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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

Humble Instruments of Grace

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!"—And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. [Mark 7:33-35](#)

One interesting point in this story is that the people who brought this deaf and mute man to Jesus begged Him to "lay his hand on him" so as to heal him. But what did Jesus do? Instead, He took the man away from the crowd, put His divine finger into the man's ears, touched the man's tongue with His own sacred saliva and the man was cured. At first, the act of putting your finger into someone else's ear and touching their tongue with your own saliva may seem repulsive. Normally it would be. To understand these two actions, we must understand the symbolism.

The image of a finger is used a number of times in the Scriptures to refer to God's power. In the Book of Exodus after the plague of the gnats, Pharaoh's magicians said that this was clearly done "by the finger of God" ([Exodus 8:19](#)). On the mountain when Moses received the Ten Commandments we know that it was also God's finger that wrote them ([Exodus 31:18](#)). In the book of Daniel, a finger appeared and wrote a prophetic message on a wall ([Daniel 5:5](#)). In the New Testament, Jesus cast out a demon "by the finger of God" ([Luke 11:20](#)) and in today's Gospel He healed this man's hearing with His finger. The "finger of God" is understood as the power of God and an action of the Holy Spirit. Thus, by using His sacred finger to heal, Jesus was symbolically revealing that He fully exercised the power of God and acted in perfect union with the Holy Spirit and the Father.

The image of saliva is also interesting. Perhaps you have noticed that when an animal has a wound it often licks that wound. This is a natural instinct but also one that makes sense. Saliva has a certain medicinal power of healing. It contains antibacterial agents. Therefore, since normal saliva can help heal a wound, Jesus's saliva is able to heal in a supernatural way. Recall, also, that Jesus healed a blind man by spitting on the ground and then smearing the mud on his eyes ([John 9:6](#)).

Did Jesus need to use His finger and His saliva to heal this man? Certainly not. He could have done it with a mere thought. But He chose to use His body as an instrument of His healing power. Doing so reveals to us that Jesus' humanity became the source of unity between God and man. Even His finger and His saliva unite us to God. Everything about the Son of God in His human form dispensed grace, healing and mercy. Even that which may, at first, seem most repulsive.

Though there is much we can take from this passage, one thing that should not be missed is that if Jesus chose to use His finger and even His saliva to dispense His power, so, also, He desires to continue using the members of His Body to distribute His grace. By Baptism, you are a member of Christ's Body, the Church. You are His hands and feet, His eyes and voice, His heart and finger, and even His saliva. That last thought is very humbling. But if Jesus can use His saliva for healing, He can use you. If we can humbly understand that, then we will be better disposed to become an instrument of His divine mercy to those who need it. God is able to use us NOT because we are worthy of being used. Rather, He can use us because He has chosen to do so, even in our most humble state.

Reflect, today, upon the image of Jesus healing this deaf and mute man. If you ever feel as though God cannot use you, call to mind the way in which our Lord worked this miracle. If God can use His finger and His saliva, He certainly can use you, no matter how unworthy or sinful you may be. This miracle shows us that God can use all things for His glory for the simple reason that He is God. Humble yourself and offer yourself to God to use you as He wills. Doing so will give God the opportunity to manifest His almighty power through you.

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Sep 7

8:30 am - † Mathew Jacob, by family

5:30 pm - † Maria Ester Andrade (1 month death anniv.), by family

Sunday, Sep 8 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Maria Carmela Sestini, by Blake family

9:30 am - (*Ital. Mass*) † Rocco Rositano, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Jane Annobil, by Annobil family

2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)

5:30 pm - (*Span Mass*) Accion de gracias por favor recibido, ofrece Maria Elena Palacios

Monday, Sep 9

8 am - (*No Intention*)

10:30 am - Mass - Humber Valley Terrace

7 pm - † Ye Kee Main, by family

Tuesday, Sep 10

8 am - (*No Intention*)

7 pm - (*No Intention*)

Wednesday, Sep 11

8 am - (*No Intention*)

7 pm - † Rosaria Ariganello, by daughter

Thursday, Sep 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary

8 am - (*No Intention*)

7 pm - (*No Intention*)

Friday, Sep 13 - St. John Chrysostom

8 am - † Consti D'Lima, by Anta and Ivan

7 pm - † Ernesto Paolucci, by Paolucci family

Saturday, Sep 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 am - † Mary Regina Duraisamy, by Duraisamy family

10 am - Infant Baptism

5:30 pm - † Latonya Anderson and Troy Moulton, by Sarah Mikha

Sunday, Sep 15 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Rolando Sunga, by family

9:30 am - (*Ital. Mass*) Prayers for healing to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - (*No Intention*)

2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)

5:30 pm - (*Spanish Mass*)

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG)

The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, authorized and supported by the Archdiocese of Toronto, is a direct debit program allowing you to support our Parish through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Now you can lend us your support in the same manner that you currently pay many of your current financial obligations without writing cheques or searching your wallet for cash every Sunday.

To enroll in this convenient program, simply fill out the form, attach a void cheque and mail it to the Parish Office or you can do it online on the Archdiocese of Toronto website.

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-parish-offertory/>

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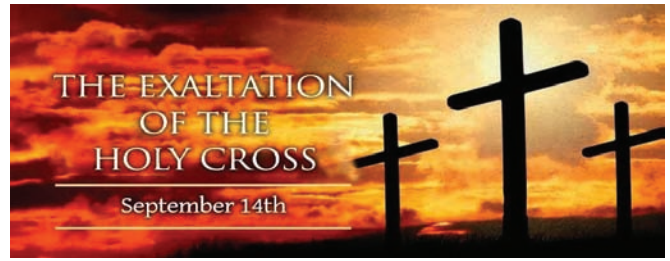


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But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ~Galatians 6:14*

The Cross of Christ must permeate each one of us, transforming us and making us new. First and foremost, this happens when we open ourselves to the infinite mercy of God flowing from that selfless Sacrifice. It also occurs when we allow every one of our sufferings, the injustices we endure, the crosses, hardships, and most undesirable aspects of our lives to share in the redemptive power of Christ. We do this when we embrace Jesus' commands to share in His sufferings, unite them with His own, and allow Him to bear an abundance of good fruit through us. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:24-25).

As we commemorate the triumph of Christ's Cross, call to mind the crosses you bear each day. More often than not, when faced with crosses, we seek a way out, succumb to self-pity, and are often tempted by anger and despair. Instead, try to allow Jesus to enter those crosses, transform them, and use them for His glory, your good, and the good of others. Crosses in life should not be avoided; they must be transformed. Although the suffering may remain, it must become redeemed suffering, thus bearing an abundance of good fruit in ways that only God can accomplish.



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.

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Entrance to sites or museums **NOT included**.

**Additional information, registration forms, terms & conditions, and itinerary can be found at www.consolata.qc.ca/pilgrimage-tor

***Airfare **NOT** included. If you wish to book your flight with us, let us know. The cost will be added to your invoice.

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