

# 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

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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**

**Resolving Conflict**

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap him in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone’s opinion, for you do not regard a person’s status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” Matthew 22:15-17

It has been said that “the enemy of my enemy is my friend.” In other words, two people who are enemies with each other will often join together if they see an opportunity to jointly attack an even greater enemy. This is what was happening in today’s Gospel. Jesus was considered the greatest enemy of the Pharisees and the Herodians, and both of these groups joined together in a plot to trap Jesus even though they greatly disliked each other.

The Pharisees were very nationalistic and were strict observers of the Law of Moses. It was their view that the people should not have to pay taxes to the Romans, and many of the people agreed. The Herodians supported the Romans and, therefore, were supporters of Herod, the Jewish ruler appointed by the Roman Emperor. One of Herod’s responsibilities was to obtain taxes from the Jews for use by the Roman government. Those who opposed the paying of taxes to the Romans could even be put to death.

This joint questioning of Jesus had one goal: to get Him in trouble. If Jesus said it was unlawful to pay taxes to Caesar, Herod’s soldiers could arrest Him. If Jesus said that the people should pay taxes to Caesar, the Pharisees could turn the people against Him. It appeared to be a lose-lose question posed to Jesus. Of course, Jesus’ answer was perfect. Without violating the Law of God, He also refrained from violating the civil law. Upon hearing His answer, all who heard Him “were amazed, and leaving him they went away.”

The lesson learned from this passage is an especially important lesson to apply to family life. It is very common for conflicts to arise from time to time among those who are close to each other. When that happens, we can often take the approach of trying to trap the other person and trip them up with our deceptive reasoning. When this happens between two people, the conversation often turns into a shouting match with each party seeking only to find fault with the other. The solution to such situations is simple. Every conflict must be resolved by the truth. Jesus did this perfectly. He did not attack when He was attacked. He did not defend Himself irrationally. He did not shy away from the confrontation. He did not manipulate the truth to His own advantage. Instead, He spoke openly and honestly the full truth and refused to engage his opponents in their trickery.

Consider this question. What if you were in Jesus’ position and the Pharisees came to you, asking you this question? What would you be tempted to answer? Most likely, you would try to answer them in such a way that appeased them. You might whisper, “We shouldn’t pay the taxes but don’t tell that to the Herodians.” And if the Herodians were to ask you that question, you might be tempted to give a different answer that appeased them.

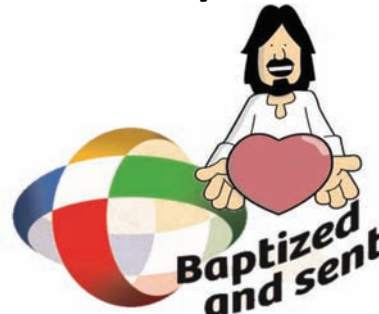
Oftentimes, when we feel as though another person is trying to trap us, condemn us, or challenge us, we become more concerned about our defense than with the honest truth. We can become afraid to say anything that will give them reason to attack us. We will be tempted to twist our answers rather than speak forthrightly with sincerity and honesty. This will never resolve a conflict. The only way to resolve anything is with the truth.

Reflect, today, upon how you work to resolve conflict when it arises. Are you more like the Pharisees and Herodians whose only goal was to trick, trap and win? Do you see the other as an enemy in those moments? Or do you strive to be like Jesus who didn’t shy away from the conversation, answering honestly and directly? Of course, the truth may be easy for Jesus since He was without any fault. In our lives, the truth may require that we admit our sin and apologize when confronted. However, if the truth, the full truth and nothing but the truth is our goal, then our conversations will imitate Jesus and, most often, a peaceful resolution will ensue.

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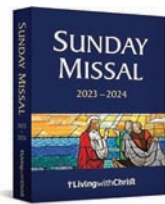
**MISSIONARY MONTH – OCTOBER**

**World Mission Sunday – October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**



**World Mission Sunday Special Collection  
October 21/22**

There will be a second collection for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist the needed Catholic communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.



**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.

**The last date to register is Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**St. Andrew’s Parish Stewardship**

**Collection for Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Sunday Offertory \$ 6,790.45**



On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Andrew's Church, we would like to thank everyone who support with their donations to our clothing drive.

Donated goods are provided to our neighbours in need in communities across the GTA and to those whom we serve through our supportive housing and outreach programs.

As always, we appreciate your support with the SSVP.  
God Bless you.

**WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS**

† = For the soul of    ♥ = Special 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– 29<sup>th</sup> 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

**Monday, Oct 23 - St. John of Capistrano**

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

**Tuesday, Oct 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret**

8 am - † Antonio Conception, by Consolacion Conception  
7 pm - † Vittorio Bruni (1yr death anniv.), by Gaitana Bruni

**Wednesday, Oct 25**

8 am - † Esterina Furgiuele (death anniversary), by family  
7 pm - † Jorgen Hiorth, by Aracely Hiorth and family

**Thursday, Oct 26**

8 am - † Hyacinth Seraphine, by family  
7 pm - *(No Intention)*

**Friday, Oct 27**

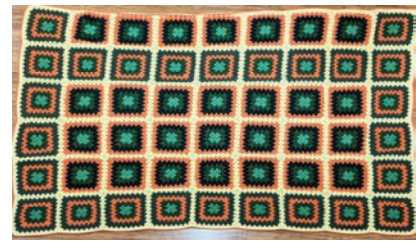
8 am - Thanksgiving for Melvin Pote, by family  
7 pm - † Francisco D'Souza, by Ordella Pinto

**Saturday, Oct 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles**

8:30 am - Thanksgiving to Our Lady of the Rosary, by Alex family  
5:30 pm - † Estelle Jodhan-David (death anniversary), by Mr. Mrs. Lakhan and family

**Sunday, Oct 29– 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 am - Thanksgiving for Mesina and Cuaresma families, for † Cresenciana Felix, by family  
9:30 am - *(Ital Mass)* † Domenico DeVincenzis, by family  
11 am - For the people of the Parish  
12:30pm - † Estrella Pagador Viloría, by Lily Sabado  
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*  
5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)* † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla



**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."

**Baptism**  
September 2023

We would like to congratulate the parents of the Newly Baptized Children.

Anthony Jase Malingan Araslanov, Destiny Osanna Bernard, Bridget Dennis, Jason Odoma Enadeghe, Jordan Osarueya Enadeghe, Justin Oghosa Enadeghe, Brayden Darren King, Greyson Joseph King, Cai Javion Mabalot Lomibao, Kingsley Lando Owusu, Sofia Rose Vanadero and Leah Grace Vanadero.



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