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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. 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

A Spiritual U-Turn

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "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 and that of the gospel will save it." [Mark 8:34-35](#)

Practically speaking, how do we follow Jesus and save our souls? Is it enough to profess that we believe in Jesus? If we were to arrive at the conclusion that Jesus is God and the Savior of the World, would we then be saved? Certainly not. Even the demons believe this truth. Jesus is quite clear that salvation requires action on our part. We must deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Him. Furthermore, the road to salvation requires that we lose ourselves for the sake of Christ and the Gospel. What exactly does this mean, practically speaking?

To answer this question, let's first consider the way that many people live. We tend to desire that which is the easiest in life, the most enjoyable, the greatest, and the most consoling. We often seek out those things that make us feel good and the path of least resistance. For example, if you could choose to fast on bread and water or feast on the most delicious foods, which would you choose? If you could choose between a vacation in the most exotic and luxurious location or a week of very difficult work, which would you choose? If you could choose to drive a brand new, high-end car or a very old beater, which one would you prefer? Most people would quickly pick the nice food, luxurious vacation and fancy new car.

In his spiritual classic, the *Ascent to Mount Carmel*, Saint John of the Cross outlines a very different path. He gives a series of spiritual maxims to use for prayer and meditation to help purify your soul of every unhealthy attachment so that you can become more fully attached to God and His holy will. St. John says, "Strive always to prefer, not that which is easiest, but that which is most difficult; Not that which is most attractive, but that which is most unpleasant; Not that which gives most pleasure, but rather that which gives least..." These spiritual maxims, when read in their entirety, challenge us to the core of our being. They quickly reveal to those who are honest that they often prefer the easiest, most pleasant and best that this world has to offer. But what is best for your eternal soul?

Jesus' teaching, that we must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him, is the road map to saving your eternal soul and to discovering a spiritual fulfillment that far surpasses anything this world or our flesh have to offer. But in order to understand this road map and then to follow it, we often need to make a "spiritual U-turn" so to speak. This U-turn begins with us choosing the Cross on every level of our being and concludes with God stripping away all selfish desires and replacing them with a desire for sacrificial love.

If you were to carefully examine your thoughts throughout the day, you might find that you think about yourself a lot. "I like this, don't want to do that, am angry about this, and am trying to avoid that..." Very often, our thoughts begin with "I" and end with "me." Denying yourself, taking up your cross, and losing your life means that you no longer think about yourself. It means that the eyes of your soul have turned away from yourself and focus exclusively upon the will of God and the love of others. But this will never be possible until we are freed of the numerous selfish desires that often direct most of our actions day in and day out.

Reflect, today, upon that which you desire throughout your day. What occupies your thoughts the most? What are you drawn to the most? Do you spend most of your day thinking about how you can better serve God and His holy will? Or do you spend most of your day thinking about yourself? Do the eyes of your soul most often turn to the selfless service of others? Or do they more often think about what you want in a selfish way? Reflect upon these difficult questions and seek to eradicate everything within you that is selfish. Doing so will enable you to make a spiritual U-turn so that you can carry the glorious and transforming Cross of Christ.

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**Thank you for your continued support!
We're excited to announce that tickets for the event are officially SOLD OUT, and we are unable to accommodate any DROP-INS**

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship
Collection for Sep 8th, 2024
Sunday Offertory \$ 9,170.75

Registration
is now
closed!

St. Andrew's warmly welcomes everyone registered for the RCIA and RCIC programs. Please be reminded that classes will begin as follows:

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Sunday, September 22nd, 2024, at 9:00 am in the St. Cecilia Room.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC): Sunday, September 29th, 2024, at 9:00 am in the St. Padre Pio Room.

PLEASE NOTE REGISTRATION IS CLOSED

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

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 - For a successful school year for all children of St. Andrew's parish, by St. Andrew's Youth group coordinators

2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*

5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)*

Monday, Sep 16 - St. Cornelius

8 am - † Antonio Concepcion, by Consolacion Concepcion

10:30 am - Mass - Revera Westside

7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Tuesday, Sep 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine & St. Hildegard of Bingen

8 am - Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Vailankanni, by Anthony & family

7 pm - † Rogelio Datoon, by family

Wednesday, Sep 18

8 am - † Tommy Hasbun, by family

7 pm - † Toyin Toba, by family

Thursday, Sep 19 - St. Januarius

8 am - † Ruben Saez, by Mayela Alfonsin

7 pm - † Harry McAvoy, by Carol Anne McAvoy

Friday, Sep 20 - St. Andrew Kim Tae-gōn & St. Paul Chōng Ha-Sang & Companions

8 am - † Lydia and Arcadio Delos Reyes, by Delos Reyes family

7 pm - † Julian and Emmanuel Santiago, by Delos Reyes family

Saturday, Sep 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle

8:30 am - † Linda Cal, by the Legion of Mary

5:30 pm - † Sister Mary Serene, by Aldous Pereira

Sunday, Sep 22 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Gennaro Sestini, by daughter Pat

9:30 am - *(Ital.Mass)* † Mr. Nicola Sardella, by Maria Sardella & family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - *(No Intention)*

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5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)*

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Please contact Consolata Missionaries – 1 Director Court, Suite 102, Woodbridge, ON L4L 4S5, Canada, Tel. 905 856-0405 - Reservations: 514-898-1262. Package prepared by America's Travel & Moreno Tours - Ontario travel agent permit and US SOT.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

We cordially invite you to register your child/children on Registration Nights which will be held at the Church Hall.



FHC

Monday, September 16, 2024 and
Thursday, September 19, 2024
from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

CONFIRMATION

Friday November 1st, 2024
From 4pm-8pm
Saturday November 2nd, 2024
From 10am-2pm

NOTE: Registrations at the parish office will start Monday, September 30, 2024

COUPLES MARRIAGE PREPARATION

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