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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
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

Eliminating Occasions of Sin

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out..." Mark 9:43-47

Sometimes we need to wake up to the horror of sin. Sin and sin alone is capable of sending you to hell. Hell is real, and going there for eternity is a real possibility. Therefore, we must do whatever it takes to avoid that frightful possibility. This teaching from Jesus might not, at first, be thought of as one of His most inspiring teachings, but it should be. It's not inspiring in the sense that it is quite graphic. But it is very inspiring in the sense that it has the potential to motivate us to action.

Are you motivated to do all that you can to avoid sin? Would you even go so far as to cut off your hand or foot, and to pluck out your eye so as to avoid sin? First of all, this should not be seen as a literal command in which Jesus is telling us to mutilate ourselves. But He is the one Who chose such graphic language. Therefore, we should not shy away from pondering these images in a prayerful way so as to more clearly see those things that lead us into sin. When we see them, we must take the radical step of completely eliminating them from our lives.

Many of the Church Fathers say that the hand, foot and eye in this teaching refer to our friends. Just as a hand, foot and eye are good in and of themselves, so also are friends. We are made for friendship with God and with others. However, not every friendship helps us grow closer to God. Therefore, when an earthly friend becomes a source of sin, we must eliminate that friendship.

Friendship is different from charity. We owe charity to all people, even those who are the most sinful. But acting with charity toward others is different from being friends with them. To be a friend implies mutual giving and receiving. And though we must always give of ourselves to others, we ought not always receive from them when what they have to offer is an invitation to sin. This is how we "cut it off" and "pluck it out." When another person tries to relate to us in such a way that they lead us into sin, we must take that temptation very seriously and reject it with much vigor.

The hand, foot and eye in this teaching also represent every situation in life that tempts us to sin. For example, consider material possessions. If buying a very expensive car, house, or electronic gadget tempts you to become more materialistic, then you must avoid buying it. People are drawn to nice things. But does possessing nice things help your soul to become holy? One could argue that they can have nice things, while at the same time remain spiritually detached from them. But this is difficult to live. The more luxurious our material possessions, the more tempted we will be to rely upon them for our happiness. Therefore, choosing to live simply is almost always better for your soul than choosing to live in luxury. This teaching also applies to anything else that could become a source of temptation.

Reflect, today, upon those things or persons in your life that have become an occasion of sin for you. Do not fool yourself into believing that you can handle the temptation. If you have some source of ongoing temptation in your life, you need to eliminate it. Ponder this very graphic teaching from Jesus and try to apply it to your life. Identify those things that lead you into sin and eliminate them with much determination.

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

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 - † Edwin Mauricio, Jose Adriano Reyes & Armando Lopez, by family
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass) +Sylvia Otorola, by Jeanette Silva

Monday, Sep 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8 am - Thanksgiving for Marilyn Apilan, by family
7 pm - † Reynaldo Mejia, by Legion of Mary

Tuesday, Sep 24

8 am - Thanksgiving for Sabrina Brown on her birthday, by Alma & family
7 pm – Wedding Anniv (47 years) Louie/Luchie & Andrew's birthday, by family

Wednesday, Sep 25

8 am - † Sebamalai Veronica (7 years) , by family
7 pm - (No Intention)

Thursday, Sep 26 - Sts. Cosmas & Damiam/Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues

8 am - (No Intention)
7 pm - (No Intention)

Friday, Sep 27 - St. Vincent de Paul

8 am – Thanksgiving for Sebastian family, by family
12 nn- Wedding- Nancy & Andrew
7 pm - Safe journey for Tonna Anochie, by Anochie family

Saturday, Sep 28 - St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for Patricia on her birthday, by family
5:30 pm - † Augustine Choong, by family

Sunday, Sep 29 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Sister Vicenzina Corvinelli, by family
9:30 am - (Ital.Mass) † Carlo Barei, by family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Essam Mikha, by family
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass) † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla

Monday, Sep 30 - St. Jerome

8 am - †Geronimo delos Reyes, by family
7 pm – Thanksgiving of Zenaida for her birthday, by Zenaida Golle



St. Andrew's warmly welcomes everyone registered for the RCIA and RCIC programs. Please be reminded that of the following:

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) started last 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

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.



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

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund – Special Collection – October 5/6, 2024

On the weekend of October 5/6, you will have the opportunity to participate in our annual collection to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. To date, in the Archdiocese of Toronto we have raised close to \$3 million towards our \$6 million pledge. Funds have been allocated to projects that are supporting culture and language revitalization, education, community building and support for Indigenous families who have been affected by suicide, violence or abuse.

PARISH ANNUAL BAKE SALE

St. Andrew's Parish Social and Hospitality Committee is holding its annual Bake Sale on October 5th and 6th, 2024 after the Saturday and Sunday Masses while supplies last. As customary, we are asking for donations of sweet and savory baked goods. All are invited to participate in this community event. Please drop off your donations at the Church Hall on Saturday evening before the 5:30 pm Mass and on Sunday morning. Thanks in advance for your generous donations and participation. Funds raised will go to the Building Fund.

MULTIPLE MASS INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MASSES

Beginning the New Liturgical Year that starts on December 1, 2024, the 8:00 AM Friday Mass and the 8:30 AM Saturday Mass will accept multiple announced mass intentions, up to a maximum of 20. Please call or visit the parish office for more information.

Offering to the Consolata Missionaries Special Collection – October 12/13, 2024

The Consolata Missionaries are at the service of St. Andrew's Parish since 2003: a journey done together in the proclamation of the Gospel here at St. Andrew's and throughout the missionary world. On the weekend of October 12-13, we ask your help to support us in our missionary ministry. Envelopes for second collection are available at the church doors. Be assured of our gratitude, our affection, and our prayers.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

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2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebOct19
3. send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar October 19" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



CANONIZATION of Consolata Founder

BLESSED JOSEPH ALLAMANO

Holy Mass: Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 10:30 AM

St. Andrew's Parish

Celebrant: Archbishop Francis Leo

Reception: The Venetian Event & Banquet at 1:00 PM

219 Romina Drive, Concord, ON- \$100/person

For more details, please call (905)-856-0405.

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/>

A tax receipt will be issued to you for the donations you contribute for that year. You can find the forms at the entrance of the Church.

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

Collection for Sep 22nd, 2024

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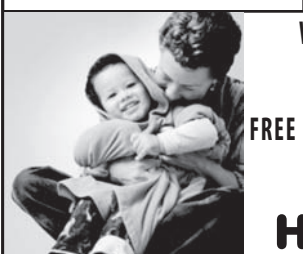
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