

# 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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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 Eternal Contemplation of God’s Mercy

Saint Faustina writes in her *Diary*:

“My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy” (*Diary* #699).

What will it be like to contemplate the love and mercy of God for all eternity? To some, this might not at first seem that appealing. Won’t it become boring if all we do for all eternity is contemplate God’s mercy? If that is a question that resonates with you, then the reason this idea initially lacks appeal is because you cannot fathom how fulfilling and glorious this will be. Jesus said, “My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.”

God willed that this Sunday, the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, be celebrated as the Feast of Mercy. By placing this Feast on the last day of the Octave of Easter, God is telling us that the message of this Feast reveals the ultimate purpose of our lives. Easter is the culmination of the perfect plan of redemption. And Divine Mercy Sunday is the culmination of that perfect plan. Therefore, nothing is more important than trying to understand the message this Feast presents.

By analogy, if you were given a new car but never drove it, the car would be of no use. Or if you won the lottery and the money simply sat in your account unused, what’s the benefit? Or if you were gravely ill and were given a medicine that would cure that illness but you never took it, then you would remain ill. So also, if we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus, but never allow the Mercy that is given by that act to transform us, then we have missed the point. The Divine Mercy is the point of life. It’s the only thing worth seeking. It’s the only source of satisfaction and fulfillment. It’s the only cure for our ills. It’s the only source of true riches. In three short words: It Is Everything!

When Jesus says that our eternity will be spent contemplating His Mercy, He doesn’t only mean that this is something we will do after we die. True, the fullness of the revelation of His Mercy will be set before us when we enter into the Beatific Vision and contemplate God forever. But “eternity” includes today. It includes the here and now. Therefore, our contemplation of The Divine Mercy must be the single most important goal in our life today. When it is, everything else in life will fall into place in support of this goal.

In order to make the contemplation of The Divine Mercy the most important goal of your life, you must begin to understand it. That’s why we were given this special day, this most solemn Feast of Mercy. Therefore, use this day as an opportunity to deepen your contemplation of this Gift. Begin by reading about God’s Mercy as it was revealed to us through Saint Faustina. Try to spend time reading Jesus’ words, His explanations, descriptions and revelations about His Mercy. As you do, if you find that it remains incomprehensible, don’t worry. It is incomprehensible! However, since Jesus promised us that our eternity would be spent in contemplation of His Mercy, then we must believe that the more deeply we enter into that contemplation now, the more glorious our lives will become. If we can truly taste of this Mercy, gain a small glimpse of its grandeur, and comprehend even a small aspect of its meaning, then we will truly find much satisfaction in this endeavor.

Reflect, today, upon The Divine Mercy. As you do, humble yourself through prayer by admitting to God and to yourself that His Mercy is beyond what you will ever comprehend. Do this in prayer. Reading about God’s Mercy is important, but it will only be through prayer that we begin our contemplation. And it will only be through this contemplation that we will begin to live the central purpose of our lives.

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As we wrap up the sacred season of Lent and embrace the glorious celebration of Christ’s Resurrection—the cornerstone of our Faith—our hearts overflow with joy and gratitude!

A heartfelt thank you extends to each and every member of our Parish whose unwavering commitment has enriched our spiritual journey and fostered the thriving of our community. May God shower His blessings upon you abundantly for your selflessness and unity.

**CONFESSIONS AT ST. ANDREW’S**  
Will recommence following the Octave of Easter  
(after April 7<sup>th</sup>)

  
**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.



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Thus far we have raised **\$14,641** toward our goal of **\$55,800**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**St. Andrew’s Parish Stewardship**  
Sunday Regular Offertory \$ 11,651.00  
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## WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of    ♥ = Special Intention

### Saturday, April 6

8:30 am - † Maria Incoronata Corvinelli, by family  
5:30 pm - † Michel and Anne Ah-Fat, by Chan family

### Sunday, April 7    2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

8 am - † Gennaro Sestini death anniversary, by family  
9:30 am - *(Ital. Mass)* † Pietro, Giulo, Sandra and Giacinto Dimassimo, by family  
11 am - For the people of the Parish  
12:30pm – Thanksgiving for Harry, by Eveline and family  
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*  
5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)* † Lucy y Aleyda Villada Gutierrez, by Margarita Villada y familia

### Monday, April 8 – The Annunciation of the Lord

8 am – Thanksgiving for Becky on her birthday, by Eloho & family  
7 pm - † Elvira Garces Castañada, by Romero Garces and family

### Tuesday, April 9

8 am - † Mathew Jacob, by family  
7 pm - *(No Intention)*

### Wednesday, April 10

8 am - † Gloria Mesina (3 yrs death anniversary) by family  
7 pm - *(No Intention)*

### Thursday, April 11 - St. Stanislaus

8 am - † For the soul of Doreen Murray, by Eveline Vettorello & family  
7 pm - *(No Intention)*

### Friday, April 12

8 am - † Lidia and Arcadio Delos Reyes, Julian and Emmanuel Santiago, by Delos Reyes family  
7 pm - † Paul Antonio & Jun Encarnacion, by Delos Reyes family

### Saturday, April 13 - St. Martin I

8:30 am - Thanksgiving to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, by Maria Pia Di Nardo  
5:30 pm - † Magdaleno & Antonio Naranjo, Aurora Castano, by Jessie Naranjo & family

### Sunday, April 14 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

8 am - † Cesina Del Gobo, by family  
9:30 am - *(Ital. Mass)* † Nicola, Anna, Franco and Filippo Zampino, by family  
11 am - For the people of the Parish  
12:30pm - † Rosa Regala, by Regala family  
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.*

**Prayer for Trust in The Divine Mercy of God**  
Most merciful Jesus,  
I turn to You in my need.  
You are worthy of my complete trust.  
You are faithful in all things.  
When my life is filled with confusion, give me clarity and faith.  
When I am tempted to despair, fill my soul with hope.  
Most merciful Jesus,  
I trust You in all things.  
I trust in Your perfect plan for my life.  
I trust You when I cannot comprehend Your divine will.  
I trust You when all feels lost.  
Jesus, I trust You more than I trust myself.  
Most merciful Jesus,  
You are all-knowing.  
Nothing is beyond Your sight.  
You are all-loving.  
Nothing in my life is beyond Your concern.  
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