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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
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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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Fear of the Cross

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?”

Matthew 16:24–26

Just before Jesus gave this teaching, He predicted to the Twelve for the first time that He would “suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.” In fear, Peter objected, saying, “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.” To Peter’s statement, Jesus responds firmly, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” What a difficult thing that must have been to hear from Jesus!

Jesus was ready and willing to suffer and die for the salvation of the world. He knew that by dying He would transform death itself into the very means of eternal salvation. He knew that laying down His life in this way was the greatest act of love He could offer; therefore, Jesus didn’t hesitate at all. He was ready and willing to give His human life so that we could live.

To understand this we must realize three things. First, by assuming our human nature, Jesus forged a bond between God and humanity. Second, by sharing in our death He made it possible for us to cling to Him in our own death. Third, by rising from the dead, Jesus made it possible for those who cling to Him in death to also share in His Resurrection. Though we will only fully understand this great mystery of redemption in Heaven, we must strive to comprehend it as best we can here on earth.

Peter did not understand this, at least not at that moment when Jesus first revealed it. Peter allowed fear to tempt him to interfere in Jesus’ glorious act of salvation. This is why Jesus rebuked him so strongly. It was a loving rebuke meant to free Peter from his fear and to give him courage to embrace the Sacrifice Jesus was about to offer.

The passage quoted above follows Peter’s rebuke and is Jesus’ instruction on how we will all share in His gift of salvation. In order to rise with Christ, we must freely die with Him. We must deny ourselves, meaning all selfishness and sin, and imitate Jesus’ heroic sacrificial gift of His life. The result will be that we are united to Him in His death and in His Resurrection to new life.

Fear can paralyze us. But fear, in this case, is a response that is based on an error. We embrace that error when we act out of selfishness. Each of us will die. That’s a fact. The question is how we die. We can either die selfishly, seeing our earthly life as the center of all. Or we can die in a self-giving way with our Lord by uniting ourselves to His act of sacrificial love. We do this by turning our eyes away from ourselves and seeking out every way that we can imitate Jesus’ death. We must strive to serve, live sacrificially, put God’s will first, unite ourselves to Christ, and make love for our neighbor our mission in life. This is what Jesus did. When we do this, we take up our cross, follow Him, die with Him, and are prepared to share in His Resurrection. This is the only way to eternal life.

Reflect, today, upon the words “Take up your cross and follow Me.” This is Jesus’ most sacred instruction to us all on how we should live and how we will share in His gift of eternal life. What cross in your life are you fearful of? What act of sacrifice do you avoid? True love

hurts in the sense that it is always selfless. We must die to ourselves. Reflect upon any way that you fail to do this, and allow Jesus’ rebuke of Peter to also rebuke you so that you will be freed from the fear of this holy sacrificial love that will unite you to our Lord.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Program starts on September 17th

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program for 2023-2024 will start on Sunday, September 17, 2023, in the St. Cecilia Room at 9:00 a.m., and will continue every Sunday until Pentecost next year. Unbaptized adults, who desire to become a Catholic or those who are interested in learning more about the faith, please register at the Church Office to join the program. The office address and telephone number are at the top of the bulletin.

Parishioners, consider your non-Catholic family members, friends or office workers who may have shown an interest in the faith but are just waiting for an invitation from someone.

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. With 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 and 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).



We would like to congratulate the parents of the Newly Baptized Children.

William Anthony Barratt, Keziah Layla Dacosta, Alexander Khai Ngo, Selena Cristina Viani, Andre Vale Crudo, Arik Kwaku Anthony Kobby Osei and Skylar Rose Agyemang.



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

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!

Labour Day - September 4, 2023
 Marks the end of the summer vacation and the beginning of regular activities in parishes and schools. Labour Day is a special day of prayer. Happy Labour Day Everyone!

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Sep 2

8:30 am - † Jasabelle Delem Ines Ramos, by Elena Sahagun
 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 & Jehad Patros, by Khosho family
 2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
 5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

Monday, Sep 4 - Holiday - Labour Day

8 am - † Constantino, Esterina & Rosario Furguele, Cecilia and Giovanni Settino, by family
 7 pm - (No Mass)

Tuesday, Sep 5

8 am - † Gertrude and Meredith Morgan, by Alma and family
 7 pm - For the health of Wiston Joseph, by Joseph family

Wednesday, Sep 6

8 am - Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fátima, by Anthony & family
 7 pm - (No Intention)

Thursday, Sep 7

8 am - Thanksgiving for Beatrice on her birthday, by family
 7 pm - (No Intention)

Friday, Sep 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am - † Gloria Mesina, by Gloria Aquino
 7 pm - † Sylvia Kulta, by Maggie Le Blanc

Saturday, Sep 9

8:30 am - † Ye Kee Main, by family
 10 am - Infant Baptism
 5:30 pm - † Pierino D'Aroffi & for the health of Giovanna D'Aroffi, by family

Sunday, Sep 10 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Fr. Peter Tomaino, by parishioners
 9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Rocco Rositano, by wife and family
 11 am - For the people of the Parish
 12:30pm - Thanksgiving to God for successful wedding of Emmanuel Alaneme's family, by family
 2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
 5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship
Collection for Aug 27th, 2023
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