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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
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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's

The Mysteries of the Kingdom

With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private. Mark 4:33-34

The deepest mysteries of our faith can only be understood by someone who has deep faith. Understanding requires much more than just a keen intellect; it also requires an interior attentiveness to and familiarity with the voice of God. For that reason, as Jesus spoke to the crowds, He used parables and figures of speech rather than speaking directly about the mysteries of Heaven.

By analogy, if you were to attend a very special feast and you had well-formed taste buds, you might enjoy being served the best cut of meat cooked to perfection with a fine glass of wine. But to a small child, such a meal might not be that appealing. The same is true with music. If you were a musician who studied and played music throughout life, then you might have a greater appreciation for certain types of music. Others might simply be drawn to a certain type of music by the beat or because it has catchy lyrics.

In a similar way, a person who has only a little faith might not be immediately drawn into the deepest mystical truths of God when they are explained directly and clearly. Instead, they might find that a simplified Gospel message that uses familiar imagery or stories is better able to catch their attention and communicate the message.

This is good to understand because it's good for us to turn to the means of communication with God most suited for our depth of faith and understanding. For most people, it will be very useful to see themselves as one of those people in the crowds to whom Jesus spoke His parables. We should especially see ourselves as a part of the crowds as we begin our journey of faith. However, when a person has spent much time in prayer and meditation over the years and their faith begins to deepen, they may find that parables and stories are not as inspiring as they once were. They need more. They long for God to speak to them more clearly and deeply.

Practically speaking, as your faith grows, it is good to look for the deeper ways that God speaks to you. How does He come to you and explain His will and the truths of faith more directly as Jesus did to the Apostles? Perhaps reading the lives of the saints, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, or some other spiritual book will engage you more deeply. Also, some Scripture passages may feed you more as you grow in faith, such as the passages where Jesus speaks more directly to His disciples.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you are most fully fed by God's holy Word at this point in your life. The best way to identify this is to consider what it is that has given you the most consolation and inspiration as of late. How has God's Word most powerfully resonated within you over this past year? Identifying the way that God has spoken to you recently is the best way to decide how to continue to receive from Him all that He wants to teach you and reveal to you at this point of your journey of faith. Continue to seek out God's voice, and be open to letting Him draw you ever more deeply into the beautiful depths of the mysteries of His Kingdom.

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Jun 15

- 8:30 am - † Milton and Mary Fernando, by family
- 10 am - Confirmation Celebration
- 5:30 pm - † Antonio Concepcion, by Consolacion Concepcion

Sunday, Jun 16 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 am - Thanksgiving for Sebastian family, by family
- 9:30 am - (Ital.Mass) † Domenico, Maria and Emilia & in honour of St. Anthony, by Tony, Maria & Felicia Della Posta
- 11 am - For the people of the Parish
- 12:30pm - † Lily Theres Mylvaganam (2 yrs death anniv.), by family
- 2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
- 5:30 pm - (Span. Mass) †Alonso Andrade & Eloi Salazar, by family

Monday, Jun 17

- 8 am - † Gertrude and Meredith Morgan, by Alma and family,
- 10:15 am - Revera Westside Mass
- 7 pm - Thanksgiving for Teresita Swenson on her birthday, by family

Tuesday, Jun 18

- 8 am - † Ludwik, Tatiana & Wanda Kolodziej & Ryszard Puzia, by Bronislawa
- 7 pm - † Carmela Pistore, Maria Notarianni

Wednesday, Jun 19 - St. Romuald

- 8 am - † Eddie Sit Yee, by Legion of Mary
- 7 pm - Thanksgiving, by Elva Broadbelt

Thursday, Jun 20

- 8 am - Thanksgiving for Charlotte and Sebastian, by Eveline Vettorello
- 7 pm - **Our Lady Consolata Feast**

Friday, Jun 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga

- 8 am - Special Intention for Jun and Beth Belen, by Chan family
- 7 pm - † Ellis, Melone, Avis and Garnet, by Elva Broadbelt

Saturday, Jun 22 - St. Paulinus of Nola, Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More

- 8:30 am - Welcome home Christine, by parishioners of St. Andrew's
- 5:30 pm - † For deceased members of Joseph family, by Cowan family

Sunday, Jun 23 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 am - † Deacon Tom Pillisch, by parishioners of St. Andrew's
- 9:30 am - (Ital.Mass) † Giuseppe and Luciana Pannia, by Elizabetta
- 11 am - For the people of the Parish
- 12:30pm - † Mylvaganam Capathy (1yr death anniv.), by family
- 2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
- 5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)



**OUR LADY CONSOLATA
FEAST**

Save the date on Thursday June 20th, 2024 to celebrate this Feast with a Holy Mass at 7:00 pm and refreshments to follow at the parish Hall. Finger food donations are accepted to celebrate this great feast and to share with our brothers and sisters

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Couples planning to get married and need to attend marriage preparation classes:

A marriage preparation session has been scheduled here in St Andrew for Saturday July 20 and 27, 10am to 4pm on both dates. For more information and to register, contact the office.



Message for Father's Day 2024
His Grace Most Reverend Francis Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

16 June 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wish to extend my warmest best wishes and God's abundant blessings upon all the Fathers in the Archdiocese of Toronto, with a resounding "Happy Father's Day," and to thank you for your faithfulness to such an incredible vocation in the Church.

From the earliest verse in Sacred Scripture, we read about God's plan for man as husband and father (Gn. 2:18, 23). Together with their wives, husbands form the basic unit of society, the family, seeking to mirror the divine love found in the Holy Trinity in their families. St. Paul paralleled the mystery of the Church to marriage and the family, encouraging husbands and wives to imitate the self-sacrificing love of Christ for the Church (Eph. 5:31-32). The importance of the family cannot be overstated. The Catechism reminds us that families are "a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. In the procreation and education of children it [the family] reflects the Father's work of creation" (CCC 2205).

There are well over a thousand references to the word "father," in the Holy Scriptures, and even more when one considers the broader term "fatherhood" and its variants. I will focus my reflection first on Our Heavenly Father, and second on St. Joseph, Jesus' foster father.

Most of Jesus' preaching focused on Our Heavenly Father, and the Kingdom of God, both of which provided insight into the Father's love for us. The pinnacle of Jesus' revelation concerning God the Father was precisely his "fatherhood," an insight into the inner life of God which is love.¹ God the Father's love is the basis of one of the most famous and central scriptural passages: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (Jn.3:16). Later in the same Gospel we read, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love" (Jn. 15:9). The introduction to Our Heavenly Father's love early in the Gospel of John and the invitation to abide in the love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit near the end (at the Last Supper) provide a context for fatherhood; namely, a love that seeks union or communion. How is our union with Our Heavenly Father accomplished?

The Father's intention to reconcile the world to Himself was first made known in the Garden of Eden (Gn. 3:15) and was accomplished in Jesus Christ. The perfect sacrifice of Jesus on the cross is Our Lord's ultimate act of self-donation, the act of love that we live out each time we celebrate the Holy Eucharist. Participation in the love of the Trinity is accomplished most perfectly through Our Eucharistic Lord;² it is not a coincidence that Jesus invites us to abide in his love at the Last Supper. The vocation of all fathers is not only to abide in the love of Our Lord, but to foster that communion in their families, including faithfully and devoutly participating as a family in Sunday Mass, and by extension the world.

As a remarkable father, St. Joseph, the hardworking carpenter from Nazareth, provides powerful witness to all fathers on how best to imitate God's love described above and foster that unity so very necessary for the life of the family. When we speak about St. Joseph it is always within the context of a relationship—his relationship with God who communicates with him in dreams and guides his path, to Our Blessed Mother whose most chaste spouse he is and to Jesus, his adopted son whom he raised and for whom he was an excellent role model of manhood. Even before St. Joseph was the earthly/foster father of Jesus, he was a faithful husband to Our Lady whom he took care of throughout her pregnancy and Jesus' birth. Pope Francis points to the profound relationship of St. Joseph with Our Lord writing, "Joseph had the courage to become the legal father of Jesus, to whom he gave the name revealed by the angel (Mt. 1:21). As we know, for ancient peoples, to give a name to a person or to a thing, as Adam did in the account in the Book of Genesis (cf. 2:19-20), was to establish a relationship."³ St. Joseph took an active role in the family God gave to him, the Holy Family; he was not a by-stander, but an active protagonist in the divine drama unfolding before his eyes allowing himself to be acutely involved in the extraordinary events that marked the life of his family, indeed salvation history in the making.

St. Joseph, the just man, husband and father, teaches us many things about fatherhood, but perhaps the most profound lesson is that happiness as a father is found not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift.⁴ In this context, self-sacrifice refers to a partial giving up for the sake of another, whereas self-gift is the complete and total self-donation of oneself to another. The total gift of self is really the "spousal" gift of self that is a permanent, exclusive relationship whereby one belongs entirely to another.⁵ Marriage is the primordial "place" given to us by God for such a spousal gift of self. The specific self-donation involved with fatherhood according to God's plan points back to the divine dynamic of relationships found within the blessed Trinity as characterized by a radical, reciprocal openness to the gift of the other that is total, perfect, or complete.⁶

Dear Fathers, on this special day I want to encourage you in the complete gift of your life for the good of your marriage and family. How great it is to father a child; and yet becoming a loving, responsible and reliable dad takes great heart, patience, intentionality and courage. You play such a vital and irreplaceable role in your child's life and in the stability of the family unit. The impact of your contribution on the daily life of your family members is immense. Your presence, affection, discipline and personal faith journey are necessary to educate and raise your child into the adult the Lord is calling him/her to be and to help them fulfill their God-given calling in their own lives. Together with your spouse, you are the true pillars in the development of your child's spiritual, human, physical, emotional and social life as they instinctively look to you so that you may teach them words of wisdom, boundaries to be respected and rules to be obeyed. Furthermore, the way your child will relate to others will depend largely on the behaviour you yourself set, along with the values you possess and choices made daily, especially in your relationship with your spouse. You are that provider, protector, guide, leader and consoler that children need to have in their lives so that they may fulfill their calling and live the abundant life. You give them support and security, a link to their past, and you open up for them a horizon and opportunities for their future in the world before them. When you are involved in their lives and take your place in family life, children flourish, they come to know their worth and relish in self-confidence and in the knowledge of their unique giftedness.

Finally, let us call to mind and pray for the fathers who have passed on to eternity. We likewise pray for those family situations and circumstances where fathers are not present, where tragedy has hit, where homes are broken and facing hardships of many kinds. Let us never lose hope but rather come to the Lord in faith and prayer as He is the source of all hope and new life. I thank you, dear Fathers, for your commitment and your love for your family, for God and for the Church. I assure you of my fervent prayers that you may always be pleasing to the Lord in the way you raise your family. I congratulate you in your efforts to fulfill your vocation as an incredible gift of self-giving in fidelity, love and devotion.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary,

Most Rev. Francis Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

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