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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
Fr. Alex Osei CSSp – Ghanaian Community
Mr. Martins Igbino – 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

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 Friendship with God

“I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.” [John 15:15-17](#)

Just prior to the passage quoted above, Jesus says, “You are my friends if you do what I command you.” Is that the measure of true friendship? That we do what our friend commands us to do? That depends upon which friend we are speaking about.

There are many images we use for God. We call Him Father, Savior, Master, Lord, King, Redeemer, Spirit and Friend. When it comes to God as our divine Friend, it is important to understand the nature of that friendship properly. Jesus’ friendship is not one that simply makes us “buddies.” Friendship with our Lord is not the same as a friendship between two equals. He is God. And because He is God, our friendship with Him takes on unique characteristics that are not present in other friendships. With that said, there could be no greater friend than the Lord Himself.

Among humans, our friendships have various foundations. It could be that two people have mutual interests and they enjoy engaging in those interests together. It could be that two people have spent much pleasant time together since childhood. Or it could be that two people have endured some difficulty together and that experience has bonded them together. But according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, friendship in its purest form is based on just one thing: mutual charity.

Charity is the form of love that is purely selfless. It’s a way of relating to another in which a person’s sole focus is the good of the other. It is not based on one’s own self interests. It’s not a matter of “what do I get out of it?” In [1 Corinthians 13:4-8](#), St. Paul defines the love of charity this way: “Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.” This is not only the definition of charity, it is also the only foundation for true friendship.

When you consider all of these qualities of charity, you will find that God relates to us in each of these ways. For that reason, God offers us the purest friendship possible. Whether or not we reciprocate these qualities to God will determine the depth of the bond of friendship that we establish with Him. But there is more. When we love God, we must love Him in a way that is proper and proportionate to Who God is. For example, if we offer charity to God, we seek to fulfill only God’s interests and rejoice in the Truth of Who He is. Thus, the charity we offer to God comes in the form of worship. He is God and is worthy of worship, adoration, surrender, trust and perfect obedience. When it is God we are loving, the very essence of the Person we love requires these responses.

One beautiful and consoling thing to recognize with this form of charity given to God is that it also establishes a true friendship with God. When we offer our worship to God, we are in a position to receive the very life of God in return. And the giving of ourselves, coupled with the reception of the life of God, establishes a bond of holy friendship that will transform us, unite us with Him and fulfill us to perfection. Friendship with God makes us one with Him and opens us to receive everything that He shares with us—namely, His very Self.

Reflect, today, upon the invitation Jesus has offered you to enter into a true friendship with Him. This means that God becomes the center of your life. It means that you seek to give yourself, selflessly and without reserve, to Him Who is deserving of all your love. It means you choose

worship and obedience to perfection. The reward of such love is that you are able to enter into a bond that is so holy, so pure and so fulfilling that it completes you, enabling you to become who you were meant to be.

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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.



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 for tickets and further information



Honor your Mother by offering a rose that you can buy at the entrance of the Church after Sunday Masses on May 11th & 12th



Marylake

LADIES RETREAT at MARYLAKE, KING CITY

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

This weekend of May 4th & 5th there will be a **Second Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works (Papal Charity)**. Envelopes are available at the doors of the church.

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, May 4

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

Sunday, May 5 – 6th 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)*

Monday, May 6

8 am - † For all departed souls, by Janet and family
 7 pm - Thanksgiving for Christopher David Bonafe, by family

Tuesday, May 7

8 am - † Rolando Sunga and deceased relatives, by family
 7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Wednesday, May 8

8 am - † Proyecto Pulmano, by Gilda Pulmano
 7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Thursday, May 9 - ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8 am - In gratitude for your devotion to Arthur & Lilian, by Eveline
 7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Friday, May 10 - St. John of Avila

8 am - † Consolata priest Fr. Michael Brizio, by Susie
 7 pm - † Ye Fong Yung, by family

Saturday, May 11

8:30 am - † All souls in purgatory, by Alex family
 -50th wed. anniv. for Nina and Maurizio Buffone
 10 am - Infant Baptism
 12 pm - **FHC - Celebration - All schools**
 5:30 pm - † All deceased members of the Regala family, by Regala family
 -Blessings for 50th wed. anniv. for Margarita & Nicola Tarantino

Sunday, May 12 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7th Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

8 am - † Anne McAvoy, by Carol Anne McAvoy
 9:30 am - *(Ital.Mass)* † Antonio Notarianni, by Mary Notarianni
 11 am - For the people of the Parish
 12:30pm - † Relito Recososa, by Blancaflor family
 2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
 5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)*

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Please contact St. Vincent de Paul, St. Andrew's Conference at 416-747-7384 and leave your name and number mentioning Camp Information or by email standrew@ssvptoronto.ca

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