

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 & Thursday1st Saturday Devotions

8:30am to 6:30pm
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 Igbinoba – Parish Council Mr. Joseph Fragomeni – Finance Council

Ms. Carolina Chavez – Parish Office standrewparish.office@gmail.com

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD | MAY 12, 2024 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Welcome home to St. Andrew's

The End is the Beginning

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned." Mark 16:15–16

We celebrate today one more step in the completion of the mission of the Son of God. Humanity had sinned at the beginning of time and fallen from Original Innocence. God immediately began to prepare the world for the gift of eternal redemption by establishing a covenant with Noah, Abraham and Moses. He raised up various prophets and kings to further prepare His people for what was to come. And then, when the time was right, God entered our world through the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus, the Son of God, eventually entered into His public ministry, teaching, performing miracles, gathering the faithful to Himself, dying, rising and then appearing to His disciples in preparation for the Ascension. The Ascension completes the mission of the Son of God. Today we honor that definitive moment when God the Son, in His transformed and resurrected Human nature, ascends by His own power to the Father, bringing with Himself our humanity so that all humanity may ascend with Him.

As we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus, we must first see all that led up to that moment and seek to unite ourselves with all of those preceding events. We must listen to the words of the patriarchs and prophets of the Old Testament. We must especially listen to the teachings of Jesus in the New Testament and embrace His words without hesitation. And we must unite ourselves with His own death, dying to sin, so that we may also share in His Resurrection. Today, we must further see the invitation we are all given to ascend with Jesus to the Father. We must understand that where Jesus has gone, we are invited to follow if we only believe, embrace and live all that took place leading up to this glorious moment.

The Ascension was the end of Jesus' life on Earth but also the beginning of our sharing in the life of Heaven. As Jesus ascended, He commissioned His disciples to go forth and "preach the gospel to every creature." They were to preach to all about the saving plan of God that began at the time of Adam and Eve and was completed with the Ascension.

Reflect, today, upon your calling to not only share in this glorious moment of Jesus' Ascension but also your calling to go forth and to do all you can to draw others into this new life. Reflect upon Jesus, Who also speaks to you today to invite you to bring others to that mountain. By teaching friends, family and all with whom God has entrusted to you to share the Gospel, you fulfill Christ's mission to "go into the whole world" to gather the scattered people into the one fold of Christ so as to ascend with Him one day into eternity.

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St. Andrew Parish wish all mothers a Blessed and Happy Mother's Day

Honour your Mother by offering a rose that you can buy at the entrance of the Church.



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 <u>mcowan27@hotmail.com</u> for tickets and further information



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)

If you have any questions - please do not he sitate to reach out to us by email on Flocknote.

> St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship Collection for May 5th, 2024 Sunday Offertory \$7,091.50

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

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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)

Monday, May 13 - OUR LADY OF FATIMA

8 am - Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fátima, by Maria Pia Di Nardo

10:30 am - Mass - Humber Valley Terrace

7 pm - Thanksgiving for the life of Isiah Wunu-Mawena and for receiving his first Holy Communion, by family

Tuesday, May 14 - St. Mathias, Apostle

8 am - † Doreen Murray, by Arthur and Lilian Cuaresma

7 pm - (No Intention)

Wednesday, May 15

8 am - † Julia Sealy, by Diane Ali

7 pm - (No Intention)

Thursday, May 16

8 am - † Noli Mesina and Blas Celestino, by family

7 pm - (No Intention)

Friday, May 17

8 am - † Louis and Cecilia Sequeira, by Alex family

7 pm - (No Intention)

Saturday, May 18 - St. John I

8:30 am - (No Intention)

5:30 pm - † Gary Speed, by Sarah Mikha

Sunday, May 19 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

8 am - †Giuseppe, Antonietta, Vincenzo & Maria, by Cerullo family

9:30 am - (Ital.Mass) † Guliermo Testani, by Luisa Testani

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - †Fr. Stephen Kopfensteiner, by parishioners of St. Andrew's 2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass) † Ruben Saez, ofrece Mayela Alfonsin

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.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting All Clothing (any condition), all Footwear (any condition), Bedding (any condition), Drapery/Towels and Toys (new or nearly new). Please bring your donations to the Society's truck the weekend of May 18-19, placed in the church's parking lot.

Items NOT ACCEPTED: Books, Construction Material, Dishes, Furniture, Cassettes (Video/Audio).

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