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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
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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

Hosanna! To the Suffering Christ!

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!” Mark 11:9–10

Throughout Jesus’ life, He traveled to Jerusalem many times. As a child, He was presented in the Temple. At age twelve, He was found teaching the teachers of the Law in the Temple. As He grew, He made regular pilgrimages to the Temple. During His temptation in the desert, the devil took Him to the pinnacle of the Temple. In the Gospels, we read of at least four different trips to the Temple during Jesus’ public ministry. However, the trip to Jerusalem that we commemorate today was unlike any other. As Jesus entered Jerusalem this time, His life was already being sought by the religious leaders. Despite that fact, Jesus entered Jerusalem with great solemnity and with much attention. “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” was the cry by the crowd as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while palm branches and cloaks were strewn before Him. Though this was the most fitting way for the people of faith to welcome their King, their warm welcome, their cries “Hosanna!” and their excitement were more beneficial to them than they were to Jesus. Jesus is God. He has no need of our praise and honor.

But Jesus came to us to invite us to praise, honor and worship Him because it is good for us. We need to praise Him. This is what we are made for. This leads to the fulfillment of our lives. As we begin Holy Week, try to spend time with this image of the people honoring our Lord with much enthusiasm. This is an image depicting who we must become. As we continue through this Holy Week, we must become increasingly aware of the God to Whom we offer our praise and worship. He is a God Who lowered Himself in the eyes of all, took on the form of a slave, permitted Himself to be labeled as a grave sinner, was rejected, beaten and killed. This week, especially, we worship the suffering Christ. We worship a Man Who was arrested and cruelly treated. We worship a Man who was hated and mistreated in the worst way possible.

Our wholehearted worship of the suffering Christ is an important act to fulfill. In many ways, it is easier to worship God as He is in Heaven on His glorious throne. When we ponder the myriads of angels gathered around Him, the saints of all time bowing to the ground and glory and splendor radiating from His face, worship seems right. To worship a Man accused of being a criminal and suffering capital punishment while enduring the hatred of many is more difficult to comprehend. But if we are able to see Jesus through the eyes of faith and peer through the hatred and lies that surrounded Him, then we will be in awe of the humility of our God Who came to us this way.

Our worship of the suffering Christ also invites us to share in His virtue as He endured all that was inflicted upon Him. When we worship the humiliated Christ, our humiliations take on new power and meaning. When we worship the suffering Christ, our sufferings are elevated to share in His redemption. When we worship the rejected, despised and persecuted Christ, any ways that we share in these hardships are transformed.

Reflect, today, upon the God Whom you worship this Holy Week. Do not shy away from all that Jesus endured. Gaze at His rejection and passion. Look at the hatred He endured. As you do, see not only your glorious God, see also the remedy for all your ills. God descended to us in this most humble form so that He could meet us where we are at and raise us to new life with Him.

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Welcome Jesus into your hearts by sharing your blessings today

Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus in our hearts. In the spirit of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most.

Thus far we have raised **\$12,746** toward our goal of **\$50,800**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.

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

CONFESSIONS AT ST. ANDREW'S
Will recommence following the Octave of Easter
(after April 7th)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD | MAR 24, 2024 | ST. ANDREW CHURCH

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Mar 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:30 am - (No Intention)

5:30 pm - † Elias Cowan and souls in Purgatory, by family

Sunday, Mar 24 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

8 am - Thanksgiving for family's health, by Mr & Mrs Regina Gasper

9:30 am - (Ital.Mass) In honour the Madonna Addolorata Di Castel Petroso, by Maria & Tony Della Posta

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Robert and Josephine Rosario, by Ivan & Anta

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

Monday, Mar 25

8 am - † Alfred, Mary Arulammah and Albert, by Charlotte

7 pm - (No Intention)

Tuesday, Mar 26

8 am - (No Mass)

10 am - Chrism Mass (at St. Michael Cathedral)

7 pm - Thanksgiving for Claudia and Mateo, by family

Wednesday, Mar 27

8 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla

7 pm - † Christine Greco, Maryrose & Joseph Bonello & Andrew Vella, by Martese

Thursday, Mar 28 – HOLY THURSDAY

8 am - Morning Prayers - Liturgy of the hours (No personal intentions)

7 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper - (Followed by Adoration at the parish Hall)

Friday, Mar 29 – GOOD FRIDAY

11 am - Stations of the Cross - (Youth)

3 pm - Lord's Passion (English)

5 pm - Lord's Passion (English) - with the children

7 pm - La Passione del Signore (Italian)

Saturday, Mar 30 – HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL

9 am - Morning Prayers - Liturgy of the hours (No personal intentions)

9:30 am - Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows

9 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, Mar 31 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8 am - Thanksgiving Apilan family, by Marilyn

9:30 am - (Ital.Mass) † Eugenio Coccimiglio, by sorela Anna

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Josephine and Robert Rosario, by Anta and Ivan

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

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.*



Collection for the Holy Land

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday March 29, 2024. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. As we'll be going forward for the Adoration of the Holy Cross, let us remember that many Christians in the Holy Land depend on our donation for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 12:00 pm.** (All schools)

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY will be on **Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 10:00 am.** (All schools)

More details are to follow in the coming weeks. If you have any questions - please do not hesitate to reach out to us by email on Flocknote.



March 2024

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

Zereen Brey Ramiscal Bandao, Santhiago Barradas-Fernandez, Zimchikachim Samuel Bright, Aaliyah Emma-Sheppard Campbell, Jacob Mikell B. Medina, Zaia Zaniya Muswah, Azai Antonio Muswah, Zaiden Zahi Muswah, Benjamin Thomas Slighte, Zoey Herbi Thevarajah, Eljay Kathalyn Varilla and Aeliana Mercedes Marie Autencio

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