mr & Mrs. Felix Adihetty, by family
7 pm - † James Dunphy, by Maggie LeBlanc

Friday, Aug 25 - St. Louis & St. Joseph Calasanz

8 am - (No Intention)
7 pm - Thanksgiving for Chelsea on her birthday, by youth group

Saturday, Aug 26

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for Arya Chapman on her 1st birthday, by family
5:30 pm - † Marina Bautista (1yr death anniversary), by family

Sunday, Aug 27 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Asunta Sequeira, by Janet
9:30 am - (Ital Mass) Thanksgiving for Bishop Giorgio Marengo on his 1st anniversary, by parishioners of St. Andrew's
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Zenaida Canizado Fernandez, by family
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG)

The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, authorized and supported by the Archdiocese of Toronto, is a direct debit program allowing you to support our Parish through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Now you can lend us your support in the same manner that you currently pay many of your current financial obligations without writing cheques or searching your wallet for cash every Sunday.

To enroll in this convenient program, simply fill out the form, attach a void cheque and mail it to the Parish Office or you can do it online on the Archdiocese of Toronto website.

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