

# 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

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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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  
Fr. Alex Osei CSSp – Ghanaian Community  
Mr. Martins Igbino – Parish Council  
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Ms. Sharanka Prince Yogarajah – Youth Coordinator  
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## BAPTISM (CHILDREN UNDER 7 YEARS OLD)

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



FEB 25 Second Sunday of Lent

God of the mountaintops,  
you meet us in unexpected  
and extraordinary ways.  
Help us to receive  
the lessons you teach us  
and to carry them back  
into our ordinary lives  
without clinging to  
the extraordinary moments.  
Amen.

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Glory Overshadowing the Cross

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Mark 9:2-3

Just six days prior to this glorious event of the Transfiguration, Jesus spoke for the first time to His disciples about His pending crucifixion and death. He taught them that “the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days” (Mark 8:31). Recall that Peter had a difficult time accepting this teaching. Jesus went on to rebuke Peter for his refusal to accept this prophetic teaching and further explained that “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Mark 8:34). These disciples then had six days to ponder this prophecy of our Lord before witnessing the Transfiguration.

In your life, is there something that God is trying to say to you that you have difficulty accepting? If so, it will most likely be related to God’s call to you to take up your cross and follow Him. The Cross of Christ comes in many forms throughout life. It might be experienced when we allow the passion of anger to die so that pure mercy can be offered to one who has hurt us. Or it might be that God is calling you to step out in faith to embrace some endeavor that requires courage and trust. Or it might be that God is calling you to accept some hardship in life that is difficult to accept, such as the loss of a loved one, an illness, the loss of a job or any other difficulty that you struggle to accept with love and trust. Bitterness, resentment, anger, fear and the like are often the most difficult crosses we are called to embrace and let die.

If this resonates with you, then this story of the Transfiguration is for you. After giving these disciples six days to ponder the difficult news of His coming Cross, Jesus gives them hope and inspiration through this sacred encounter. Though it lasted for only a short time, this manifestation of Jesus’ glory was all that these disciples needed to begin to accept Jesus’ prediction of His passion. On one hand, they feared what Jesus said was going to happen. But on the other

hand, they saw His glory and majesty. By combining these two experiences, these disciples were given a new hope and strength to trust that whatever was to happen in the future, God was in control. We also need the consoling revelation of our Lord’s glory to help us navigate the difficulties we will endure. For some, life is good, very good, and they walk with joy and ease with our Lord. But for others, life has taken a difficult turn and confusion has set in. If life is good for you right now, then rejoice that you are currently sharing a taste of the glory of the Transfiguration. Give thanks to God and tell Him with Saint Peter, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here!” Give thanks to him for the joy and consolation you currently experience. But if life is difficult for you right now, ponder those six days during which the disciples struggled with the prediction of the Lord’s passion. Think about their confusion, doubts and fear. As you do, turn your eyes up the mountain. Know that the glory of God awaits you and that He wants to free you from all fear and anxiety. The mountain is climbed by a firm faith that is grounded in prayer. Make that journey with our Lord through prayer.

Reflect, today, upon this holy mountain to which you are called. Know that as you climb it with perseverance and determination, hope and joy will be given to you. Pray for the ability to trust in the God Who not only died a cruel death but also is radiant in glory for all eternity. Trust Him, turn to Him and commit to the journey ahead.

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This Lenten season, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. Let us make the journey into the heart of our relationship with God. Take a long, loving look at the ways God calls us to grow. Take this challenge and hold it in readiness for the rich blessing that is manifest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our parish, the schedule for confessions is:

**March 13<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm to 7 pm**

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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Sunday Offertory \$ 7,778.00

**WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS**

† = For the soul of    ♥ = Special Intention

**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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)*

**Monday, Feb 26**

8 am - † Salvatore Melchiorre, by Maria Notarianni  
7 pm - *(No Intention)*

**Tuesday, Feb 27 - St. Gregory of Narek**

8 am -Special Intention for Joe & Hermie Caesar, by Eveline Vettorello  
7 pm - *(No Intention)*

**Wednesday, Feb 28**

8 am -Thanksgiving for Rose Rabino on her birthday,by Manny Rabino  
7 pm - *(No Intention)*

**Thursday, Feb 29**

8 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla  
7 pm - *(No Intention)*

**Friday, Mar 1 – World Day of Prayer**

8 am - *(No Intention)*  
7 pm – Special intention for all college and university students, by Eveline & family

**Saturday, Mar 2**

8:30 am - Thanksgiving, by Alex family  
5:30 pm - † Albina Padilla (40 days death anniv.), by family

**Sunday, Mar 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

8 am - † Albina Padilla, by Gilda Pulmano  
9:30 am - *(Ital.Mass)* † Filippo, Franco & Giovanna Zampino, by family  
11 am - For the people of the Parish  
12:30pm - Thanksgiving for Belina Arañas, Larissa Witcher & Luchie Rodill, by Rodill family  
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*  
5:30 pm – *(Spanish Mass)*



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ShareLife Sunday is March 17. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$50,800.


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**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**

We will honour St. Joseph with a Novena that takes place at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 10 until Monday, March 18.

On Tuesday, March 19 the Feast will be celebrated at the 7:00 p.m. Mass followed by Fellowship in the Parish Hall. You are all invited to participate and bring finger food to share with the community.

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