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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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

The Subtleties of Grace

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” Jesus rebuked him and said, “Quiet! Come out of him!”⁸ The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. Mark 1:23–26

It’s interesting to note that this unclean spirit immediately knows Who Jesus is. This is because each of two opposites emphasizes the other very clearly. For example, the color black is most clearly seen when it is placed in front of something white. Or something hot is most noticeable after experiencing something very cold. And a loud noise is most jarring when someone is sitting in silence. And so it is with Jesus and evil. Jesus, the Holy One of God, is most clearly seen when He comes in contact with an unclean spirit.

This fact gives us some wonderful insights into our journey toward the heights of holiness. Oftentimes, when one experiences a profound and transforming conversion, it is because they were first living a life of sin. When one who is living in sin encounters the saving grace of God, it is quite noticeable. And that is good.

But there is also another spiritual insight we can take from this. To further the analogy, it is also true that when the color black is put next to something dark blue, or something hot is touched after holding something quite warm, there is less notice taken. So it is with the spiritual life. When we are striving to obtain true holiness of life, and when we are already living the many virtues to which we are called, the next step closer to God might not be nearly as noticeable. Instead, growth in perfection for one who is already striving for perfection will be very subtle. And that is also good.

This is important to understand because sometimes, when a person has gone through a powerful conversion earlier in life, they want to return to the experience they had when they initially converted. But that should not be our goal. Instead, we should continually strive to experience these more subtle changes that take us from a life of holiness to one of even greater holiness. In this case, if you do not sense a powerful contrast of spiritual experiences within you that may be simply because there are no serious sins you are trying to overcome. Thus, the ideal for every Christian is to eventually experience less contrasting spiritual experiences and more that are gentle and subtle as our Lord continues to gently perfect you in many ways.

Reflect, today, upon your own spiritual journey toward holiness. If you do see serious sin in your life, know that God wants to profoundly free you and draw you through a major conversion. If you do not see serious sin in your life and if you already strive daily to become holy, then rejoice if your spiritual consolations and communications from God are much more subtle and, at times, undetectable. Keep working at perfection and rejoice that you are on the correct path.

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Saturday, Jan 27 - St. Angela Merici

8:30 am - † For the souls in Purgatory, by Buni family

5:30 pm - † Lu Yun Hsiang, by family

Sunday, Jan 28 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Thanksgiving for father George for his 25th anniversary as a priest, by Tony & Kathy Rea

9:30 am - *(Ital.Mass)* †Fr. Peter Tomaino, by parishioners of St.Andrew’s

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Mylvaganam Canapathy (7 months death anniversary), by family

2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*

5:30 pm – *(Spanish Mass)*

Monday, Jan 29

8 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla

7 pm – For the foundation of Consolata Missionaries Institute

Tuesday, Jan 30

8 am - *(No Intention)*

7 pm - † Theressiamma Mathew, by Jacob Mathew and family

Wednesday, Jan 31 - St. John Bosco

8 am - *(No Intention)*

7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Thursday, Feb 1

8 am - *(No Intention)*

7 pm - *(No Intention)*

**Friday, Feb 2 - The Presentation of the Lord
(Wold Day of Consecrated Life)**

8 am - *(No Intention)*

7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Saturday, Feb 3 - St. Blaise and St. Ansgar

8:30 am - Thanksgiving to St. Blaise, by Christine

5:30 pm - Thanksgiving for Osazuwa on his birthday, by family

Sunday, Feb 4 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Milton and Mary Fernando, by family

9:30 am - *(Ital.Mass)* † In honour of Santa Lucia, by Maria & Martina Della Pasta

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Mr. and Mrs. Alphonsus Azike, by family

2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*

5:30 pm – *(Spanish Mass)*

St. Andrew’s would like to Congratulate **Joseph, Ursula and Adrian Williams** on being the **Family of the Month in January.**

Joseph is a member of the Knights of Columbus and Ursula is a Catechist and both are involved with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (serves the poor of our community). Adrian is also a member of the children's choir.

Thank you for your involvement in the parish community.

Consolata Missionaries Anniversary

Blessed Joseph Allamano (1851-1926), a priest from the Diocese of Turin (Northern Italy), found it very strange that, in his Diocese, fertile with many institutions of charity, there was not one dedicated exclusively to the missions.



He then decided to correct this emptiness, in order to help those who felt themselves animated by the missionary ideal in order to fulfil their vocation of obeying Christ's mandate to take the Gospel to all nations. On January 29, 1901, Blessed Joseph Allamano founded the Institute of the Consolata Fathers and Brothers and, nine years later, the one of the Consolata Missionary Sisters. On May 8th 1902, the first four missionaries left Italy for Kenya – two Priests and two Brothers:

that was the beginning of a missionary journey – sending out and being sent – that has continued until this day to many countries and human realities in Europe, Africa, America and Asia.

January 29th, anniversary of the Foundation of the Consolata Missionaries' Institute, is a special day of thanksgiving to the Lord and of prayer for all the members of the Institute and for its Benefactors and friends who cooperate in the evangelization task of the Consolata Missionaries throughout the world.

“When we respond to God’s call, we are not doing Him a favour: He is the one who is favouring us, choosing us amongst many, in order to make us apostles”.

(Bld. Joseph Allamano)



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.

PARISH MEETINGS

Our Pastor Fr. George Kibura would like to invite to a meeting to the following ministries:

- **Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.** On **Wednesday, January 31st at 7:45pm** to be held in the Church after the evening Mass.
- **Liturgical committee and leaders of the Parish Ministries** (Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, Youth, etc.) On **Monday, February 5th at 7:45 pm** at the parish Hall.

TALLERES DE ORACION Y VIDA

TALLER DE ORACION

Participantes aprenden y profundizan habilidades en el arte de la oración en 15 sesiones semanales de 2 horas cada una.

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PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS
A New Evangelization

Lugar: St Andrew's Church, salon Sta Cecilia

Fecha: Martes Febrero 6, 2024

Horario: 7:00-9:00pm

Contacto: Lidia Pereira

Lidiatoronto2023@gmail.com

Mobile 647 519 1231

Pago de Inscripción: 0 Pago de Material \$ 20 dls

Celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life

Each year, the Church commemorates World Day for Consecrated Life by pausing and thanking the Lord for the wonderful vocation to Consecrated life, by fostering a greater awareness of and deeper appreciation for all those women and men who are called by Jesus Christ to follow him by living a life of particular consecration to God, and by celebrating the good work that the Lord continues to accomplish through the communities and its vowed members.

The annual World Day for Consecrated Life takes place this year on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2. In the Archdiocese of Toronto there will be a special gathering and celebration for all those who have made the commitment to the vocation of Consecrated life.

We wish to invite all those who have been called to the vocation of Consecrated life to join the Most Rev. Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, for a special celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 10:30 am, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond Street, Toronto.

The Mass will also be livestreamed through the following link: stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

The Archdiocese is truly blessed by the great diversity of your witness which is a spiritual endowment to be safeguarded, celebrated, and encouraged. We look forward to celebrating with you and expressing our gratitude for your incredible contributions.

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