

# 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  
[StAndrewsET@archtoronto.org](mailto:StAndrewsET@archtoronto.org)

Fr. Timothy Kinyua Gatitu, IMC – Associate Pastor  
Rev. Mr. Joseph Owusu-Afriyie – Permanent Deacon  
Fr. Alex Osei CSSp – Ghanaian Community  
Mr. Martins Igbinoba – Parish Council  
Mr. Joseph Fragomeni – Finance Council

Ms. Carolina Chavez – Parish Office  
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Ms. Sharanka Prince Yogarajah – Youth Coordinator  
[sprince@archtoronto.org](mailto:sprince@archtoronto.org)

## 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

### Seeking to be Pruned

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you." [John 15:1-3](#)

Pruning a vine is an important part of helping it to grow and produce not only more fruit but the best fruit. If left unpruned, a grape vine will eventually produce less fruit and poorer quality fruit. Good pruning helps to direct the nourishment of the vine to the new buds that are most fruitful.

Jesus' teaching above uses the imagery of pruning a vine to help us understand that faith must lead to charity. First, Jesus says that He is the "true vine." He is the only source of the nourishment we need for the new life of grace. He is the only way to Heaven and salvation. Knowing our Lord and being attached to Him firmly is faith. Second, our Lord says that He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit. This indicates that faith without the good fruit of charity is dead and is like a branch on a vine that produces nothing. Third, when Jesus finds a branch that bears good fruit, he doesn't leave it alone. Instead, He prunes it with loving attention so that "it bears more fruit."

To apply these teachings to your own life, begin by looking at your faith as if it were a branch firmly attached to a vine. Do you believe all that God has spoken through His holy Word? It is useful to regularly examine your conscience in regard to your faith. Since faith is the first step in the spiritual life, it must remain firmly grounded in the Truth God has revealed. This means we must regularly study the Word of God as it is revealed through the Scriptures and the catechetical teachings of the Church, and assent to those teachings with all our mind.

Next, after affirming your faith in all that God has spoken through the Scriptures and the Church, try to examine your charity. Do you see concrete acts of love in your life that result from your faith? In other words, we can "love" many things in a purely emotional sort of way. But charity is based on faith, not on how we feel. Charity is the fruit of faith. What acts of charity can you point to in your life? What have you sensed God calling you to do in a selfless and sacrificial way? Have you done it?

Finally, when you discover the ways that charity is alive within you, know that God will focus His pruning there. Pruning can be painful. It will require sacrifice, patience in the face of trial, overcoming selfishness, and doing things you don't feel like doing. In fact, sometimes God even makes charitable acts seem unpleasant as a way of pruning your motivations and making them more pure, based more on faith than on emotion. But this is good.

Reflect, today, upon this holy imagery from Jesus. It's a lesson from nature that reveals the supernatural life of grace at work. Don't be deterred by the pruning God wants to do. Embrace suffering with love, respond to injustice with forgiveness, offer mercy when you don't feel like it, and seek to serve selflessly those who seem undeserving. Doing so will prune you so that God will be able to build up His Kingdom in glorious ways through you.

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Thank you for living the Gospel!



**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](#).



The Knights of Columbus Mother Teresa Council are hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday May 12th after the morning masses from 9am to 1pm at the parish Hall. The cost is \$8. The menu includes: Juice, tea, coffee, eggs, sausage, toast, pancakes, and fruit bowl.

Donations will also be accepted

Contact Marlon Cowan at [mcowan27@hotmail.com](mailto:mcowan27@hotmail.com) for tickets and further information



Marylake

### LADIES RETREAT at MARYLAKE, KING CITY

Ladies please come and join us for a retreat at Marylake Retreat House, from Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 26, 2024. To register please call the Parish Office.

# 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER | APR 28, 2024 | ST. ANDREW CHURCH

## WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of    ♥ = Special Intention

### Saturday, April 27

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for Arlene Morgan, by Alma and family  
11 am - Infants Baptism - Ghanaian community  
5:30 pm - † Anna Schulte, by Layden family

### Sunday, April 28 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8 am - † Fr. Peter Schiavinato, by family  
9:30 am - (Ital.Mass) † Marta & Luigi Della Posta and Luigi and Maria Narducci, by Giovanni Della Posta & family  
11 am - For the people of the Parish  
12:30pm - Thanksgiving for Rosario Alon and Symphony Arquelada, by family  
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)  
5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

### Monday, April 29 - St. Catherine de Siena

8 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla  
7 pm - Healing for Maria Charito Inferido, by family

### Tuesday, April 30 - St. Pius V

8 am - Thanksgiving for Ludvina Salanio, by family  
7 pm - Thanksgiving for Juliet Palapar on her birthday, by family

### Wednesday, May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

8 am - † Hulda Cuaresma (4th death anniversary), by family  
7 pm - (No Intention)

### Thursday, May 2 - St. Athanasius - National Day of Prayer

8 am - Thanksgiving, by Chan family  
7 pm - (No Intention)

### Friday, May 3 - St. Philip and James, Apostles

8 am - † Luz Aquino Bitancor and Agustin Aquino Sr., by Aquino family  
7 pm - † Ruby, Glemency, Kenny and Sis. Lydia & for the souls of Dias family, by Dias family

### Saturday, May 4

8:30 am - † Milton and Mary Fernando, by family  
9:30 am - First Saturday Devotions  
5:30 pm - † Constantino, Esterina & Rosario Furguiele, Cecilia & Giovanni Settino, by family

### Sunday, May 5 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8 am - † Members of Edward & Kathleen Alex family, by family  
9:30 am - (Ital.Mass) † Perrone family, by Perrone family  
11 am - For the people of the Parish  
12:30pm - Thanksgiving for Tracy Blake, by family  
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)  
5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

## St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

Collection for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Sunday Offertory \$ 7,529.25



APRIL 2024

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

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