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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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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

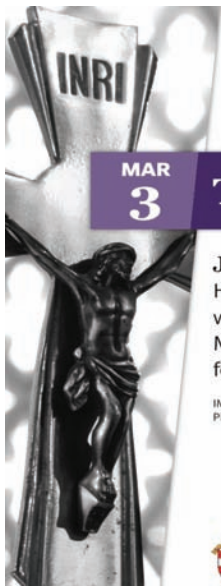
Rite of Initiation of Adults into the Christian Faith. Interested in becoming a Catholic? Please contact the Pastor.

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



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Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus, you turned the tables in the Temple. Help us to see and despise the ways we choose our own slavery. Make us active in choosing life instead, for ourselves and for others. Amen.

IMAGE FROM OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH, TORONTO
PRAYER FROM THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS



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A Dual Cleansing

He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." John 2:15-16

All four Gospels speak of Jesus' cleansing of the Temple. However, there is a difference between the way this event is portrayed in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and in the way it is portrayed in John's Gospel. John's Gospel places this event at the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry during the first of His three annual trips to Jerusalem for the Passover. This was His first attempt at cleansing the Temple. Jesus was also less severe in John's version of the story, stating only that the moneychangers had turned His Father's House into a "marketplace." In the three Synoptic Gospels, this event takes place at the very end of Jesus' public ministry, less than a week before Jesus' death when He returned to Jerusalem for the last time. In those versions, Jesus was more severe, stating that the moneychangers had turned His Father's House into a "den of thieves" and not just a "marketplace." In commenting upon the differences between John's version and the Synoptics, Saint Augustine and Saint Thomas Aquinas believe that they are two different occasions when a similar act of cleansing of the Temple took place.

The Jewish Temple, at the time of Jesus' public ministry, was the place people traveled to each year for Passover to offer the sacrifice of a spotless male lamb in commemoration of the first Passover in Egypt when God set the Jews free from slavery. During this annual celebration, Jewish families who traveled to Jerusalem would purchase a lamb for sacrifice. At the appointed time, they slaughtered the animal in the courtyard of the Temple and then presented it to the priest who gathered some of the blood and sprinkled it on the altar, and then removed the skin, organs and fat to be burned in sacrifice. The meat was returned to the family and roasted on a pomegranate branch so that they could feast on it as they recalled the saving action God granted their ancestors in Egypt.

Today, we see the Jewish Temple as a symbol and prefiguration of Christ, the New Temple Who is also the priest and the Lamb of Sacrifice. Recall, also, that at Jesus' death, the veil of the Temple was torn in two, opening it up to the whole world so that all may share in the Sacrifice of the Lamb of God. We are now invited into this Holy of Holies to share in the new life of grace accomplished by His Sacrifice. Since the grace of this Sacrifice of our Lord enters into each and every heart that believes, to cleanse and purify, then every person receiving

this grace becomes a new dwelling place of God, a member of His new Temple, the Body of Christ.

When Jesus came to the Passover feast and witnessed the buying and selling of these animals in the Temple, He drove them out with much zeal. It was clear that this holy celebration of the Passover had become less of a celebration of faith and more of a marketplace for profit. Jesus' action is also a symbol of the zeal with which He now seeks to cleanse the temple of your soul. At first, when sin and disorder pervade our souls, our Lord may take the approach of a gentle rebuke, as He did in His first cleansing of the Temple in John's Gospel. If we persist in our sins, then our Lord will become more zealous in His cleansing as He was in His final attempt to cleanse the Temple the week before He died.

Reflect, today, upon this twofold cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem by our Lord and apply Jesus' sacred actions today to your own soul. Are there new sins that you have fallen into recently that require a gentle rebuke from our Lord? Are there sins that Jesus has been revealing to you for years now that you obstinately persist in? Allow Him to rebuke you in love and to cleanse you so that His saving Sacrifice as the Lamb of God will indeed purify you, and allow His judgment and wrath to "passover" you this Lent.

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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 13th from 4 pm to 7 pm

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH
HOLY WEEK
2024 SCHEDULE

- STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:15 PM FOLLOWED BY MASS
HOLY THURSDAY (MARCH 28)
8:00 AM - MORNING PRAYER (LITURGY OF THE HOURS)
7:00PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (FOLLOWED BY ADORATION IN THE PARISH HALL)
- GOOD FRIDAY (MARCH 29)**
11:00 AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
3:00 PM - THE LORD'S PASSION (ENGLISH)
5:00 PM - THE LORD'S PASSION (ENGLISH)
7:00 PM - LA PASSIONE DEL SIGNORE (ITALIAN)
- EASTER VIGIL (MARCH 30)**
9:00 AM - MORNING PRAYERS (LITURGY OF THE HOURS)
9:30AM - ROSARY OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS
9:00 PM - EASTER VIGIL MASS
- EASTER SUNDAY (MARCH 31)**
REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE
EASTER MONDAY (APRIL 1)
8AM MASS (PARISH OFFICE CLOSED) NO MASS AT 7PM

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

Collection for Feb 25th, 2024

Sunday Offertory \$ 8,237.50

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Mar 2

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

Sunday, Mar 3 - 3rd 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 - *(Spash Mass)* † Manuel Onofre, by family

Monday, Mar 4 - St. Casimir

8 am - † Constantino, Esterina & Rosario Furgiuele, Cecilia & Giovanni Settino, by family
7 pm - † Casmiro Fernandes, by family

Tuesday, Mar 5

8 am - Special intention for Elva Broadbelt, by family
7 pm - † Elizabeth Borg (1yr death anniversary.), by family

Wednesday, Mar 6

8 am - *(No Intention)*
7 pm - † Lina Ariganello, by sister

Thursday, Mar 7 - St. Perpetua & Felicity

8 am - *(No Intention)*
7 pm - † Gina Pulito, by family

Friday, Mar 8 - St. John of God

8 am - *(No Intention)*
6:15 pm - Stations of the Cross
7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Saturday, Mar 9 - St. Frances of Rome

8:30 am - *(No Intention)*
5:30 pm - For the health of James Spagnuolo, by Sarah Mikha

Sunday, Mar 10 - 4th Sunday of Lent

8 am - † Amador Alon, by Salanio family
9:30 am - *(Ital.Mass)* † Ascenzo Tuzi, by wife and family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Janakan Gopal, by family
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)*



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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.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

We will honour St. Joseph with a novena that takes place at the 8:00 a.m. Mass from 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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