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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 & Thursday1st Saturday Devotions

8:30am to 6:30pm
9:30am to 10:00am

— PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND —

Home visits: Please call the Parish Office

OUR LADY CONSOLATA, PRAY FOR US

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Fr. George Kibura Njuguna, IMC – Pastor StAndrewsET@archtoronto.org

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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.

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEP 17, 2023 | ST. ANDREW CHURCH

Welcome home to St. Andrew 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

The Torment of Unforgiveness

"You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." Matthew 18:32-35

Love, kindness, gentleness, mercy...these and many like qualities are easy to think about. They inspire us to be holy by growing in virtue. But sometimes we need more. Sometimes pondering the beauty of the virtues and fruits of the Spirit do not suffice to help us embrace a life of holiness. This is one of the reasons for our parable today.

The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola present us with a structure by which a spiritual director may lead a retreatant through a thirty day private retreat. Ignatius outlines thirty days worth of meditations. Interestingly, Ignatius does not begin by inviting a person to ponder the beautiful virtues to which they are called. Instead, for the first week, he has the retreatant ponder the horror of sin and the devastating effects that sin has upon a soul. By doing this, the person's eyes are more fully opened to their own sin so that, in the subsequent three weeks, they will be more properly disposed to reflect upon the inspiring life of Christ and His many virtues.

In a sense, our Gospel today is an ideal Gospel to ponder during that first week of an Ignatian retreat. And for that reason, it is an ideal Gospel to ponder anytime we want to get our spiritual lives in order. It is very easy to become complacent in our Christian walk. It is easy to become lukewarm in our prayer and even in our moral life. If that is you to any degree, then this Gospel is worth your careful and thorough attention.

The sin that Jesus addresses in this passage is the sin of unforgiveness. It clearly depicts the wrath of God that will be inflicted upon those who refuse to forgive others. The "wicked servant" to whom this is addressed was a man who was forgiven a "huge amount" by God. This is all of us. Every one of us has been forgiven by God an amount that cost Jesus His very life. The consequence of our sins was the death of the Son of God. Each of us deserves the penalty of death. But death has now been transformed into the very means of new life through the forgiveness of sins. And if we want to receive the forgiveness of sins and the new life that awaits us, we must fully share in God's forgiveness. Not only must we receive His forgiveness, we must also forgive those who have sinned against us. Completely. Totally. Without reserve.

In this parable, the wicked servant failed to forgive his servant's small debt. In fact, every sin committed against us, no matter how grave in the eyes of God, is a small debt compared to the debt we owe God. For that reason, we must never hesitate to forgive. Never. If this is difficult, and if reflecting upon God's mercy, kindness, compassion and love do not compel you to completely forgive everyone to the fullest extent, then spend time with this parable. "You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" These are words directed at us when we fail to forgive completely from the depths of our hearts. They are merciful words from Jesus to help us wake up to what we need

In a commentary on this passage from St. Thomas Aquinas, the "torturers" spoken of, to whom we will be handed over if we do not forgive, are the demons. They will torment us when we lack forgiveness toward others. The torture, for now, will come in the form of obsessing over our wounds, dwelling upon thoughts of revenge, holding grudges, and lacking interior peace. This is the work of the demons, and they will torment us this way until we forgive.

Reflect, today, upon the absolute requirement of the Christian life to forgive. Mercy can seem unfair. From the perspective of strict justice, it is. But from the perspective of freedom and the virtues of Heaven, mercy makes perfect sense. Do not hesitate to forgive, for if you can do so from the bottom of your heart, God will lavish upon you the riches of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

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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 and Jakub, by family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

Monday, Sep 18

8 am - Thanksgiving Tiffany and Rueben (1st yr Wed. Anniver.), by Sebastian family

10:15 am - Mass - Revera Westside

7 pm - (No Intention)

Tuesday, Sep 19 - St. Januarius

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - † Harry McAvoy, by Carol Anne McAvoy

Wednesday, Sep 20 - St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & St. Paul Chong **Ha-Sang & Companions**

8 am - † Antonio Concepcion, by Consolacion Concepcion

7 pm - † Fr. Julian Santiago, by Delos Reyes family

Thursday, Sep 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

Friday, Sep 22

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

Saturday, Sep 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:30 am - Thanksgiving to St. Pio, by Maria Pia Di Nardo

5:30 pm - † Norma Meehan, by Cartlidge family

Sunday, Sep 24 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Thanksgiving for Sabrina Morgan Brown, by Alma & family 9:30 am - (Ital Mass)

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - Thanksgiving for successful lung transplant, by Karelyn Garcia

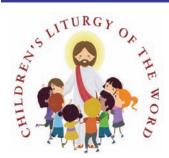
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

Collection for Sep 10th, 2023 Sunday Offertory \$ 8,042.85

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEP 17, 2023 | ST. ANDREW CHURCH



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.



The Knights of Columbus Mother Teresa Council are hosting a movie night on Saturday September 30th at 7pm in the church hall at St Andrew's Catholic Church for the movie "Mother Teresa". Admission is free which includes pop/water and popcorn. Some of the proceeds will be donated to the church building and renovation fund.

You can watch the trailer at www.motherteresamovie.com
Look forward to seeing you there!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program for 2023-2024 starts this 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).



12 September 2023 Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am reaching out to you all in preparation for the celebration of the Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel, the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto, which will be held on 29 September 2023.

As one of the three angels who are named with specific importance within Sacred Scripture, Saint Michael, whose name is Hebrew for "Who is like God?", is called "one of the chief princes" (Dan 10:13), or "the great prince, guardian of your people" (Dan 12:1). He is likewise depicted in the Book of Revelation (12:7) as leading the good angels in battle against Satan.

In a special way, as the patron of our archdiocese, we continue to ask this mighty protector to safeguard us from the wickedness and snares of the Devil. As guardian of the Church, we invoke his powerful intercession that, as God's Holy People, we may always walk in justice and "lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God" (Col 1:10).

In prayerful consideration, I encourage and invite all the faithful of our archdiocese – clergy, consecrated and laity, and all communities of faith, to join the entire Archdiocesan family in a Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel in preparation for the liturgical celebration. You will find the prayer in the attachment. We will begin this Novena on Wednesday 20 September 2023 until Thursday 28 September. Please keep in mind and heart the Mass for the Conferral of the Pallium in your prayer intentions as well, that this event may prove to be a strong, spiritual and joyful ecclesial encounter with the Lord, all united as members of his Body.

Through the loving intercession of Mother Mary and Saint Michael the Archangel, may Jesus our Saviour bestow His abundant grace on you and your loved ones, your families and friends, as we strive to live in holiness, building up His everlasting Kingdom.

Yours Sincerely in Jesus with Mary,

+ Francis Les

Most Rev. Francis Leo Archbishop of Toronto

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!



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 30, 2023

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation takes place each year on September 30. At St. Ann's parish in Toronto, home to the Native People's Mission, a special Mass will be held on October 1, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. - all are welcome to attend.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will hold a special collection the weekend of September 30/October 1, 2023 to support the Indigenous Healing & September 30/October 1, 2023 to support the Indigenous Healing & September 30/October 1, 2023 to support the Indigenous Healing & September 30/October 1, 2023 to support the Indigenous Healing & September 30/October 1, 2023 to support the Indigenous Healing & September 30/October 1, 2023 to support the Indigenous Healing & September 30/October 1, 2023 to support the Indigenous Healing & September 30/October 1, 2023 to support the Indigenous Healing & September 30/October 1, 2023 to support the Indigenous Healing & September 30/October 1, 2023 to support the Indigenous Healing & September 30/October 1, 2023 to support the Indigenous Healing & September 30/October 1, 2023 to support the Indigenous Healing & September 30/October 1, 2023 to support the Indigenous Healing & September 30/October 1, 2023 to support the Indigenous Healing & September 30/October 1, 2023 to support the Indigenous Healing & September 30/October 30/Octobe

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