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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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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 Lent -Year B

The Ministry of Angels

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. Mark 1:12-13

What an amazing event we reflect upon today. Jesus, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity humbled Himself in two ways in the passage quoted above. First, He allowed Himself to endure the temptations of satan. Second, He permitted His very own creation, the good angels, to minister to Him in His human form.

First of all, recall that satan is a fallen angel. He was created by God and was created good. But the Book of Revelation (12:4) indicates that one-third of the created angels were cast out of Heaven to roam the earth. These demons act under the direction of the highest fallen angel, satan. Thus, according to the passage above, it was satan himself who tempted Jesus in the desert. Additionally, Jesus permitted the good angels to minister to Him in His human nature. These acts reveal the perfection of the virtue of humility within the humanity of our Lord.

According to Saint Thomas Aquinas, angels were created for three primary reasons. The first is for the purpose of worship. Worship of God brings about communion with God and enables perfect love to flow back and forth from God to each angelic being. Second, angels enact the will of God in all things. This includes the implementation of the laws of nature and the imparting of the grace that Christ won on the Cross. Third, God uses angels as messengers. Scripture records various ways that the angels spoke to the prophets, to our Blessed Mother, to Saint Joseph and to others. Saint Thomas Aquinas also believed that each of us is given a particular guardian angel whose role is not only to protect us but also to communicate the will of God to us.

As God, Jesus was the Creator of all angelic beings with the Father and the Holy Spirit. As man, Jesus was the recipient of both the ministry of the good angels and the attacks of the fallen angels. By humbly subjecting Himself to the natural powers of these angelic creatures, Jesus was also teaching us that we must do the same.

One of the primary natural powers of both the good and bad angels is the power of influence and suggestive thought. Angelic beings have the ability to put before your imagination ideas meant to either influence you for the good (the good angels) or to deceive you and lead you into sin (the bad angels). These communications are real, and we should be aware of them. In his book, The Spiritual Exercises, Saint Ignatius of Loyola devotes much time and energy to the ministry of angels. He teaches how to distinguish the lies and deceptions of the fallen angels from the consoling direction communicated by the good angels. In many ways, our Gospel passage today, by which Jesus submitted Himself to the temptations and ministry of the angels, lends much support to the importance of trying to understand how these angelic creatures influence us. For more on this, see the book Probing the Depths: Ignatian Lessons and Meditations Arranged According to the Liturgical Year.

Reflect, today, upon the amazing truth that both angels and demons are constantly active in your life, seeking to influence you. As you ponder their spiritual role in your life, consider the various ways you can learn more about them. Speak to your guardian angel. Ask for the intercession of the highest of angels. Try to join them in their divine worship. Pray for their protection. Ask them to communicate to you the highest of truths from God. Seek to be attentive to these holy angels so that as you learn to discern their voices, you will be ready to follow the direction they give to you from God.

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The Season of Lent

"God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2). **Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom.** Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken." – [From Pope Francis' Message for Lent, 2024](#)

What are you doing for Lent?
10 IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON

<p>1. Give up sin Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.</p>	<p>2. Fast An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.</p>	<p>3. Pray Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.</p>	<p>4. Do good works Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.</p>
<p>5. Give alms Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.</p>	<p>6. Abstain Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.</p>	<p>7. Do meditative reading Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God's thoughts and ways influence yours.</p>	<p>8. Control desire for possessions Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself – your time and your talents – with others.</p>
<p>9. Control desire for entertainment Too much entertainment and other distractions can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.</p>	<p>10. Carry out duties in life Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ!</p>	<p>Archdiocese of Toronto www.archtoronto.org</p>	

Text from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' "Living Lent"

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.

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship
Collection for Feb 11th, 2024
Sunday Offertory \$ 8,466.60

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = *For the soul of* ♥ = *Special Intention*

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

8:30 am - † In memory of Norah
- Special Intention for Doreen, by Eveline and family
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 – (*Span. Mass*) Por la recuperacion de la salud de Kevin
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Monday, Feb 19 – Holiday – Family Day

8 am - † Lidia & Arcadio Delos Reyes, Julian & Emmanuel Santiago,
by Delos Reyes family
7 pm - (**No Mass**)

Tuesday, Feb 20

8 am - (*No Intention*)
7 pm - Thanksgiving for 53rd Wed. Anniversary for Mario &
Maria Pia Di Nardo, by family

Wednesday, Feb 21 - St. Peter Damian

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

Thursday, Feb 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

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

Friday, Feb 23 - St. Polycarp

8 am - † Ameera Dawood, by Martina
7 pm - † Carol Basco-Datoon, Hilario Daza & Rema Datoon, by family

Saturday, Feb 24

8:30 am - Gift of life for Hailey Hughes, by family
5:30 pm - Thanksgiving for Eloho on her birthday, by family

Sunday, Feb 25 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

8 am - Thanksgiving for Jermaine Daniel, by Alma and family
9:30 am - (*Ital. Mass*) † Leonardo Mattei, by Maria Pia Di Nardo
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Susana Cuaysing Losaria & Dolores Mahusay Pacot, by
Rodill family
2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)
5:30 pm – (*Spanish Mass*)



On Fridays, we refrain from eating meat since Jesus sacrificed his flesh for us on Good Friday.

WHY NO MEAT?

Why is fish permitted on Fridays?

Fish doesn't belong to the "flesh meats." The Latin word for meat "caro" from which we get words like carnivore and carnivorous applies to flesh meat only and does not include fish.

Traditionally, meat was more expensive and eaten only during times of feasting and rejoicing.



What is considered flesh meat?

Flesh meat includes any meat from poultry or mammals, such as beef, chicken and pork. Products that come from these animals can be consumed on Fridays, such as milk and eggs.



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ShareLife

Support our vulnerable youth through ShareLife

In this time of Lent, we ask you to think of our brothers and sisters in need – especially our vulnerable youth who call the streets their home.

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Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Day of Confessions

"So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential." - Thomas Cardinal Collins.

St. Andrew: Day of Confessions for Lent 2024
March 13th from 4 pm to 7 pm

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS – 2023



Income Tax Receipts are ready for pick up.

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