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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
StAndrewsET@archtoronto.org

Fr. Timothy Kinyua Gatitu, IMC – Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Joseph Owusu-Afriyie – Permanent Deacon
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Ms. Sharanka Prince Yogarajah – Youth Coordinator
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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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

The High Calling of Love

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:37–40

Think about the many things you desire in life. What would make up that list? Perhaps there are many good things that would be included, such as a desire for strong family relationships, good health, a happy life, good friends, and financial security. Perhaps there are other things that would be included, such as success in an occupation, nice vacations, a new home, and fun adventures in life. If you were to make a list like this that began with your deepest desire, what would come first? We might all know what should come first, but if you were to honestly examine the desires of your heart right now, what would be on the top of that list?

Ideally, the first and greatest desire of our souls would be the two greatest commandments. Above all else you will desire to love God with all your heart, soul and mind and love your neighbor as yourself. Is that the deepest desire of your heart?

What’s important to note is that we ought not love God with most of our heart, soul and mind. We don’t just love Him with 51% and then allow ourselves to disseminate the other 49% to other loves. No, 100% of our love must go to God. God must be the single and exclusive object of our love.

If you were to give to God 100% of your love, what would you have left for others? The glorious nature of our love of God is such that the more love we offer to God, the more we have to give away to others. When we give our love to God, He does not take it away from us and keep it for Himself in a selfish way as if He is jealous and possessive. Instead, loving God transforms our ability to love in such a way that we have even more than we started with. We are limited creatures and we are limited in our ability to love. God is infinite and His love is infinite in nature. Therefore, when we give our limited love to God, we receive back from Him His infinite love. This love is then able to overflow from our lives and can be distributed without reserve.

So back to our original question: Do you love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind? If you do, then it means that every part of who you are is caught up in the mind and will of God. It means that you continuously seek to understand God and all that He has revealed to you. It means that you seek to comprehend His perfect will for you every day of your life. It means that you choose only that which God wills and that you do so with passion, zeal and fervor. It means that you are continuously attentive to God, respond to His gentle promptings of grace, and are led by Him every moment of every day of your life. That is a high calling! But it is the calling you have been given. Then, and only then, will you be loving yourself with the love of God by opening yourself to His outpouring of love, and only then will you be able to act as an instrument of God’s love to those around you.

Reflect, today, upon the high and definitive calling you have been given to love God with every fiber of your being. Your love must become all-consuming. It must be total and without hesitation. It will require the complete sacrifice of your life, the full purging of your sins, the denunciation of all selfishness and a heart that is open to the infinite power of God’s transforming touch. Because God commanded this, it is possible. It is possible to become a great saint. Shoot for nothing less. Never give up on this high calling, and know that it is the only way to the fulfillment in life that you deeply desire.

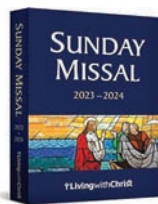
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Baptism
October 2023

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

Tifeoluwa Wealth Adeniyi, Tioluwa Nathan Adeniyi, Jasmine Madeline Amergo-Komher, Elijah Nana Yaw Awuah, Mami Oyebiefe Awuah, Ella Catherine Buffone, Blake Evelyn Buffone, Lorenzo Debenedictis, Francesco Debenedictis, Jaxxen Cepra Ramos and Xavier Noah Bulandres Van Dyke.



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).



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.

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

Collection for Oct 22nd, 2023
Sunday Offertory \$ 7,553.00

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

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– 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, Oct 30

8 am - † Nadia Suraci, by Sonya
7 pm - † Erlinda Cal, by Belen family

Tuesday, Oct 31

8 am - Thanksgiving for celebration of the wedding of Makua & Ebuka, by Legion of Mary
7 pm - † Ms. Anna Carlucci, by family

Wednesday, Nov 1 – ALL SAINTS DAY

8 am - † Alfred, Mary Theresa, Arulammah and Albert, by Sebastian family
7 pm - † Lydia and Arcadio Delos Reyes, Fr. Julian and Emmanuel Santiago, by Delos Reyes family

Thursday, Nov 2 – ALL SOULS' DAY

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

Friday, Nov 3 - St. Martin de Porres

8 am - † Christina, Louie, Tony and Zia Gilda, by Mary & family
7 pm - † Robin Perry, by family

Saturday, Nov 4 - St. Charles Borromeo

8:30 am - † Anthony Misquitta (3yrs death anniversary), by wife and family
5:30 pm - Thanksgiving for Anthony Morgan, by Alma & family

Sunday, Nov 5 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Enid Metivier, by family
9:30 am - *(Ital Mass)* † Constantino, Esterina & Rosario Furguele, Cecilia and Giovanni Settino, by family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Irene Selvamani Pillai (18 yrs death anniv.), by Pillai family
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)* † Florinda Ianni, by family

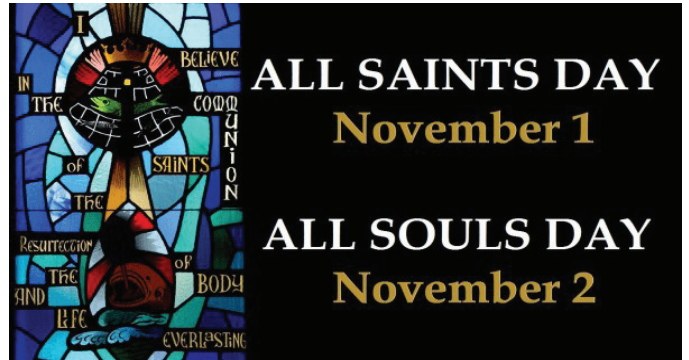


First Holy Communion Classes will begin on Saturday, November 4th 2023 and Classes will take place on Saturdays from 9:30am to 11:00am at St. Andrew's School. For more information call the parish office.



Knights of Columbus Mother Teresa Council are having a membership drive on the weekend of November 4th and 5th after the weekend masses. If any male 18 years and older is interested in joining the Knights we would like to hear from you.

Please contact Marlon Cowan at mcowan27@hotmail.com or father George for further information.



MONTH OF NOVEMBER - ST. ANDREW PARISH

In November we will have the basket for the names of the deceased which annually is placed near the altar to allow parishioners to write the names of relatives to be remembered. Mass will be celebrated to commemorate both All Saints & All Souls' Day on the following dates and times: Wednesday, November 1st, at 8:00 am and 7:00pm on Thursday, November 2nd, at 8:00am and 7:00pm

All Souls Day Mass

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday November 4, 2023 at 2 p.m. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- **Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga**
Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum
- **Christ the King Cemetery, Markham**
Reception Centre
- **Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill**
Holy Family Mausoleum
- **Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge**
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- **Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby**
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