

# 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 Spiritual Knowledge From Within

“Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” Luke 24:38-39

Imagine if Jesus appeared to you. What if He showed you the wounds in His hands and feet and invited you to touch Him so as to believe. Would you believe? Most likely you would, to a certain extent. It would be the beginning of an experience that could be life-changing, just as it was for these disciples. Our Lord’s appearance to the disciples led to their transformation from men who were confused and doubtful to men who were filled with joy and zeal. Eventually, they would go forth preaching about Jesus as witnesses to His death and Resurrection with courage and with a desire that all who heard them would turn to Jesus as their Savior.

In the first reading of today’s Mass, Saint Peter is recorded as doing this very thing. After healing a crippled man at the gate of the Temple, a crowd gathered in amazement and Peter preached to them about Jesus. He concluded His sermon by saying, “God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.”

Today, we are entrusted with the same mission given to our Lord’s disciples, and we must preach with the same zeal, courage and conviction with which they preached. First, we must become as certain as they were about Jesus’ triumph over sin and death. We must turn from all sin and believe that the fullness of life is found only in Christ Jesus. But then we must commit ourselves to the proclamation of this faith with every fiber of our being. Begin by considering how deeply you believe in Jesus as the Savior of the World. Though it might be tempting to think that having Jesus appear to you in person would help deepen your faith in Him, the truth is that the first disciples were not primarily convinced because of the physical appearances of Jesus. Rather, this gift came primarily through the spiritual touching of their minds. After appearing to the disciples physically, we read that Jesus “opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” This was what convinced them more than anything—the spiritual gift of understanding. And that gift is offered to you today, just as it was to the first followers of Jesus.

Saint Thomas Aquinas explains that the spiritual gift of understanding is a gift that reveals to us the very essence of God. He explains that it is a much deeper form of knowledge than that which is obtained through our five senses. Thus, simply seeing something with our eyes, touching it or hearing it is not nearly as convincing as the knowledge obtained through the spiritual gift of understanding. The gift of understanding enables us to “read inwardly” and to penetrate the very essence of something. For that reason, the physical appearance of Jesus might have been the first step toward believing, but it wasn’t until these same disciples encountered our Lord within their souls, perceiving the very essence of His Resurrection inwardly, that they were forever changed. Only this form of knowledge could then convince them to go forth and proclaim the message of salvation.

Reflect, today, upon your own knowledge of Jesus and the transforming power of His Resurrection in your life. Has God spoken to you within the depths of your soul? Have you perceived this inward knowledge and had your mind opened? Listen attentively to our Lord—not just with your ears but primarily with your spirit. It is there, within you that you, like the first disciples, will come to know and believe in the life, death and resurrection of Christ so that you can then go forth empowered to proclaim these truths to others.

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**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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On April 28<sup>th</sup> takes place the second weekend of donations to ShareLife. Please plan your generous gift to those in need in our Archdiocese.

Your generous gift to ShareLife is crucial for immigrants and refugees establishing a new life in Canada. Your love and support have not only provided them with safety and freedom, but have also given them the opportunity to create a brighter future in our community.

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).

Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!

**St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship  
Collection for April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Sunday Offertory \$ 8,711.00**



The Knights of Columbus and St. Andrew's Parish declare **Mr. Peter Bhatti and his wife Najma** as "the Family of The Month".

Through his organization International Christian Voice, Peter has sponsored more than 180 persecuted Christian refugees to Canada under the Refugee Sponsorship Program. Peter is a strong advocate for Human Rights and Democracy. He has been invited to the House of Parliament, Ottawa, the US State Department and the United Nations to talk about the persecution of religious minorities. He is also an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist at our church.

**ST.GREGORY OF NAREK**

St. Gregory of Narek, a revered saint in the Oriental Orthodox Church, has recently come in our Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Join Archbishop Francis Leo and Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan (Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Canada) who will co-preside at a jointly prepared Armenian Vespers to celebrate this remarkable event on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 6 p.m., hosted at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church on 920 Progress Ave., Scarborough, ON M1G 3T5. A wide representation of church leaders in the Greater Toronto Area is expected at this event.



**WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS**

† = For the soul of    ♥ = Special Intention

**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)*

**Monday, April 15**

8 am - † Doreen Murray, by Hermie Caesar

10:15 - Revera Westside Mass

7 pm - † Milton and Mary Fernando, by family

**Tuesday, April 16**

8 am - † Sebastianpillai, Mary Megdeline, Micheal &Thayalini, by Sebastian family

7 pm - †Thomas Mathias, by Ordella Pinto

**Wednesday, April 17**

8 am - Special intentions of all volunteers, by Chan family

7 pm - † Giovanni Iorfida, by daughter

**Thursday, April 18**

8 am - † Benjamin Cuaresma Sr. & Florante Celestino, by family

7 pm - † Salvacion and Angela Daza, by family

**Friday, April 19**

8 am - † Uthayakumar Ponniah, by wife

7 pm - Thanksgiving for Sebastian family and Fr. Horacio, by Sebastian family

**Saturday, April 20**

8:30 am - *(No Intention)*

5:30 pm - †Elizabeth Sahakyan & Brian Forester, by Sarah Mikha

**Sunday, April 21 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

8 am - † Thanksgiving for Dwight Sylvester, by Alma and family

9:30 am - *(Ital.Mass)* † Frank Falco, Vita Franco,

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Carl DeSouza and Sebastian D'Souza, by 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.*

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