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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
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Fr. Timothy Kinyua Gatitu, IMC – Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Joseph Owusu-Afriyie – Permanent Deacon
Fr. Alex Osei CSSp – Ghanaian Community
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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

Journeying in Faith and Prayer

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." [John 6:11-12](#)

The people who were present for this miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish had to journey to be there. First, they followed Jesus to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, and then they followed Him up a mountain in a remote area. This is significant because it tells us that a miracle of such magnitude could only take place for those who had faith and acted on that faith. Jesus could have easily performed this miracle in the Temple in Jerusalem or in a synagogue where people doubted Him. If He did that, then many of His skeptics and critics would have seen His almighty power with their own eyes. Jesus could have also done this miracle in Nazareth, His hometown, in the presence of His extended family and friends. Perhaps if He had done this, then they would have come to believe in Him. But Jesus didn't do this incredible miracle in places where faith was lacking. Instead, He went to a remote area where only those who truly wanted to be with Him were present.

Note that the actions by which Jesus performed this miracle are similar to the way He instituted the Holy Eucharist during the Last Supper. We read above that Jesus "took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them..." Though this miracle is recorded in all four Gospels, in John's Gospel it is a prelude to Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse in which Jesus teaches, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Therefore, this miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish should be seen as a teaching about the Eucharist. It is in the Eucharist that Jesus feeds us to superabundance. The Eucharist is the gift of His very life and the food that will bring us to eternal life.

Unfortunately, it seems that very few people ever discover the gift of the Eucharist. Many people look at their participation in Mass as a duty that they must fulfill rather than as an invitation to share in the superabundant life. The only way we will discover the superabundant life given to us through the Eucharist is by working to imitate the faith of the people whom Jesus fed on that mountain. Again, the people who received this miracle had to journey either around or across the sea and climb a mountain. So also with us, the only way to come to a fruitful participation in the Eucharist is to make a concerted effort. The journey we make is one of faith, and the mountain we climb is one of prayer. Unless we believe deeply in our Lord, believe in the superabundant and transforming power of the Eucharist, seek it out faithfully every week and do so prayerfully, we will never be fed in this superabundant way.

Reflect, today, upon the symbolism of Jesus traveling to this remote area so as to perform this most incredible miracle. See this journey that you are invited to take as a journey toward the discovery of the superabundant grace bestowed upon you through the Most Holy Eucharist. The only way that you will receive this grace is by committing yourself to the journey of faith and prayer. Don't miss out. Don't ignore the incredible value of this Gift. Seek out our Lord and discover His Gift of superabundant grace within your fruitful participation in the Holy Mass.



The fourth **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated this year on **Sunday, 28 July 2024**. Pope Francis inaugurated this World Day to be celebrated by the universal Church each July, either on or near the liturgical Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, to help "treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation."

In his [Message](#) for the fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis shares this year's theme for the Day: "**Do not cast me off in my old age**" (Psalm 71:9). He invites the Catholic faithful to reflect on the loneliness of the elderly, encouraging us to "take a new path" and to spend time with them, "acknowledging their unique role in the family, in society and in the Church..."

Let us welcome this opportunity to '[build something different](#)', reaching out to each other, both young and old, to strengthen our bonds of love and fraternity, so that no one may ever feel 'cast off', lonely, or discarded.

**Prayer for the Fourth World Day
for Grandparents and the Elderly
28 July 2024**

Lord, faithful God,
You who created us in Your image,
You who never leaves us alone
and who accompanies us through every season of life,
Do not abandon us, take care of us,
And grant us, once again,
The ability to discover ourselves
and recognise that we are Your children.

Renew our hearts with your Word
And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.
May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness
And teach us to say:
"I will not abandon you!"
To those we meet on our journey.

With the help of your beloved Son,
may we not lose the taste for fraternity
And may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,
And make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
A day without loneliness, and a day abundant
with the first-fruits of Your peace.

The Basilian Fathers Missions

MISSION APPEAL – AUG 17 & 18, 2024



At the invitation of His Excellency, Most Rev. Francis Leo, and the Archdiocese of Toronto Mission Office, the Basilian Fathers Missions are grateful to Father George Njuguna and the parishioners of St. Andrews for hosting Rev. Kevin Storey CSB Saturday, August 17th and Sunday August 18th, 2024.

Please visit to hear Father Storey's appeal in support of the Basilian Fathers' work in Mexico and Colombia!

The Basilian Fathers' Latin American apostolate is founded on the Basilian principles of goodness, discipline, and knowledge. Your support helps to deliver the Sacraments and the Gospel, along with food, clothing, and medical services to the impoverished people of San Lorenzo in Tehuacán, Mexico, as well as Bogota and Medellin in Colombia.

To donate to the Basilian Fathers Missions, please make gifts payable to St. Andrew's with 'mission appeal' noted on the memo line. With your support, may the Basilian Fathers continue to educate and evangelize in the Basilian tradition for years to come in Mexico and Colombia.



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners at St Andrew's Catholic Church for their strong support of the barbecue on Sunday July 14th. We raised approximately \$700 and we will donate \$250 to the church building fund. We look forward to doing more events in the future.

You extend compassion to grandparents and the elderly through ShareLife



On World Grandparents' Day, we are called to show our love to grandparents and the elderly – to honour them and recognize their many contributions to society.

Through your support, ShareLife agencies are able to provide seniors with security, companionship, and connectedness. Thank you for sharing your blessings and ensuring seniors hold a vital space in the soul of our community.

**St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship
Collection for July 21st, 2024
Sunday Offertory \$ 7,903.00**

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Jul 27

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for Angus Morgan, by Alma and family
5:30 pm - † Augustine Choong, by Beatrice Ho

Sunday, Jul 28 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly -

8 am - † Diego and Jasmine Campos, by Anthony and family
9:30 am - *(Ital. Mass)* † Giuseppe Marrello and in honour of St. Anna, by family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Antonio Concepcion, by Consolacion Concepcion
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)*

Monday, Jul 29 - Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

8 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla
7 pm - † Francesco Pisanti, by family

Tuesday, Jul 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus

8 am - Helen Maude Raftis & Mary-Lew Montague for God's healing grace be upon them, by Arthur & Lilian Cuaresma
7 pm - Thanksgiving for 41th Anniversary of Sto. Nino Rexdale Chapter Group, by members

Wednesday, Jul 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola

8 am - † Cajetan and Ana Lobo, by Anthony and family
7 pm - † Silvio Perfetti, by Carol Anne McAvoy

Thursday, Aug 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori

8 am - † Maria Paolucci, by Paolucci family
7 pm - † Salvatore Sorbara, by Carol Anne McAvoy

Friday, Aug 2 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli & St. Peter Julian Eymard

8 am - † Peter Thomas Lim, by family
7 pm - † Sarah, Nasri, Nimer & Johnny Hasbun, by family

Saturday, Aug 3

8:30 am - † Shashivadan Mehta (2yrs death anniv.), by Mary Mehta
5:30 pm - † Katreen Yousif & Benyamen Shammo, by Sarah Mikha

Sunday, Aug 4 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Milton and Mary Fernando, by family
9:30 am - *(Ital. Mass)* † Uliana & Crescenzo Galezza (death anniv.), by Maria Pia Di Nardo
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Gilbert Fernandez, by family
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)*



Offertory Envelopes

If you would like offertory envelopes, please visit, call, or email the office at standrewparish.office@gmail.com to request a box of 2024 envelopes.

HOLY MASS AND VOTIVE CANDLES

In our church we have stands of votive candles: All who wish to light a candle and offer prayers are strongly invited NOT to do it DURING the celebration of the HOLY MASS, our highest form of prayer. *Thank you.*

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