

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH **BULLETIN**

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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

9:30am - 1:30pm Monday to Friday 2:30pm - 5:30pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday

2:00pm (Twi) 8:00am (English) 5:30pm (Spanish) 9:30 am (Italian)

11:00am (English) 12:30pm (English)

Children's Sunday Liturgy 11:00am & 12:30pm

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

8:00am & 7:00pm Monday to Friday

Wednesday Iraqi - Rosary and Mass at

5pm

8:30am & 5:30pm Saturday

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 StAndrewsET@archtoronto.org

Fr. Timothy Kinyua Gatitu, IMC – Associate Pastor Rev. Mr. Joseph Owusu-Afriyie – Permanent Deacon

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Mr. Martins Igbinoba - Parish Council Mr. Joseph Fragomeni - Finance Council

Ms. Carolina Chavez - Parish Office

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Ms. Sharanka Prince Yogarajah - Youth Coordinator sprince@archtoronto.org

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

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCT 1, 2023 | ST. ANDREW CHURCH

Welcome home to St. Andrew 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

A Life of Ongoing Conversion

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go." Matthew 21:28–30

This parable presents a message of great hope to those who find it difficult to follow the will of God. The first son, the one who said he would not obey the father but then changed his mind, refers to those who have initially rejected the will of God but then repented and turned back to Him. The second son represents those who claim to be faithful followers of the will of God, but are not. This second son presents us with a very dangerous trap we can fall into. He represents the interior disposition of the chief priests and elders of the people. They said one thing but did another. They acted as if they were righteous but were not. They might have even been fooling themselves.

Of course, there is another possible scenario Jesus doesn't present. Ideally, when the father asked his son to work in the vineyard he would have said "yes" and then followed through with his commitment. But this is not mentioned because no one falls into that category, except for our Blessed Mother. All people have sinned, and everyone needs to repent.

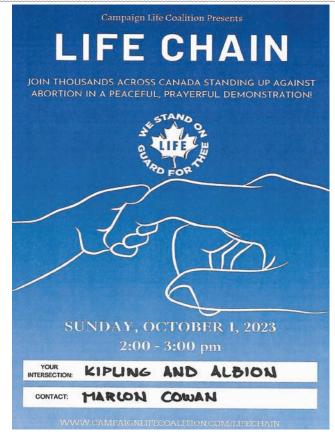
When we look at these two sons, we must humbly strive to be like the first one. We must begin by acknowledging that we have refused to obey the will of God in many ways throughout our lives. God has invited us to serve Him, and we have said "no." Acknowledging this is an essential starting point for a life of true conversion and service of God. When we fail to humbly admit that we have sinned, we are acting like the second son. We are living a lie and are trying to convince ourselves that we are faithful to the will of God when we are not. This second son represents a very dangerous interior disposition that we must avoid with all of our might. It is the sin of impenitence, a sin against the Holy Spirit. It is dangerous because this type of self-righteousness keeps a person from truly serving the will of God. They believe their own lie and see no need to repent.

Which of these two sons are you most like? Are you keenly aware of your weaknesses and sins? Can you humbly admit them to yourself and to God? Or do you tend to present yourself as one who is holy and does not need to repent? Never be afraid to admit your sin. Never pretend to be someone you are not. Never allow yourself to be drawn into self-righteousness. We are all called to a life of ongoing conversion. Seeing that fact, admitting to it and striving for that conversion will win for us the glorious Kingdom of Heaven.

Reflect, today, upon the many ways that you have initially said "no" to the will of God. Sometimes we do so in grave matters, and sometimes we do so in less serious ways. The humble truth is that we all refuse to fully embrace the will of God every day. The invitation we have been given to obey Him is much more than a black-and-white, yes-or-no answer. God's call to obedience goes deep and is a call on a continuously deepening level. Keep looking into your soul and confess the ways you

reject the will of God. The more clearly you see your sins and confess them, the more fully you will be in a position to say "yes" to the will of God with all your heart.

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Proverbs 31:8 gives us courage in our convictions to "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute." Take part in Christ's great commission! Join us at Kipling Ave. and Albion Rd. on October 1st from 2p.m. to 3p.m. to participate in Life Chain, an annual prolife event demanding an end to the killing of the preborn in Canada. Be a voice for the voiceless!

Visit Campaign Life Coalition's Website:

www.campaignlifecoalition.com for more information



St. Andrew Parish invites you all on Saturday, October 7th, to commemorate Our Lady of the Rosary starting at 7:30am with the Rosary followed by Holy Mass ending with a procession at the Church parking lot if weather allows it. Join us to celebrate this special Feast.

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship Collection for Sep 24th, 2023 Sunday Offertory \$ 9,462.65

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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.



WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

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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)

Monday, Oct 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

8 am - † Ronald deNully, by family

7 pm - † Anna Melchiorre, by Mary Notarianni

Tuesday, Oct 3

8 am - † Giuseppe Galati, by Anna Galati

7 pm - † Orlando Notarianni, by Mary Notarianni

Wednesday, Oct 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

8 am - † Florinda Ianni, by family

7 pm - † Chirstine Greco (3 months death anniv.) and for † Don LeBouthillier, by Martese Vella

Thursday, Oct 5 - St. Faustina Kowalska

8 am - † Luigi and Rodolfo Tersigni, by Francesca

7 pm - † Clyde Saunders, by family

Friday, Oct 6 - St. Bruno

8 am - † Maria Notarianni, by Mary Notarianni

7 pm - † Kevin Lobo, by Lobo family

Saturday, Oct 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 am - † In loving memory of Linda Cal, by the Legion of Mary

5:30 pm - † In memory of Sandrin Joseph, by family

Sunday, Oct 8-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Thanksgiving for Loqueño family, by Ashley

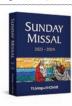
9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Lacarpia & Perrone families, by Perrone family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Rodolfo Blancaflor, Thomas & Relito Recososa, by Robert and Revella Blancaflor and family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)



Sunday Missals are now available for \$10.00. You can get your copy at the Parish Office or at the entrance of the Church with the one of the Ushers.

PRAYER FOR MISSION MONTH

We pray to the Lord our pledge to preach with our youth the Gospel to everyone:
You call us to preach your Good News to all nations, in every situation!
Inspired by you, we come out from our churches and our houses to preach the Good News.
Inspired by our youth, their dreams and their questions, we are keen about the Mission.
Together, we will build a new Earth, which will be more just, more in solidarity, and more fraternal.
We will build relationships marked by trust, Sharing, and openness to other people.
We will not erect walls of division, but we will build bridges to connect your large human family!

Amen!



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.



October 14-15, 2023 – is Bundle Up weekend in favour of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Please bring your gently used clothing, shoes, linen and household goods in the truck that will be parked in the Church parking lot: share what you can with those less fortunate.

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