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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
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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

Welcome home to St. Andrew's

Changed by the Eucharist

Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." John 6:51

It must have been somewhat shocking to the people who heard Jesus say this for the first time. Immediately after Jesus said this, we read that "The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'" Jesus addressed their confusion even more directly by saying, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Those who were confused must have become even more confused, and those who believed must have deepened their faith as they heard Jesus teach so clearly and profoundly.

Of course, Jesus was speaking about the Eucharist. The Eucharist is truly His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. We know that. We believe it. But from time to time, it is a helpful spiritual practice to revisit our Lord's very direct and definitive teaching. On the deepest level, the Eucharist will always remain a profound mystery of faith. How can we eat His flesh and drink His blood? To someone without faith and without a basic understanding of the Eucharist, this teaching seems shocking and unbelievable. In fact, it's easy to understand how some of the first hearers of this teaching quarreled among themselves in confusion. For that reason, we must listen to Jesus' words with the spiritual gift of understanding so that we are not among those who are confused. Understanding is a gift of the Holy Spirit that opens our minds to the deep spiritual truths Jesus is revealing. If we attempt to listen to this teaching using our human reason alone, we will never understand.

When you consider Jesus' teaching on the Holy Eucharist, what do you understand and believe? Especially consider what goes through your mind when you attend the Holy Mass and go forward to receive Communion. What normally takes place within you at that moment? Some come forward distracted or even disinterested, paying more attention to the others around them than to the Eucharist. Others simply go forward out of habit because that's what they have always done. Some see the Eucharist more as a symbol of our sharing in God's banquet. But some come forward with a deep spiritual hunger and thirst for God, receive Him in faith, love Him deeply as they consume Him, and are filled with hopeful anticipation that their reception of this holy gift will transform them interiorly and set them more firmly on the path to holiness. Which person are you most like?

Believing in the Holy Eucharist and receiving it with the utmost faith and devotion will only happen when we believe. But believing doesn't come automatically. It first requires understanding. And understanding will only come when we allow our minds to engage the mystery and teaching of Jesus, ponder it, contemplate it, penetrate it and open ourselves to God's gentle and revealing voice. Words do not suffice to explain this mystery. Prayer that opens oneself to the voice of God alone suffices.

Reflect, today, upon how you approach Holy Communion each week. Start by thinking about the last few times you went forward to receive our Lord in this way. From there, think about how deeply you understand that moment. Is it transforming for you? Are you among those who hunger and thirst for Jesus? Do you notice the spiritual effects that take place within you as a result of your reception of the Eucharist? If so, then deepen your faith by committing yourself to a more prayerful participation in the Mass the next time you attend. If not, then try to step back and examine that which you actually believe, are confused about or do not believe. There is no greater gift we will ever receive in life than the Eucharist. Believe it with all your heart, and the Eucharist will change your life.

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Aug 17 - MISSION APPEAL

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for all blessings, by family
5:30 pm - † Augustine Choong, by friends

Sunday, Aug 18 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - MISSION APPEAL

8 am - Thanksgiving for Agatha Daniel on her birthday, by Alma and family
9:30 am - (Ital. Mass)
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Alejandro Domingo, by Araceli Hiorth and family
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

Monday, Aug 19 - St. John Eudes

8 am - Thanksgiving for Katrina Rabino Nicolas on her birthday, by Mom & Dad
10:30 am - Mass - Revera Westside
7 pm - † Emelia & Hanna, Regina & Salim Noussallam, by family

Tuesday, Aug 20 - St. Bernard

8 am - † Henryk Kokoszka, by Bronislawa
7 pm - (No Intention)

Wednesday, Aug 21 - St. Pius X

8 am - † For Arlie Angela Cuaresma on her birthday, by Cuaresma family
7 pm - (No Intention)

Thursday, Aug 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am - † Pearly Saunders, by family
7 pm - (No Intention)

Friday, Aug 23 - St. Rose of Lima

8 am - † Eileen Prince, by family
7 pm - † Maria Nasella, by daughter Betty Nasella

Saturday, Aug 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:30 am - (No Intention)
10 am - Infants baptism - Ghanaian community
5:30 pm - † Sister Mary Serene, by Aldous Pereira

Sunday, Aug 25 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - For Rose Rabino, by family
10am - 6pm Parish Picnic - Rowntree Park
12pm (At the park) - † Veda Bhola (5yrs death anniv.), by family & friends

Masses cancelled on this day:

9:30am (Ital. Mass), 11am, 12:30 pm, 2 pm - (Twi Ghana) and 5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

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

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.

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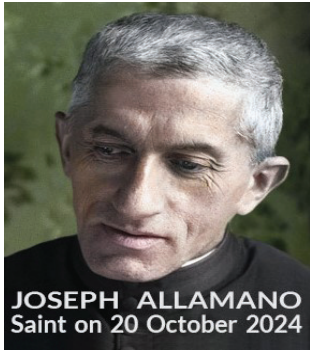
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During the Ordinary Public Consistory on Monday, July 1, 2024, Pope Francis announced that the canonization of Blessed Giuseppe Allamano, founder of the Consolata Missionary Institutes, will take place on Sunday, **October 20, 2024 in Rome, World Mission Day.**

This is a very significant moment for the Consolata missionary family, made up of Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, Laymen and Laywomen.

Join us on October 20, 2024 to celebrate the canonization of Joseph Allamano, the one who gave us our missionary charism and taught us that holiness is the key to a fruitful mission. His life and teachings continue to guide us in our missionary commitment: to sanctify ourselves first and then the world.

**CANONIZATION OF BLESSED JOSEPH ALLAMANO
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 - . City tour & some visits (see itinerary for details)
 - . Canonization Ceremony at the Vatican followed by a reception
 - . 1 Tour leader + 1 Group Coordinator + 1 Spiritual guide.
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 - . Entrance to sites or museum are NOT included (to be paid by traveler if applicable).

*All information and itinerary can be found on the website www.consolata.qc.ca/pilgrimage-to
*All prices are in CA dollars
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To confirm your participation to our pilgrimage, **please contact Consolata Missionaries** – 1 Director Court, Suite 102, Woodbridge, ON L4L 4S5, Canada, Tel. 905 856-0405 - Reservations: 514-898-1262
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We would like to congratulate the parents of the Newly Baptized Children.

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The Parish picnic takes place on Sunday August 25th, from 10 am to 6 pm at Rowntree Mills Park Area #1.



Mass will be celebrated at 12:00pm at the park.

Please bring tasty picnic food, your lawn chairs, tents, etc. and enjoy a wonderful day with our fellow parishioners. Please, remember to invite family, friends and neighbours.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2024

The Knights of Columbus and St. Andrews Parish would like to congratulate the Cuaresma Family on being the Family of the month for the month of August.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The program is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully.

RCIA is offered for anyone who feels called to the Catholic faith: If you are interested please call the parish office.

- Those who have never been baptized as Christians
- Those who have been baptized in another Christian faith who are now interested in the Catholic tradition.
- Those who have been baptized in the Catholic tradition but have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation (fully initiated into the Catholic faith).

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