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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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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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Reality vs. Appearance

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.” Matthew 22:1–3

Do you refuse to come? Jesus spoke this parable to the chief priests and elders of the people because, even though they gave the impression to others that they were true followers of the will of God, they were, in fact, among those who refused to come to the wedding feast of the Lamb of God. The chief priests and elders of the people were masters at portraying themselves as something they were not. They knew how to look good in the eyes of the people, how to avoid public criticism, and how to appear as holy men. But they were none of the above. Inside they were hypocrites, liars and murderers.

In this parable, three invitations are sent forth. The first two are given to the invited guests. Though these “invited guests” refer especially to the people of Israel who were raised in the faith handed down from Moses and the prophets, we should also see in it those who have been raised within the Christian faith today. After the first invitation, those invited refused to come. After the second invitation, some who were invited reacted with indifference, while others reacted with hostility. These responses are common today.

When Jesus sends forth His invitation to share in His wedding banquet today, there are many different responses. Some are indifferent to our Lord. These are those who are so consumed with worldly endeavors that they give little time and attention to God. For them, the practice of the faith, such as daily prayer, attendance at Mass and ongoing works of charity, is not important. Making money, obtaining material possessions, indulging in entertainment and other secular pursuits are far more the focus of their time and energy. Others, like the chief priests and elders, are good at playing the part and acting as if they are faithful followers, but they are actually hostile to the will of God. They are concerned only about their appearance and not about the reality of their souls. If they are challenged in any way, they respond with anger and attack. They are not open to the truth of the Gospel and remain self-justified by attacking anything or anyone who dares to call into question the direction they have taken in life.

When the third invitation was sent forth to all people, some responded. How completely do you respond to Jesus’ invitation? To answer that question properly, we must “read” the invitation and know what we are invited to participate in. The invitation given to us is an invitation to share in the wedding feast of the Son of God. But to attend that banquet, we must be clothed in the garment of charity. Charity is the form of love that is sacrificial, selfless, and total. This form of love begins by making God the center of our lives and concludes by making His will the sole purpose of our lives. True charity will have the effect of purging all selfishness from our lives. This is why some were hostile to the invitation. When God invites us to a life of charity, we will be faced with a need to change. For some, this is very difficult.

They react either with indifference or become defensive and lash out in hostility so as to protect the life of sin they have chosen.

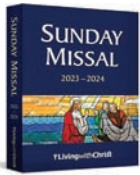
The parable concludes with one of the invited guests being cast “into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth” because he doesn’t have on a proper wedding garment. But this wedding garment is a symbol of true charity that flows from an authentic worship of God.

Reflect, today, upon how charitable you are toward others, for that will determine whether you are fit to share in the banquet of the Lord. True charity always seeks to lavish the greatest good upon others. It seeks to do everything necessary to help others grow in love of God. True charity never leads a person to gaze upon themselves. It is always outwardly focused and selfless in its choices. As you reflect upon your charity, or lack thereof, be open to the purifying invitation from Jesus and do not react in hostility. Welcome His invitation to change and allow your wholehearted worship of Him to transform you into a gift of love for others.

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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.

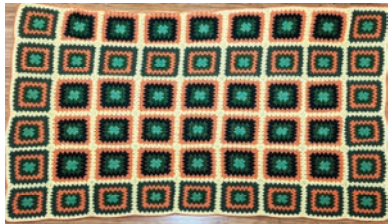
St. Andrew’s Parish Social and Hospitality Committee would like to thank all the parishioners who participated in the Bake Sale over the weekend. The event raised \$1,049.10 for the Building Fund. Our success is attributed to a good variety of baked goods at affordable prices.



Sunday Missals are now available for \$10.00. You can get your copy at the Parish Office (during regular hours) or at the entrance of the Church (before or after weekend Masses).



Parents/guardians who would like to register their children in catechism classes to receive the Sacrament of 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



Raffle of a Knitted Blanket

A knitted blanket is being raffled off as part of our fund-raising effort for the Church Building Fund. The blanket can be seen at the entrance of the Church and raffle tickets can be purchased after all masses. Ticket prices are: 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10 and 7 for \$20. The draw will take place on Thursday, November 30, 2023.

Good luck and thank you for your generous support.

Pope Francis Prays for Peace in Middle East

Pope Francis asked for prayers for sustained peace in the Middle East.

"I am following apprehensively and sorrowfully what is happening in Israel where the violence has exploded even more ferociously, causing hundreds of deaths and casualties," said the Holy Father. "I express my closeness to the families and the victims."



He continued, "I am praying for them and for all who are living hours of terror and anguish. May the attacks and weaponry cease. Please! And let it be understood that terrorism and war do not lead to any resolutions, but only to the death and suffering of so many innocent people. War is a defeat! Let us pray that there will be peace in Israel and in Palestine."

"In this month of October dedicated, in addition to the missions, to praying the Rosary, let us not tire of asking through Mary's intercession for the gift of peace in the many countries throughout the world marked by war and conflicts," Pope Francis concludes, "And let us continue to remember the dear Ukraine, which suffers so much every day, which is so battered."

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Oct 14 - St. Callistus I

8:30 am - † Max Chavez, by family

10 am - Infant Baptism

5:30 pm - † Alice D'Souza, by Ordella Pinto

Sunday, Oct 15– 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Thanksgiving for Felipa Salanio, by family

9:30 am - *(Ital Mass)* † In memory of Rosa Vecchione, by friends

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † John Angelo (3rd death anniversary), by family

2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*

5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)*

Monday, Oct 16 - St. Hedwig & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

8 am - † Rodolfo Bernardo, by family

10:15 am - Mass - Revera Westside

7 pm - † Virgilio Buenaobra, by Mary Ann Buenaobra

Tuesday, Oct 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

8 am - † Enrique Matias, Mary O'neil and Luz Aquino-Bitancor, by Arthur and Lilian

7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Wednesday, Oct 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist

8 am - † Francisca Dela Rosa, by Joe Sweeney

7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Thursday, Oct 19

8 am - *(No Intention)*

7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Friday, Oct 20

8 am - † Antonio Conception, by Consolacion Conception

7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Saturday, Oct 21

8:30 am - † Erlinda Cal, by Emelina Torres and family

5:30 pm - † Emmanuel George Francis Pillai (42th death anniversary), by Pillai family

Sunday, Oct 22– 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Thanksgiving to St. Anthony, by Carvalho & Soriano families

9:30 am - *(Ital Mass)* † Nicola, Anna, Filippo, Franco and Giovanna Zampino, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Francis M. Diarios, by Mary Jean and Marvin

2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*

5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)* † Monica Perez, by José Pulla

MISSIONARY MONTH – OCTOBER

World Mission Sunday – October 22nd, 2023



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