

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

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

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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

Welcome home to St. Andrew 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Being a Witness of Christ

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. John 1:40–42

Andrew was a follower of Saint John the Baptist until John⁸ directed him to Jesus. One day John saw Jesus walk by and pointed to Jesus, telling Andrew and another disciple, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples followed after Jesus. After spending the day with Jesus, Andrew was so impressed that the next day he excitedly went to find his brother, Simon Peter, to tell him about Jesus. As is mentioned in the passage above, he enthusiastically tells Peter, "We have found the Messiah." Then, once Peter meets Jesus, Peter also becomes His disciple.

A similar experience occurs between the brothers Philip and Nathanael (see John 1:43–51). Jesus calls Philip to follow Him, and he does. After coming to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, Philip goes to tell his brother Nathanael that he has found "the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets." Nathanael believes and follows our Lord. Thus, a series of conversions began after John the Baptist gave testimony that Jesus was the "Lamb of God."

Though we can be certain that Jesus did not need the testimony of John the Baptist to convert Andrew, nor the testimony of Andrew to convert Simon Peter, nor the testimony of Philip to convert Nathanael, this is how it happened. Jesus chose to use these three to bring about the conversion of others.

In God's divine plan of salvation, He regularly uses the mediation of others to bring forth the conversion of hearts. We see this on many levels. First and foremost, He uses our Blessed Mother as the Mediatrix of Grace to bring forth His grace upon us all. She is the instrument and Jesus is the source. Through her mediation, there are other saints who act as intercessors. And there are countless angels who also act as distributors of God's grace and mercy. God is the source of all but uses the heavenly hosts to bring forth His grace upon us all.

The same is true within our earthly existence. In addition to the numerous angels and saints who act as intercessors and mediators, God uses each one of us to bring about His Kingdom here and now in the lives of many. Every time we speak God's words or witness to God through our actions, we become instruments of God's mercy. And if we fully commit ourselves to the divine will, there are many who will be converted by God's grace through us.

Reflect, today, upon the holy and sacred calling you have received to act as a mediator of God's infinite grace and mercy. First, think about the many people God wants to touch through you. Also think about the fact that those people might never be drawn to God if you fail to act. God can do all things and touch many people in varied ways, but the fact remains that He does want to use you for His mission. Say "Yes" to that mission so that you, like many others, will share in the glorious calling of being an intercessor and a mediator of God's grace.

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

 \dagger = For the soul of

♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Jan 13 - St. Hilary

8:30 am - Special Intention for Rose Caputo, by parishioners of St. Andrew's

5:30 pm -† Lorraine Chan and Mrs. Ho, by Chan family

Sunday, Jan 14 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - (No Intention)

9:30 am - (*Italian Mass*) † Angelo Sergnese, Filomena & Giovanni Sardella, 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, Jan 15

8 am - (No Intention)

6 pm - Novena St. Niño

7 pm - † Milton and Mary Fernando, by family

Tuesday, Jan 16

8 am – (No Intention)

6 pm - Novena St. Niño

7 pm - (No Intention)

Wednesday, Jan 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot

8 am - (No Intention)

6 pm - Novena St. Niño

7 pm - (No Intention)

Thursday, Jan 18 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - begins

8 am - (No Intention)

6 pm - Novena St. Niño

7 pm - (No Intention)

Friday, Jan 19

8 am - (No Intention)

6 pm - Novena St. Niño

7 pm - (No Intention)

Saturday, Jan 20 - St. Fabian and St. Sebastian

8:30 am - (No Intention)

10:30 am - Rosary & Mass - Feast of Sto. Niño

5:30 pm - (No Intention)

Sunday, Jan 21 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - (No Intention)

9:30 am - (Ital.Mass) † Francesco Pisanti (20yrs death anniversary), by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - (No Intention)

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm – (Spanish Mass)

DONATIONS 2023

Any donations received in January 2024 cannot be applied towards the 2023 Taxation year. They will be put towards Year 2024. It will be announce when Tax receipts for Year 2023 are ready. We thank everyone for your continued support of our parish.



Viva Pit Señor! as exclaimed by the faithful in honor of the Holy Child Jesus meaning, "Long Live the Lord!" Yearly, on the third Sunday of January, the feast of Santo Niño brings festive celebrations in numerous cities all over the country, particularly in Cebu. With millions of people flocking to the streets to join the annual colorful festivity, the feast never fails to show the vibrant faith of Filipinos in Jesus.

The historical image of the Holy Child enshrined in the Minor Basilica of Sto.

Niño de Cebu has been the oldest icon of the Christian faith in the
Philippines. As authenticated in the journal of Ferdinand Magellan's
assistant in his expedition, Italian scholar and explorer Antonio Pigafetta
wrote that he himself presented the Image to Queen Juana on the day she
was baptized by the chaplain of the expedition, Father Pedro Valderama.

At St. Andrew's we are celebrating Sto. Niño with a Novena and on Saturday, January 20th the Feast Day with Rosary at 10:30am followed by the Holy Mass. There will be a blessing of the Children and Sto. Niño images. Everyone is invited to a Potluck lunch at the parish hall, please bring your family and friends. For more details please check the posters on the boards in the Church.

Annual GTA Prayer Service Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024

Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 4:00 pm at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral (455 Ferrier St., Markham). This year's theme: "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself" (Lk 10:27) Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

Livestream available at: https://bit.ly/WPCU2024live



The 2024 donation envelopes are ready for pick up in the Church or you can also pick them up in the office during regular hours. Please remember to confirm that they are yours by verifying the number, name and address. If you do not have a number assigned please contact the parish office by email or phone.



Handicraft Holy Land Christians



On the weekend of January 20-21, we will welcome our special guest Paul from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

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Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo

"Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things"

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese.

The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org.

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