

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH **BULLETIN**

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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

Fr. Alex Osei CSSp – Ghanaian Community

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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

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NOV 12, 2023 | ST. ANDREW CHURCH

Welcome home to St. Andrew 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Windows to Your Soul

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise."

Matthew 25:1–2

Our five senses can be said to be a window to our souls. With our senses we perceive the world around us, take it into our minds and heart, and engage it according to the decisions we make. Several of the Church Fathers say that the five wise virgins in today's parable represent those who use their five senses in accord with God's will, whereas the five foolish virgins are those who indulge their five senses in a life of sin.

Interestingly, Saint John of the Cross teaches that the highest form of communication with God takes place when our five senses are silenced and all that we have learned through them is darkened so that God can communicate to us in a direct and spiritual way. But until we reach that level of spiritual perfection, accomplished by various purifications of our soul, we must rely upon our senses as a source of knowledge, especially our knowledge of God.

With our eyes we are called to perceive the beauty of God's presence within creation, especially in other people. With our ears we hear the Word of God proclaimed that then resonates within us, inspiring the gift of faith. Our senses of smell, taste and touch will also teach us in various ways, leading us either to the delights of the Kingdom of God, or to the indulgences of the fallen world.

If the five wise virgins represent the holy use of the five senses, then we must see the connection between them and the oil for their lamps. Many Church Fathers see the oil as a symbol of good works, or charity. Charity is necessary for the attainment of Heaven, for the meeting of the Bridegroom when He shows up at an unexpected time. The person who engages in charity is one who uses the natural gifts given by God for His glory. Their five senses are constantly seeking ways to glorify God and to accomplish His holy will.

The five senses can also easily lead us to the selfish pursuit of fleshly pleasures. When this happens, the oil of charity runs dry within us and we are unprepared for the moment of our death, when the Bridegroom returns.

Think about yourself being those wise or foolish virgins by considering how you use your five senses. What do you look at regularly with your eyes? Do you seek out the presence of God in our world? Do you see Him in the poor, the vulnerable, the lonely, and the needy? Or do you look at the many evils all around you and become infatuated with them, allowing yourself to be drawn into their practices?

With your ears, do you listen attentively to the Word of God? Or do you find yourself drawn to the world of gossip, detraction and other sinful words that are spoken? Do you indulge your senses of touch, smell and taste, choosing an excess of pleasure, becoming inordinately attached? Or do you strive for temperance and self-control, denying yourself unhealthy and sinful pleasures?

Reflect, today, upon the natural powers of your own soul, especially the gift of your five senses. As you do, examine the ways you use them, what you look at, listen to, and indulge in. Your senses are but a window to your soul and the first way through which God speaks to you and enters your heart. Keep guard of your senses, and only allow the good things of Heaven to enter in. Doing so will produce the oil of charity within and will enable you to be perpetually ready for the coming of our Lord.

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

 \dagger = For the soul of \mathbf{v} = Special Intention

Saturday, Nov 11 - St. Martin of Tours (Remembrance Day)

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for 80th birthday of Doreen Joseph, by Alma and family

10 am - Infants Baptism

5:30 pm - † Elias Cowan & for the souls in Purgatory, by family

Sunday, Nov 12 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Genowefa, Antoni and Henry Kokoszka, by Bronis 9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † For deceased members of Marello and Cocceiminglio families, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Edgar Falzon, by family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

Monday, Nov 13

8 am - † Chirstine Dountio, by Eleonore Kuemene

10:30 am - Mass - Humber Valley Terrace

7 pm - † For the deceased Legionnaries, by the Legion of Mary

Tuesday, Nov 14

8 am - † Gertrude and Meredith Morgan and Benjamin family, by Alma and family

7 pm - For the health of Daysi Golea, by Lita and José

Wednesday, Nov 15 - St. Albert the Great

8 am - † Jane Sweeney, by friends

7 pm - † Delfina and José, by family

Thursday, Nov 16 - St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude

8 am - † Giuseppe Galati, by Anna Galati

7 pm - † Antonio Sabado and Maria Dela Cruz, by Lily Sabado

Friday, Nov 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8 am - † Francisca Dela Rosa, by Belen family

7 pm - † William Smith, by Rodill family

Saturday, Nov 18 - The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul

8:30 am - † Maria de la Cruz & Antonio Sabado, by Lily Sabado

5:30 pm - † Deceased members of Joseph family, by family

Sunday, Nov 19 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Luz Aquino, by Lily Sabado

-Thanksgiving for the gift of life for Arthur Cuaresma, by family

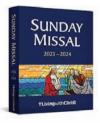
9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Joe Marrello, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Concetta Gaudio, by 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 (during regular hours) or at the entrance of the Church (before or after weekend Masses).

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The Shepherds' Trust Special Collection, November 18-19, 2023

There will be a second collection today, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry.

Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

For more information about The Shepherds' Trust please go to: www.shepherdstrust.org

Archdiocesan Consultation Underway Your assistance is requested!

Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit:

www.archtoronto.org/consultation to complete a brief survey by

December 15, 2023, where you can offer your suggestions and insights. The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.

ST. ANDREW'S FEAST DAY

On Thursday, November 30th we celebrate the feast day of St. Andrew with a **Holy Mass at 7:00pm**.

Please let us save the date and organize ourselves in order to participate in the celebration of this very important feast of our Patron.

Following the Holy Mass we are all invited to a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall: *Please remember to bring a plate of food – finger foods – to share and celebrate.* **Thanks!**

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.

NOTE: Fr. George Kibura, IMC our Pastor invites all members of the Liturgical Committee and the Choir Leaders of the Parish for a meeting on Monday, November 13th at 7:45 pm. The meeting will take place at St. Cecilia's room.

The Knights of Columbus supports strong and vibrant families. Mother Teresa council will be selecting one family/month which models Christian family values and

visibly lives them every day. Should you know of a family you would like to recommend to our committee, please find the form to complete in the foyer or email the form to mcowan27@hotmail.com.



NOVEMBER: THE MONTH TO PRAY FOR ALL SOULS

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." We know that a defiled soul cannot enter into heaven.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, in the chapter titled "The Final Purification, or Purgatory" we read the following:

"(§1030) All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

(§1031) The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire (1 Cor 3:15).

As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come.

(§1032) This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin" (2 Macc 12:46). From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead:

Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them".

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