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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
Fr. Alex Osei CSSp – Ghanaian Community
Mr. Martins Igbino – 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

Welcome home to St. Andrew

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Doing Small Things Well

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away.” Matthew 25:14–15

Many people dream of doing great things in this life. Those who play sports dream of winning the championship. Those in business dream of growing their business. Artists and actors dream of becoming well-known. In almost everything we do, we dream of excelling. This drive is part of the natural desires God has given to us.

When it comes to the most important part of our lives, we must strive to excel also. What is the most important part of our lives? It is the calling we have received to serve the will of God. Therefore, we must strive to unite our natural desire for excellence with our faith so that we will be driven to fulfill the glorious mission God has entrusted to each one of us.

Every natural ability we have must be seen as a gift, given to us by God for the purpose of glorifying Him and furthering His Kingdom on earth. In our parable today, the man who went on a journey entrusted each of his servants with a large sum of money. To one he entrusted five talents; to another two; to a third, one. A talent was a measurement of precious metals such as silver or gold. In today’s value, one talent of silver would be worth about \$30,000. That’s a lot of money entrusted to each of these servants. However, when the master returned, he referred to this initial gift to each as a small amount and then promised to entrust a large amount to the two servants who used the talents well.

From a human perspective, we should see the natural gifts that God has given us as a huge amount. From a divine perspective, we must see every natural gift from God as only the beginning. God has so much more He wishes to bestow upon us. In order to obtain those riches of grace, we must first use well what we have been given for God’s glory and for the furtherance of His Kingdom.

What has our Lord entrusted to you? What gifts and talents do you have? As you think about your natural talents, consider how well you use them for the service of God. Using your natural abilities only for yourself is the same as refusing to use them for God. To the one man who was entrusted with one talent and did nothing with it, the master said, “You wicked, lazy servant!” He then took the one talent away and gave it to the one with ten who was responsible with the master’s money. So in our lives, if we fail to dedicate our natural abilities to the service of God, we will lose even the little we have. But if we unite our natural desire for greatness with the call to serve the will of God, then there is no limit to the riches of grace God will bestow.

Reflect, today, upon how diligent you are in your drive to fulfill the will of God in your life. If you feel as though you cannot make much of a difference, then try to dispel that idea. Try to do small things well. Work at perfecting your charity in your daily life. Commit yourself to daily prayer. Strive to weed out all sin in your life. Do the small things well and God will smile on these little offerings and transform them into a superabundance of grace.

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

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 - *(Spa. Mass)* † Giovanni Giraldo Lozano (1año), ofrece Fredy Giraldo / † Abel Lombo P. (28 años) & Dairo Jaramillo (8 dias), ofrece Elizabeth Lombo

Monday, Nov 20

8 am - † Antonio Concepcion, by Consolacion Concepcion
10:15 am - Mass - Revera Westside
7 pm - † Mr & Mrs Milton and Mary Fernando, by family

Tuesday, Nov 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am - † Deceased members of Belen and Carbonell families, by Belen family,
7 pm - † Coralia Vides, by family
† Collin Joseph, by mother and family

Wednesday, Nov 22 - St. Cecilia

8 am - Thanksgiving for 40th Wedding Anniversary of Manny & Rose Rabino, by Manny & Rose
7 pm - For the recovery of Ana Linda Bergenholtz, by family

Thursday, Nov 23 - St. Clement I and St. Columban

8 am - Special Intention, by deNully family
7 pm - † Maria Guida, Rocco and Maria Lisi, by family

Friday, Nov 24 - St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc

8 am - † Deceased members of Derpo & Alzaga families, by family
7 pm - † Michele Fiorucci, by family

Saturday, Nov 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for Carvalho family, by Laura Carvalho
5:30 pm - Thanksgiving, by Choong family

Sunday, Nov 26 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

8 am - For health - to Our Lady of Vailankanni, by Mary-Anne
9:30 am - *(Ital Mass)* † Ivanno Santini, by wife Rosetta and family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † For all souls in Purgatory, by Champion family
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)*

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

Collection for Nov 12th, 2023
Sunday Offertory \$ 8,558.15



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November 18-19, 2023

The Shepherds' Trust collection takes place this weekend in all parishes in the Archdiocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. *Envelopes are available at the church doors.*

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

St. Andrew's community wishes a safe and fruitful journey to Sharanka Prince our Youth Coordinator who is traveling on Monday, November 20th to Sao Paulo, Brazil to represent Consolata Missionaries and our Parish in the youth conference: The Mission in mind, mouth and heart Post-Chapter Assembly Continent America 2023 where she will be presenting her work with the community and the youth at St. Andrew's parish.

We will keep her in our prayers and await for her to share this experience with us.

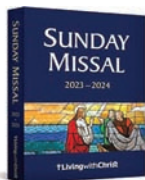


The Knights of Columbus will be remembering all their deceased Members with a Holy Mass taking place on Friday, November 24th at 7:45 pm. You all are welcome to attend.

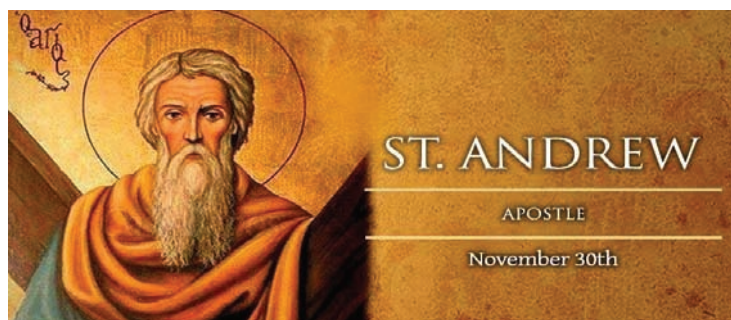
The Knights of Columbus supports strong and vibrant families. Mother Teresa council will be selecting one family/month which models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. Should you know of a family you would like to recommend to our committee, please find the form to complete in the foyer or email the form to mcowan27@hotmail.com.

Turkey Roll Fundraiser

It is that time of year again! The Knights of Columbus is having their turkey roll back in the church hall after a lengthy absence on Saturday December 9th from 7 to 10 pm in the church hall. Admission is \$10 and includes chilli and bread. As usual we will have 12 turkeys and 12 hams to give away through fun game play. We will also have Christmas music to keep the evening festive. If anyone is interested in making chilli, please contact mcowan27@hotmail.com.



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).



ST. ANDREW

APOSTLE

November 30th

ST. ANDREW'S FEAST DAY

To celebrate the feast of our Patron we are inviting you to join the Novena starting on Tuesday, Nov. 21st and ending on Wednesday, Nov 29th this will take place in the evening Mass.

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 in our Parish.

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.

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.

26th Annual Celebration of Life

Newediuk Funeral Home invites anyone who has been touched by loss to attend their Twenty-Six Annual Celebration of Life. It is an uplifting service that will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 3pm, at Newediuk Funeral Home, Chapel (2058 Kipling Ave). Please call 416 745 7555 to RSVP.

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