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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 9:30am – 1:30pm
2:30am – 5:30pm

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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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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Reconciling With Another

Jesus said to his disciples: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.” Matthew 18:15

It takes much humility and a pure heart to confront another person with their sin in such a way that they listen and repent. Normally, confronting another with their sin is done more out of anger than it is out of love. We ought not to confront another with their sin out of our woundedness and a desire to inflict guilt as retribution. We ought not to confront another to humiliate them or harm them. We should only bring up another’s sin because we love them and have already forgiven them and now want them free of their sin for their own good. When this happens and when this is our sole motivation, another might more easily receive correction.

This teaching, however, should not only be looked at from the point of view of us confronting others with their sins. It must also be looked at from the perspective of others confronting us with our sins. We sin every day. We sin against those whom we love every day. Therefore, try to think about someone close to you bringing your sin to your attention. How do you react when this happens? Perhaps if they did so with the most pure motivation and compassion, you would listen. But what if they did so because they were angry? Though this is not the ideal way for someone to confront you, it doesn’t give you the right to reject what they say. Therefore, it is a good spiritual practice to listen to anyone’s concern they bring to you regarding your sin, no matter how they bring it. If, after listening and evaluating their concern with humility you see they are right, even to some degree, then the loving response is to express sorrow, apologize and commit yourself to change. If, however, after humbly evaluating their concern you do not believe that you have sinned, then it is time for you to gently and compassionately try to confront that person with their rash and false judgment.

This passage gives three successive levels of confronting a person. First, it must be done one-on-one. Second, it is done with two or three others. Third, it is done in the presence of the Church. Try, at first, to set aside the second and third approach and only look at the first one. The goal of this one-on-one confrontation is reconciliation. It is good to put much energy into reflecting upon how well you do with this sort of situation because if you can do it well, there will be no need for the second or third form of confrontation.

The number one enemy of reconciliation is pride. Pride is a habit by which we think about ourselves first and foremost, or even exclusively in the most serious cases. Pride makes self-evaluation impossible. We become blind to our sin and are agitated the moment it is identified or causes problems. Of course, the opposite of pride is humility. This is the virtue that enables us to forget about ourselves and have concern only for others. When a person grows in humility, the evil one will always tempt them with thoughts such as: What about you? You are right and they are wrong! This is unfair! You shouldn’t be treated this way! These tempting thoughts must always be rejected. Humility only makes sense when we are humble. To the person who has pride, humility will seem foolish. But humility is true wisdom.

Reflect, today, upon how humble you are when someone expresses concern to you about your sin. How do you react? Do you find yourself getting angry and defensive when this happens? If so, be

honest and admit to yourself that this is pride; this is your sin. Spend time trying to reflect upon the ideal and humble way you should respond when confronted by another. If reconciliation is your number-one priority in any relationship that has experienced hurt, then that holy and humble desire will become your guide to being able to reconcile with everyone in your life.

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = *For the soul of* ♥ = *Special Intention*

Saturday, Sep 9

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

Monday, Sep 11

8 am - *(No Intention)*
 10:30 am - Mass - Humber Valley Terrace
 7 pm - † Rosaria Ariganello, by daughter

Tuesday, Sep 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary

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

Wednesday, Sep 13 - St. John Chrysostom

8 am - † Edward Gatitu, by family
 7 pm - † Ernesto Paolucci, by Paolucci family

Thursday, Sep 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Friday, Sep 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

8 am - *(No Intention)*
 7 pm - † Milton and Mary Fernando, by family

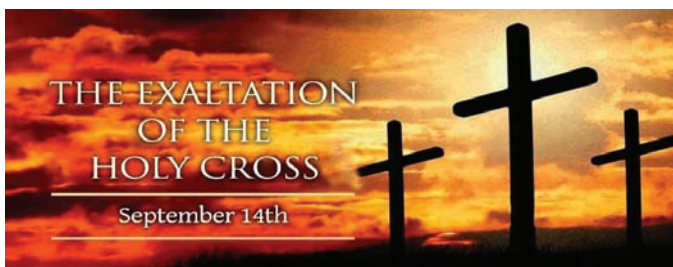
Saturday, Sep 16 - St. Cornelius

8:30 am - Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Vailankanni, by Anthony and family
 5:30 pm - † Antonio Concepcion, by Consolacion Concepcion

Sunday, Sep 17 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Doris Fernandez, by family
 9:30 am - *(Ital Mass)* † Nicola Sardella, by wife and family
 11 am - For the people of the Parish
 12:30pm - For prayers for family members and Jessica George, by family
 2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
 5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)*

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship
 Collection for Sep 3rd, 2023
 Sunday Offertory \$ 8,620



But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ~Galatians 6:14*

The Cross of Christ must permeate each one of us, transforming us and making us new. First and foremost, this happens when we open ourselves to the infinite mercy of God flowing from that selfless Sacrifice. It also occurs when we allow every one of our sufferings, the injustices we endure, the crosses, hardships, and most undesirable aspects of our lives to share in the redemptive power of Christ. We do this when we embrace Jesus' commands to share in His sufferings, unite them with His own, and allow Him to bear an abundance of good fruit through us. "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" (Matthew 16:24-25).

As we commemorate the triumph of Christ's Cross, call to mind the crosses you bear each day. More often than not, when faced with crosses, we seek a way out, succumb to self-pity, and are often tempted by anger and despair. Instead, try to allow Jesus to enter those crosses, transform them, and use them for His glory, your good, and the good of others. Crosses in life should not be avoided; they must be transformed. Although the suffering may remain, it must become redeemed suffering, thus bearing an abundance of good fruit in ways that only God can accomplish.



Parents please bring your children to celebrate the Holy Eucharist together. The Children's Liturgy will start on Sunday, September 24th at the 11am and 12:30pm Masses. We hope your children will join us for this wonderful worship experience.

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!



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).



Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore Him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you.

We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of His passion. Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Amen!

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