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**THE CONSOLATA MISSIONARIES HAVE 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
2:30pm – 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 SACRAMENT

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 advance.

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 come 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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Desiring the Fullness of Grace for All

“When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage.” Matthew 20:8–10

Is life always fair? It would seem not. We have all experienced situations in life when we felt as though we were cheated. Children are especially sensitive to this and will often complain to a parent when they feel as though they have been treated unjustly. From an earthly perspective, it is true that life is not always fair. But we ought not live by an earthly perspective. We are called to live according to the divine perspective. From that perspective, everything is fair in the end, and true justice is meted out to everyone.

When we consider the question of whether or not life is fair, we should always begin with the Son of God. Jesus was certainly not treated fairly. In fact, it is hard to conclude that anyone who has ever lived received a more unjust treatment than Jesus, at least from an earthly perspective. He was perfect in every way. He treated everyone throughout His life with perfect virtue. He never lied, cheated, stole, etc. Yet we all know what happened to Him. He was falsely accused, dishonestly judged, brutally abused, and murdered on a cross. From an earthly perspective, it is clear that this was not fair.

Jesus’ life, along with ours, must not be evaluated from the perspective of earthly justice. It’s not that treating others unjustly is permissible by the will of God. Each of us has a moral responsibility to act in justice as a minimum requirement. But we are also called to exceed earthly justice and live by the new standard of supernatural grace. From that perspective, Jesus’ suffering and death was not tragic; it was glorious. His Cross was not an instrument of injustice, it was His throne upon which He established His new Kingdom. Once grace enters the picture, all apparent injustice is turned upside down and must be looked at from a different perspective.

The parable we read today presents to us the scenario in which God has chosen to bestow His grace and mercy in abundance to all who turn to Him. We can never earn the right to His mercy. Nothing we can do will ever give us the right to the gift of eternal salvation. Therefore, this parable especially challenges us to look at Heaven and the life of grace on earth from the perspective of “gift.” All is a gift from God. Whether we convert at the end of our lives, after living sinful lives, or whether we have spent our whole lives serving the will of God, all is a gift in the end, all is grace.

Only when we comprehend God’s goodness and infinite generosity will we be able to overcome our temptations toward jealousy and selfishness. Those who have dedicated their entire lives to the love of God, if it is a genuine love and service of God, will, as a result, take on the perspective of the mind and heart of God. Part of that perspective is the burning desire to generously bestow God’s infinite grace and mercy upon everyone who turns to Him. Even the most hardened sinner who has been the source of much hurt in life is a candidate for the fullness of God’s grace if they repent. This must be our desire. We must be like the landowner in this parable who rejoices when laborers show up in the last hour and then lavishes a full day’s wages upon them. Not only is this fair from the divine perspective, it must become our personal desire as we labor through life.

Reflect, today, upon how deeply you desire to see those who have not yet given their lives to God to come to Him and receive the fullness of grace. Look at them within the context of this parable. Examine how you feel about those laborers who have not yet begun their service of God. Examine, also, your feelings toward those who seem undeserving

of the fullness of God’s grace. If you find that you have jealousy, or judge others from the perspective of earthly justice, work to eliminate that perspective so that your heart’s deepest desire is to see God bestow the fullness of mercy upon everyone in this world when they turn to Him with a contrite heart.

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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!



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!



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 & Reconciliation Fund. The fund will support both local and national programs proposed by Indigenous communities to nurture the ongoing reconciliation journey.

You can donate through your local parish or online anytime at: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

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www.campaignlifecoalition.com for more information



Parish Annual Bake Sale

St. Andrew's Parish Social and Hospitality Committee is holding its annual Bake Sale on October 7th and 8th, 2023 after the Saturday and Sunday Masses whilst supplies last. As customary, we are asking for donations of sweet and savory baked goods. All are invited to participate in this community event. Please drop off your donations at the Church Hall on Saturday evening before the 5:30 pm Mass and on Sunday morning. Thanks in advance for your generous donations and participation. Funds raised will go to the Building Fund. Please feel free to contact members of the Committee or the Church Office, if you need additional information.

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special 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*) In honour of Padre Pio, by Maria & Tony Dela Posta
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 - (*Span. Mass*) † Carlota Isabel Rodriguez Polanco y Walter Castro, ofrece la familia

Monday, Sep 25

8 am - (*No Intention*)
7 pm - † Mary Sequeira, by family

Tuesday, Sep 26 - Sts. Cosmas & Damiam / Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions

8 am - † Giuseppe Galati, by Anna Galati
7 pm - (*No Intention*)

Wednesday, Sep 27 - St. Vincent de Paul

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

Thursday, Sep 28 - St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

8 am - (*No Intention*)
7 pm - Thanksgiving for Patricia Nandram on her 65th birthday, by friends

Friday, Sep 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla
7 pm - (*No Mass*)

Saturday, Sep 30 - St. Jerome

8:30 am - Thanksgiving, by Sebastian family
5:30 pm - † Sister Vincenzina Corvinelli, by family

Sunday, Oct 1– 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Respect Life Sunday

8 am – Thanksgiving for Augustus & family, by Alma & family
9:30 am - (*Ital Mass*)
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Maria Chau Thi Xin, by family
2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)
5:30 pm - (*Spanish Mass*)

Parents/guardians who would like to register their children in catechism classes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation for Grade 7 or higher and Holy Communion for Grade 2 up to Grade 6. Please come to the Parish Office during regular hours bring a copy of the child's Baptismal certificate, registration form and fee. Call the office for more details.



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