

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 & 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
Mrs. Mina Moraes – 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's

Unwavering Fidelity Always

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." John 6:67-69

These words of Saint Peter present us with the conviction we must have when fidelity to the will of God becomes difficult. God is demanding. He wants everything from us. We will only obtain Heaven once we surrender everything over to the will of the Father and believe all that He has revealed. If we fail to do so before we die, we will need to be purified in Purgatory. There is no way around this. God is a demanding God to the greatest extent possible.

The truth is that this is all good. It is good that God demands complete submission to His perfect will and teaching because these are exactly what is best for us. From time to time, because of our weak and fallen human nature, we can perceive God's will as too demanding and His teaching as too difficult. Do I really have to forgive everyone completely? Do I really have to lay my life down without reserve? Do I really have to keep the Commandments to perfection? Do I really have to be perfect as the Father in Heaven is perfect? Yes. But as we try to do so, we will experience many temptations to give up, thinking that God's will is too hard.

Today's Gospel comes at the end of the beautiful Bread of Life Discourse in which our Lord taught clearly, "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." At the beginning of today's Gospel, upon listening to Jesus' new teaching, many of His disciples murmured among themselves saying, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" This teaching of Jesus is "hard" in the sense that it requires a profound faith to understand completely. But just because something is hard to accept does not mean that we should not accept it.

Peter's statement quoted above gives us the words we should say whenever we find God's will or His teaching difficult to accept. When that happens, we must hear Jesus ask us the same question He asked the Twelve: "Do you also want to leave?" Jesus will not try to manipulate us. He will not back down when He sees we are struggling. He will not lessen the requirement of being His faithful follower. Instead, He will give us the freedom to either believe or leave. And when we feel like leaving, we should always remember Peter's words, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Peter's statement says all we need to know in the face of any interior conflict of faith. Sure, we could leave our Lord and do our own thing. But where would we go? To embrace the passing pleasures of the world? To what end? If we believe and are convinced that Jesus is the Holy One of God, then no matter how hard, no matter how demanding, no matter how difficult, we must embrace fidelity to God in all things. That act of fidelity, especially when we struggle with some interior conflict, is the key to unlocking the transforming power of God in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon any ways that you have felt God's will or any of His revealed truths to be difficult and demanding. When you face such an interior challenge, what do you do? If your response is to turn from God and become lax in your fidelity to Him, then reflect upon Peter's words to Jesus. Make those words your prayer, and let that prayer strengthen your conviction to become an unwavering and faithful follower of God.

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St. Andrew's Annual
Parish Picnic

Join us for a delightful day of fun games, amazing food and Holy Mass! Please bring your lawn chairs, tasty food and your friends and family!

 Sunday August 25th, 2024 @ 10am - 6pm
Holy Mass at 11am

 Rowntree Mills Park (Lot 1)
155 Rowntree Mill Rd, North York, ON M9L 2K1



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:

- 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).

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program for 2024-2025 will start on Sunday, September 22nd, 2024, in the St. Cecilia Room at 9:00 am, and will continue every Sunday until Easter next year.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)

The RCIC is not a course, but a journey for children to enter into the life of the Catholic Church. Children, ages 6-12, who are unbaptized, who are baptized in another faith and desire to become Catholic. During this journey, the children will receive a better understanding of what it means to know and love God and how they can be active members of the Catholic Church. Program will start on Sunday, September 29th, 2024, in the St. Padre Pio Room at 9:00 am.

Please register at the Parish Office to join these programs.



\$40 Hawaiian Dinner and Dance Fundraising Event

JOIN US for Good Food, Dancing, Entertainment Galore, Competition, Prizes and lots of Fun & Surprises ... all for a GOOD CAUSE
Saturday, September 21, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church (Parish Hall)
2547 Kipling Avenue, Etobicoke, Ontario M9V 3A8
Hosted by: St. Andrew's Church 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass Choir
Proceeds to: Church's Building Fund

To purchase your ticket please contact:
Arthur – (647) 515-0951 or Lilian – (416) 427-9274

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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St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship
Collection for Aug 18th, 2024
Sunday Offertory \$ 7,703.50
Mission Co-Op \$ 4,360.00

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Aug 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle
8:30 am - † Virgilio & Wilbert Ramirez (death anniversary), by Carmela
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**
11 am (At the park) - † Veda Bhola (5yrs death anniv.), by family & friends
Masses cancelled on this day:
9:30am (*Ital. Mass*), 11 am, 12:30 pm, 2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*) and 5:30 pm - (*Spanish Mass*)

Monday, Aug 26

8 am - † Asunta Sequeira, by Alex family
7 pm - † Carmela Sestini, by Belen family

Tuesday, Aug 27 - St. Monica

8 am - Thanksgiving for Mauricia Laolao on her 86th birthday, by family
7 pm - † Zenaida Canonizado Fernandez, by family

Wednesday, Aug 28 - St. Augustine

8 am - Thanksgiving for Sebastian family, by family
7 pm - † Rebecca Estiaga (40 days death anniv.), by Arthur & Lilian
Cuaresma

Thursday, Aug 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla
7 pm - † Rosario Furgiuele, by family

Friday, Aug 30

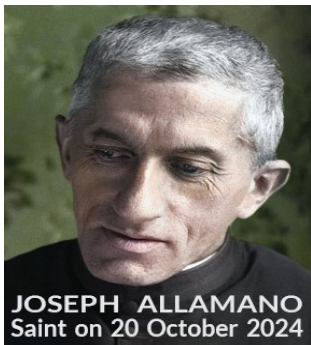
8 am - Thanksgiving, by Mary Thavarajah
7 pm - (*No Intention*)

Saturday, Aug 31

8:30 am - † Maria Parone, by family
5:30 pm - † Asuncion Gonzales, by Gloria Aquino

Sunday, Sep 1 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Kevin Lobo (1yr death anniv.), by Spenser Lobo & family
9:30 am - (*Ital. Mass*) † Remembering Bruno Vettorello, by Eveline & family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Eduardo Laolao, by family
2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)
5:30 pm - (*Spanish Mass*)



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
Pilgrimage to Rome and Turin

From October 16 to 27, 2024 - 12 days / 10 nights –
Departing from Toronto
Early Booking! - Reserve before August 15, 2024 and pay \$4,499 (DBL occ) - Deposit of \$1,000 required at time of confirmation

Before Aug 15/ 2024	After Aug 15/ 2024
DBL occ: \$4,499 pp	\$4,649 pp
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SGL occ: \$4,974	\$5,124

- Package includes:
- Airfare & taxes (1 piece of luggage)
 - Hotel accommodations in 3 and 4 star Hotels (5 nts in Rome, 4 nts in Turin and 1 nt in Milan) and Hotel taxes
 - Meals (all breakfast +10 lunches +10 dinners/ Meals include coffee or tea, (wine or other drinks are to be paid directly to the restaurant by traveler)
 - Luxury Motorcoach transportation
 - 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.
 - All applicable taxes
 - Bus driver & tour guide gratuity NOT included
 - 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

*Airline fuel surcharge is included (+ \$350CA pp)



DURING "40 DAYS FOR LIFE" 24,834 LIVES HAVE BEEN SAVED SINCE 2007.

Fall 2024 Campaign: Sept 25th to November 3rd

7 am to 7 pm daily

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