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*Give thanks to the Lord for
His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving*

Welcome home to St. Andrew's
Exceedingly Astonished

“Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.” Mark 10:24-27

Have you ever been “exceedingly astonished” by the demands of the Christian life? Hopefully you have been. And if you have been, hopefully you are no longer. Being exceedingly astonished is one of many purifications we must go through in order to enter the Kingdom of God.

The “eye of a needle” is a reference to one of the gates in the wall surrounding the city of Jerusalem. After dark, the gate would be closed and the only way to enter was through a small door in the center of that gate. A person could pass through by ducking down, but a camel could not enter unless it got down on the ground and literally crawled through. This took much effort and direction from the master of that camel, but it was possible.

The point of this story is to emphasize that we will not be able to easily stroll into Heaven. In this case, Jesus was speaking about how easy it is for a person with money to become so attached to that money that they fail to obtain the riches of Heaven. The rich young man, to whom Jesus was just speaking, went away sad because Jesus lovingly invited him to detach from his earthly wealth so as to obtain the riches of Heaven. Jesus said to him, “Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” To that, the rich young man went away sad.

Greed and an all-consuming attachment to material wealth clearly have the potential to destroy your soul. That’s a fact. There is no way around it. But this teaching applies to every other form of attachment also. When we are attached to any sin to a serious degree and refuse to separate ourselves from that sin, we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, if love of God does not motivate us to turn from sin, perhaps fear of hell will.

When the disciples witnessed this rich young man preferring his wealth over Heaven, and then Jesus standing His ground and making it clear that it is very hard to make it to Heaven, their astonishment would have challenged them personally. But that is good. It is good because it reveals that they were also convicted of their own unholy attachments and their astonishment arose from a holy fear within. As they saw the rich young man walk away, they would have thought about those things that they also held onto that needed to be purged from their lives. “Astonishment” in this case is the holy realization that they needed to change. The good news, however, is that when a person does change and becomes freed from the attachments that keep them from God, then they will no longer have any attachment that will lead them to be astonished at God’s demands. The ultimate goal is to overcome the astonishment caused by the demands of discipleship so that conformity to these demands becomes a way of life.

Reflect, today, upon anything that our Lord has taught that is difficult for you to face. Is there any commandment that you tend to ignore? Any teaching that you attempt to rationalize? Any demand that appears to you to be too much? If you are to enter the eye of the needle, you must be wholeheartedly committed. Jesus will not shy away from demanding a total surrender of your life to Him. Reflect upon those attachments that you continue to hold onto and try to see Jesus speaking to you about those attachments as He spoke to this rich young man. Overcome all astonishment and make unwavering submission to the will of God your way of life. This is the only way to enter the gates of the Kingdom of God.

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Oct 12

8:30 am - Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, by Anthony & family
 5:30 pm - † For all souls in Purgatory, by Sarah Mikha

Sunday, Oct 13– 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am – Thanksgiving for Duraisamy family, by Mary Thavarajah
 9:30 am - *(Ital.Mass)* † La Carpia family, by Perrone family
 11 am - For the people of the Parish
 12:30pm - † Max Chavez, by family
 2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
 5:30 pm - *(Span.Mass)* † Maria Adela Yon (1 año de fallecida), ofrece la familia

Monday, Oct 14 - St. Callistus - THANKSGIVING DAY

8 am - † Alice D'Souza, by Ordella Pinto
 7 pm – **(No Mass)**

Tuesday, Oct 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus

8 am - Prayers for healing to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, by family
 7 pm - † Milton and Mary Fernando, by family

Wednesday, Oct 16 - St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque & St. Marguerite D'Youville

8 am - Thanksgiving for Sebastian family, by family
 7 pm - † Cynthia Sison (40 days death anniv.), by family

Thursday, Oct 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

8 am - † Onoria Castaldi, by Rea family
 7 pm - *(No Intention)*

Friday, Oct 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist

8 am - † Juliana Abrasaldo, by Marilyn Apilan
 7 pm - † Jacintha Dcunha, by family

Saturday, Oct 19

8:30 am - † Andrea Pulmano Andrada, by Gilda Pulmano
 5:30 pm - † Ruben Saez, by Mayela Alfonsin

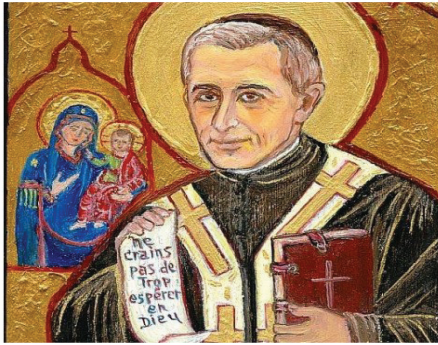
Sunday, Oct 20– 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – World Mission Sunday

8 am - Special Intention of Victor and Marcellina Ofeimun, by family
 10:30 am - **Special Mass for the Canonization of Blessed Joseph Allamano – presided by Archbishop Francis Leo**
 12:30pm - *(No Intention)*
 2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
 5:30 pm - *(Span.Mass)* † Monica Eliana Perez (4yrs death anniv.), by José Pulla

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship
 Collection for Oct 6th, 2024
 Sunday Offertory \$ 9,879.75

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

On the weekend of October 12-13 we ask your help to support the Consolata Missionaries in their missionary work, here and throughout the world. The Consolata Missionaries thank you in advance and assure you of their prayers. Envelopes are available at the church doors.



"First saints, then missionaries." Blessed Joseph Allamano

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C3-CONSOLATA CANADA CLUB
invite you to celebrate the
CANONIZATION
of our founder
BLESSED JOSEPH ALLAMANO

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 2024

HOLY MASS 10:30AM
MAIN CELEBRANT:
ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO
St. Andrew's Parish
2547 Kipling Avenue, Etobicoke

RECEPTION 1:00PM LUNCH 2:00PM
The Venetian Event & Banquet Centre
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\$100.00 per person

For further information, please contact: (905)856-0405

Baptism
September 2024

We would like to congratulate the parents of the Newly Baptized Children.
Olivia Oghenetega Dubre, Alessio Michael Ferri, Rhea Washington Katongole, Ivy Keri, Athalia Jaidyn Totaan Noces and Janea Kirsten Dimaculangan Perada.

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7 PM

REGISTRATION IS OPEN TO EVERYONE AGES 5 AND UP!

Please take a picture with your mobile device of the QR code to complete the short questionnaire or call the Parish Office to register!

Join us for an exciting evening showcasing the diverse talents of our parish community! St. Andrew's Got Talent will be held on Saturday November 23rd at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support your fellow parishioners and enjoy music, dance, art, and more.

If you would like to participate, please sign up by October 19th by following the information found on the posters around the Church or contact the Parish Office!

Everyone ages 5 and up are welcome to participate! We look forward to celebrating the amazing talents within our parish! For more information, please contact Sharanka Prince or Marlon Cowan.

**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.

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CONFIRMATION Registration Days:

The catechists invite you to register your children for Confirmation at the Church Hall on the following dates:

Friday, November 1st, 2024: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM and
Saturday, November 2nd, 2024: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

In addition, registrations for **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** and **CONFIRMATION** are also available at the parish office during regular office hours.

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