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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
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B

Restoration

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." Mark 1:40-41

In the Old Testament, Leviticus 14, God gave Moses a purification rite to be used for those who were cured of leprosy. This detailed rite that spanned several days was used to reintegrate a healed leper back into society. After Jesus healed the leper in today's Gospel passage, He ordered him to "go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." Thus, Jesus not only healed the man but instructed him that he was ready to be restored to the community.

At that time, leprosy was a horrible disease, not only for its physical effects, but also because the leper was not permitted to be a part of the society. This was because leprosy was quite contagious. By keeping those infected separate, the disease did not spread as easily to others.

As we ponder this healing, try to imagine not only the pain caused by the leper's disease, but especially the pain caused by his isolation. Obviously, there were no phones at that time, no video chatting, and no means of communication from a distance. Therefore, isolation would have meant a complete loss of the person's relationship with his family and friends, as well as his former livelihood, home and all that was a part of his life.

On a spiritual level, the various illnesses that Jesus cured are, in part, to be seen as symbols of sin. In the case of leprosy, we should see this illness as a symbol of the effects of mortal sin. And mortal sin, unless it is cured by God's forgiveness, has the effect of completely isolating a person from the life of grace. One becomes cut off from a relationship with God, as well as every other relationship that is centered in Christ. When one commits mortal sin and remains in that sin, that person is not capable of true love, since all grace is gone from their life. Therefore, their relationships become self-centered, demanding and unholy.

For those who have fallen into mortal sin, this leper is a symbol of the way out. First, he came to Jesus and knelt down before Him. He humbled himself before our Lord, acknowledging that Jesus was the answer to his ailment. He then begged Jesus for help. But the way he begged Jesus is also revealing: he did not demand a healing but instead simply professed his faith in the fact that Jesus could heal him. And then he knelt there in trust and hope. This leper teaches us the perfect way to approach our Lord when we struggle with serious sin.

Reflect, today, upon this leper. Try to understand his isolation and loss. Try to understand his humility and faith. And seek to imitate the way that he comes to our Lord. Do not be afraid to humble yourself before God as you acknowledge the sins and other needs you have. Profess your faith in His almighty power and love, and place yourself into His hands of merciful love. He will not let you down.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross will take place at 6:15pm (*in English*), followed by Holy Mass at 7pm.

World Day of the Sick,
11 February 2024

Prayer for the Sick

**All-powerful and ever-living God,
the lasting health of all
who believe in you,
hear us as we ask your loving help
for the sick;
restore their health, that they may
again offer joyful thanks
in your Church.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

*"The sick, the vulnerable and the poor
are at the heart of the Church;
they must also be at the heart of our
human concern and pastoral attention."*

- Pope Francis
Message: XXXII World Day of the Sick



**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.

**St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship
Collection for Feb 4th, 2024
Sunday Offertory \$ 7,587.75**

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - 2023

Income Tax Receipts are ready for pick up. Please pick it up at the Parish Office or, if you wish, please place a stamped self-addressed envelope in the collection basket on Sunday, and it will be mailed to you. *Thank you.*

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special 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 - (Span. Mass) † Julia Rosa Onofre (1 año de fallecida),
ofrece la familia

Monday, Feb 12

8 am - Thanksgiving for all the blessings received, by Janet & family
10:30 - Mass - Humber Valley Terrace
7 pm - (No Intention)

Tuesday, Feb 13

8 am - Blessings for Wieslaw Kolodziej, by Bronislawa
7 pm - (No Intention)

Wednesday, Feb 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY

8 am - Thanksgiving for 25th Wedd. Anniversary for Mr. and Mrs.
Pillai, by family **(Distribution of the Ashes)**
12 pm - **Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of the Ashes**
7 pm - Thanksgiving for John Carl Champion, by Champion family
(Distribution of the Ashes)

Thursday, Feb 15

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

Friday, Feb 16

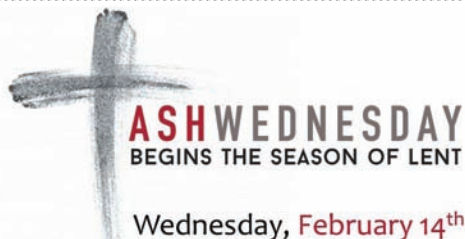
8 am - In honour of Blessed Joseph Allamano, by parishioners of
St. Andrew's & Consolata Missionaries
7 pm - For Consolata Missionaries founder Blessed Joseph Allamano

Saturday, Feb 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:30 am - (No Intention)
5:30 pm - Thanksgiving for Mikha family, by Sarah Mikha

Sunday, Feb 18 – 1st Sunday of Lent

8 am - † Ameera Dawood, by Rosa Lina
9:30 am - (Ital.Mass) † Giuseppe Pannia, by Elizabeth Pannia
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Santana Pereira, Luisa Pontes, Joseph & Ludwina Dias,
by Dias family
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)



Mass with Distribution of Ashes at 8 am & 7 pm
Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes at 12 pm

LENT: FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

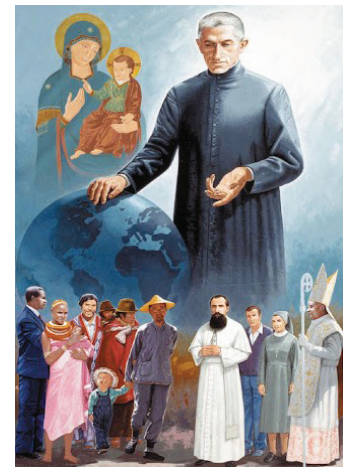
The fast on Good Friday is continued, if possible, until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Privileged forms of Penance are recommended: These forms are privileged because they are based on the teaching of the Gospels (fasting, almsgiving, prayer, works of mercy) or because of their traditional value among the people of God (abstinence from meat).

Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor.

Feast of Blessed Joseph Allamano

On **February 16**, we celebrate the Founder of the Consolata Missionaries. Father Joseph Allamano, maternal nephew of St. Joseph Cafasso, was born in Castelnuovo d'Asti on the 21st of January 1851. At the age of 22 he was ordained priest in Turin. Seven years later he was appointed as Rector of the biggest Marian shrine in the city of Turin, the one dedicated to Our Lady Consolata. He founded the Institute of Consolata Missionaries on the 29th January 1901 in Turin. On the 8th of May 1902 he bade farewell to the first four missionaries – two priests and two brothers – who left Turin for Kenya. He died in Turin on the 16th February 1926. Father Allamano was declared Blessed by Pope St. John Paul II on October 7, 1990.



On February 16, you all are invited to join us to celebrate this special day with the Holy Mass at 8am & 7pm.

ShareLife

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on **March 17**, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal of \$14 million, addressing the growing needs in our communities.

By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- help victims of domestic violence
- ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- deliver food to children in developing countries
- form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes

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