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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
standrewparish.office@gmail.com

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
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Enthralled by Jesus

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. *Mark 1:32-34*

Jesus was in the home of Simon Peter whose mother-in-law He had just cured. “The whole town gathered at the door” when evening came. This was Jesus’ first time being in Capernaum after beginning His public ministry, and already people were flocking to Him in droves. The next morning, Jesus got up before dawn and went away alone to pray. Soon, some of the disciples found Him and told Him that, once again, the whole town was looking for Him.

The excitement was great. So many were amazed. And their amazement at Jesus was not simply a form of curiosity. It was an amazement fueled by faith, which is why Jesus was able to perform so many miracles there. The people quickly realized that Jesus was the One of Whom the prophets of old had spoken. He was the Messiah, and the people gave Him their full attention.

This is a good image for us to ponder. As you think of the crowds and their unwavering desire to be near our Lord, consider your own desires pertaining to God. Do you regularly find yourself consumed with a desire to find our Lord, to be with Him, to listen to Him and to receive His grace and mercy? Or are you tempted to see Jesus and the practice of your faith as boring and uninteresting? One of the unfortunate effects of modern technology is that we easily become fascinated by and intrigued with many superficial things. Perhaps it’s the latest short video on a mobile app, or the latest episode of a favorite television series, or a new post by a friend on social media. There are many things today that compete for our attention, intrigue us and even amaze us. Is Jesus one of those things in your life?

In our modern world of constant stimulation and entertainment, we need to understand the difference between being amazed at the latest pop trend and being amazed by the grace and divine actions of our Lord. When we come face-to-face with the power of God in our lives, we will be amazed in a way that fulfills and satisfies us on the deepest level. It will be a spiritual amazement, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit. And the satisfaction we receive from this form of amazement is transforming, deep and sustaining. But when we turn to lesser and more sensory “amazements” common within our world today, we will find that they last only for a moment, and we are quickly left dry and wanting for more.

Reflect, today, upon the people in today’s Gospel who were so enthralled by Jesus that they continually sought Him out. Consider their excitement, their hope and their genuine joy at their discovery of the Messiah. As you think about them, consider whether you share in their excitement about Jesus. If that excitement is lacking, recommit yourself to seeking out our Lord. And where you see that excitement present, rejoice and give glory to God.

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

8:30 am - Thanksgiving to St. Blaise, by Christine
 9:30 am - First Saturday Devotions
 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 - *(Span. Mass)* Thanksgiving for Andres Palapar, by family

Monday, Feb 5 - St. Agatha

8 am - † Salvatore, Maria and Franca Riso, by family
 7 pm - † Emmanuel George Francis Pillai, by Pillai family

Tuesday, Feb 6 - St. Paul Miki and Companions

8 am - † Constantino, Esterina & Rosario Furgiuele, Cecilia & Giovanni Settino, by family
 7 pm - For the health of Jessica Velasco, by friend

Wednesday, Feb 7

8 am - † For the repose of Garnett & the souls in Purgatory, by family
 7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Thursday, Feb 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita

8 am - Thanksgiving for Broadbelt family, by family
 7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Friday, Feb 9

8 am - *(No Intention)*
 7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Saturday, Feb 10 - St. Scholastica

8:30 am - † Arlyn Gasang (40 days death anniver.), by Tessie & family
 5:30 pm - † Guillermo Regala, by Regala family

Sunday, Feb 11 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of the Sick & World Marriage Day

8 am - † Theodoro B. Barrientos, by Salanio family
 9:30 am - *(Ital.Mass)* † Nunziata Orsini, by family
 11 am - For the people of the Parish
 12:30pm - Thanksgiving for Bennett Smith, by Smith family
 2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
 5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)*



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.

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship
 Collection for Jan 28th, 2024
 Sunday Offertory \$ 8,671.75



January 2024

We would like to congratulate the parents of the Newly Baptized Children.

Derrick Efe Agofure, Moses Jnr Ezra Oshiolene Imoagene, Vida Knights, Kalisa Moya-Cooper, Bennett Roy Smith and Ariel Nyamekye Opoku.



Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo February 11, 2024 at 3 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass.

Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage.



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PARISH MEETING

Our Pastor Fr. George Kibura would like to invite to a meeting the **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.

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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

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Mobile 647 519 1231

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

Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest 2024

(February 5, 2024 to April 15, 2024)

Theme: "This is a time when the world needs more love and compassion than ever."

High school students (ages 13–19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the **United Nations International Human Fraternity Day on February 4** every year. Students are encouraged to make a three-minute video encapsulating the theme. They are encouraged to follow the guiding rules provided on the Catholic Register website and submit their entries by filling the details on the submission form at <https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest>.

CONTACT: interreligious@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527

Festival of Prayer 2024: "The Beauty of Holiness" Series

Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Decree on Ecumenism Christians from various traditions in the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate the unity that we share in Jesus Christ throughout 2024 in the Greater Toronto Area and commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Vatican II Decree on Ecumenism. This series draws inspiration from 1 Peter 1: 15-16, "As he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'"

All are cordially welcomed to join the neighbourhood events, for details, please see the posters on the information boards around the Church.

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