

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH BULLETIN

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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
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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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

The Foundation Within

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” Matthew 16:13

Today’s Gospel scene takes place about twenty miles north of the Sea of Galilee outside of Herod’s jurisdiction and away from the Pharisees’ watchful eyes. This is a private conversation between Jesus and His disciples that took place where they could speak freely. For that reason, this conversation is particularly personal in nature in that the disciples felt free to express their personal convictions without fear of retribution.

As the conversation unfolds, Jesus asks two consecutive questions. First, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” Second, “But who do you say that I am?” By asking these two questions, Jesus first invites the disciples to identify the different opinions floating around about Him and then gives the disciples an opportunity to speak their own conviction. Peter responds on behalf of them all when he solemnly professes, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

If Jesus were to ask you these two questions, what would you answer? First, what is the general opinion about Jesus that most people have today? When asked, most Christians would give the correct answer. Jesus is God. He is the Savior. He is the Son of the Father. But sometimes those answers are more theoretical than they are personal. Often it is easy to believe things about Jesus rather than believing in Jesus. So if you were to answer the second question, what would you say? Ideally, you would answer that Jesus is your Savior, your God, your Shepherd, your Lord. Faith in Jesus must not only be theoretical, it must be deeply personal, flowing from the depths of your heart.

Deep personal faith in Jesus can only come from one source. It comes from the Father speaking to your heart in a real and personal way. After Peter professed His faith in Jesus, Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.” Peter’s personal faith in Jesus was not just something he heard from others, it was not just a popularly accepted opinion, it was something that the Father in Heaven personally revealed to him. This is the gift of faith.

Peter’s personal profession of faith became the rock foundation on which Jesus built His Church. “And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.” This reveals Jesus’ plan to establish Peter as the head of the Church and to give to him the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven for the whole Church. Similarly, our personal profession of faith will become the unshakable foundation within our souls upon which God’s Church becomes alive in each one of us. When our faith is based upon a personal revelation from the Father in Heaven, spoken within the secrecy of our souls, then nothing can extinguish this faith. The gates of the netherworld cannot prevail against it.

Reflect, today, upon this holy conversation between Jesus and His disciples. As you do, know that Jesus wants to have the same conversation with you. As Jesus took the disciples away to this

quiet and safe place, He wants to take you away through prayer to the privacy of your own soul. There, within you, He seeks to elicit a response of personal faith. He wants you to identify Who He is to you. He wants you to profess your faith to Him. This faith is your personal solid foundation, and upon that foundation our Lord will build up His Church in you and through you.

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ST. ANDREW'S UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 26 **GOSPEL CONCERT**
7 PM IN THE CHURCH

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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).



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**

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

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)*

Monday, Aug 28 - St. Augustine

8 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla
7 pm - † Clyde Saunders, by family

Tuesday, Aug 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8 am - † Rosario Furgiuele, by family
7 pm - † Eileen Prince and Pearly Saunders, by family

Wednesday, Aug 30

8 am - Thanksgiving for Sebastian, by Sebastian family
7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Thursday, Aug 31

8 am - † Maria Parone, by family
7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Friday, Sep 1 - World Day of Prayer

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

Saturday, Sep 2

8:30 am - *(No Intention)*
9:30 am - First Saturday Devotions
5:30 pm - † Antonio Campese, by wife and family

Sunday, Sep 3 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Mathew Jacob, by family
9:30 am - *(Ital Mass)* † Florinda Ianni, by family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Nissan and Patros Shamon, Mufid Khosho & Jihad Patros, by Khosho family
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)*

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Please remember next Saturday, September 2nd we have First Saturday Devotions: with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 am Mass, confessions, praying 5 decades of the Rosary, communion and meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary.

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