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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
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Fr. Timothy Kinyua Gatitu, IMC – Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Joseph Owusu-Afriyie – Permanent Deacon
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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

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year B

Do Not Miss Out...

“Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.” Mark 13:33

To which time is our Lord referring? He is referring to the time of His coming. But it must be understood that even though He came to us once in the flesh long ago, and though He will return again in the flesh to judge the living and the dead at the end of time, He never ceases to come to us day and night by the transforming gift of grace. Are you attentive to this coming? Or do you miss out on the countless blessings of God’s grace that He wants to bestow upon you every day, all day?

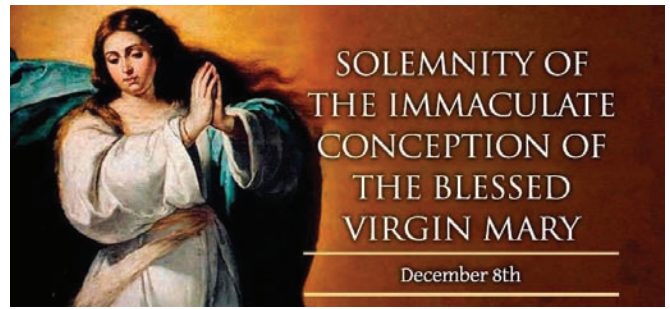
The world has many distractions. We are distracted by the lure of riches, the indulgence of our appetites, and the constant noise of modern media, electronic gadgets and the like. These and many other daily distractions make it very difficult to be constantly “watchful” and “alert.” This is because our attention span is limited. Though some may learn to “multi-task” to a certain extent, no one can continually divide their attention between the presence of God and the distractions of the world.

Some may argue that it is necessary to engage the world today. It is not possible to continually pray and think only about God. But those who would be tempted to think this do not understand the attentiveness and watchfulness to which we are called.

Being watchful and attentive simply means that God is central in our lives and is the motivation and purpose of all we do every day. Our love for and service to God cannot be divided. We cannot set aside some time for the world and other times for God. Instead, everything we do, every day, all day, must have the glory of God and the fulfillment of God’s perfect will as the central and exclusive purpose of our lives. Thus, if we interact with the world, tune into social media, fulfill household chores, put in extra hours at work, etc., we must constantly ponder the simple question, “Lord, am I doing this for Your glory and in accord with Your will?” We must never fail to ask ourselves that question. We must always have the glory of God and the fulfillment of His will as the central purpose and motivation for all that we do. If we can live this way, then we will discover that it becomes increasingly easy to always and everywhere be attentive to and watchful for God’s will.

Reflect, today, upon that to which you most often turn your attention. What is it that you think about the most each day? To what are you most attentive and watchful? If the answer to that question is not the ongoing promptings of God and His grace, then make note of that fact. Humbly pray that you can change and begin to form a transforming habit of daily keeping your attention on our Lord so that He will become your daily guide and focus in all things.

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception

We will start this celebrations with the Triduum Prayers on Tuesday, December 5th and the Feast will be celebrated on Friday, December 8th all will take place at the 7:00 p.m. Mass.



**COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US THE
9-DAY NOVENA MASSES
MASS AT DAWN – SIMBANG GABI – MISA DE GALLO**



**St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, 2547 Kipling Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario**

**Saturday, December 16 to
Sunday, December 24, 2023, 5:30 a.m.**

It is a spiritual preparation for Christmas and commemorates the birth of the Child Jesus – to welcome and receive Him in our midst, which is the fulfillment of the true essence of Christmas.

Organized and sponsored by: St. Andrew’s Church
8:00 am Sunday Mass - Choir

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.

The Knights of Columbus Mother Teresa Council are hosting their annual **Christmas Caroling** event on **Saturday December 16th at 7pm** in the church. Everyone is invited as we celebrate the *Christmas* Season.

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DEC 3, 2023 | ST. ANDREW CHURCH

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Dec 2

8:30 am - † Mary Joseph, by family
 9:30 am - First Saturday Devotions
 5:30 pm - † Maria Luisa Miranda, by Martha Lobo
 † Noel Hotencio, by Hotencio family

Sunday, Dec 3 – 1st Sunday of Advent

8 am - † Francis Lobo, by family
 9:30 am - (Italian Mass) † Pietro, Giulio, Sandra and Giacinto DiMassimo, by family
 11 am - For the people of the Parish
 12:30pm - † Dominic and Ilda Maragna, by family
 2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
 5:30 pm - (Span. Mass) For the health of Maria Carmela Sestini, by family

Monday, Dec 4 - St. John Damascene

8 am - † Constantino, Esterina & Rosario Furgiuele, Cecilia & Giovanni Settino, by family
 7 pm - † Florinda Ianni, by family

Tuesday, Dec 5

8 am - Thanksgiving for Bradley Blake on his birthday, by family
 7 pm - † Mr & Mrs Milton and Mary Fernando, by family

Wednesday, Dec 6 - St. Nicholas

8 am - † Francisca dela Rosa, by Chan family
 7 pm - † Donatta and Giuseppe Diamante, by Rosa

Thursday, Dec 7 - St. Ambrose

8 am - † Anthony Laksmana, by Belen family
 7 pm - † A.T. Mathew, by Jacob Mathew and family

Friday, Dec 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am - † Immaculata Polera, by Mary Viglione
 7 pm - † Vincenzo Persampieri, by Maria Persampieri

Saturday, Dec 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuahtloatzin

8:30 am - (No Intention)
 10 am - Infants Baptism
 5:30 pm - † Donatta and Giuseppe Diamante, by Rosa

Sunday, Dec 10 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

8 am - Thanksgiving for Alexandra & Alexander on their birthday, by Mary Ann Tolentino
 9:30 am - (Italian Mass) † Giuseppe Galati, by Anna Galati
 11 am - For the people of the Parish
 12:30pm - (No Intention)
 2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
 5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship
 Collection for Nov 26th, 2023
 Sunday Offertory \$8,145.40

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God”
 (Luke 3:4,6)

What is Advent?

A season of **hope, preparation, EXPECTATION & celebration**



The **ADVENT WREATH** is a popular symbol used as the focus of prayer throughout the season

Advent is made up of **four weeks**, divided into **two periods**:

- 1** First Sunday of Advent until December 16
focus: Christ's second coming at the end of time
- 2** December 17 to 24
focus: Preparation for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ

The **first Sunday of Advent** marks the beginning of the liturgical year

Through prayer, spiritual reading, acts of charity, and participation in Eucharist, Advent helps us to expand the meaning of our lives, **so that we are not ends in ourselves, but a people who seek Christ as our hopeful end and joyful fulfillment**



CANDLES mark the steps in our Advent journey

Our prayer at Advent is one of hope and love:

Come, Lord Jesus!



"Advent" (Latin) MEANS "a coming or arrival"

Advent is more than the preparation for Christ's birth. It also celebrates the **three-fold coming of the Lord**:

- **Remembering** the events that surrounded the Lord's coming long ago
- **Celebrating** his coming among us today
- **Looking forward** to his final coming in glory




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ADVENT

Day of Confessions

DECEMBER 10-23, 2023

From December 10-23, 2023, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. At St. Andrew's, Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **December 20th and 21st, from 5 pm to 7 pm.**

There will be no Confessions at St. Andrew's after these dates until Christmas Octave which is on Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, 2024.

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BEREAVEMENT RETREAT

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