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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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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

Jesus' Gentle Truth

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Mark 10:35-37

What a bold statement from James and John. But notice the gentleness in Jesus' response. The other apostles, however, were not as gentle. We read that when they heard about this request from James and John they "became indignant" about it. In response, Jesus explains to them all that "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."

Our fallen human nature is regularly tempted to desire worldly greatness, prestige, honors and admiration. We want others to think well of us and even to envy us. But this is a sin. Recall that this was one of the temptations that Jesus overcame in the desert. The devil tempted our Lord by promising Him earthly rule over all the nations. Jesus rejected this temptation and, by doing so, provides all the grace we need to do the same.

One thing this passage reveals is that our Lord is patient with us as we work through our sin. He was patient and gentle with James and John while they attempted to gain places of honor next to Him. He was patient with the indignation of the other apostles when they struggled with envy and jealousy. And Jesus will be patient with us as we work through the sins that most tempt us.

In addition to His patience, Jesus also provides us with the tools we need to overcome our own temptations. One tool Jesus provides us with is truth itself. Jesus' truth, found in His many teachings and in the example He set, is often contrary to the wisdom of our age and the tendencies we experience within our fallen human nature. In fact, we can be certain that almost every tendency and desire we will experience in life will be disordered to a certain extent. This is because our human nature itself is disordered on account of original sin. The only way to reorder our desires and tendencies is to turn to the clear and profound truths our Lord has given us.

Regarding the desire for worldly honors and greatness, Jesus provides the truth spoken above: "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." Do you desire to be a servant? And to go even further, do you desire to be the slave of all? Hopefully you do, but most likely you do not.

The reordering of our desires and tendencies begins by gently confronting them with the truth Jesus spoke. It is helpful to see Jesus speak these words to us with all gentleness and love, just as He did to the apostles. Facing the truth within our fallen human nature does not have to be difficult. We only make it difficult when we refuse to admit our disorders. In reality, conversion of our hearts and the reordering of our desires can be a gentle, peaceful and even joyful process if we allow our Lord to speak to us in the way He spoke to the apostles. Of course, when we become obstinate, self-righteous, or remain in denial, our Lord will become more severe and we will experience the pain of our sin. But when we face the truth with openness and with a willingness to let grace change us, we will convert more quickly and will experience the joy and freedom that the embrace of the truth bestows.

Reflect, today, upon the disordered desires of these apostles. Reflect, also, upon Jesus' gentle correction of them. As you do, look into your own soul and seek to discover the disordered desires and tendencies that Jesus wants to reorder within you. Do not be afraid to face the gentle and freeing truths that our Lord wants to speak to you. Listen to Him, be open, and wisely accept what He says to you so that you will be free and will experience the joys that await.

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On the eve of the happy day of the CANONIZATION of our Founder Joseph Allamano, when we will invoke him as a SAINT, we join together in prayer giving thanks to God for the gift of his holiness, concretely lived every day by doing everything according to the will of God.

The Founder acknowledges that "There is no one holy like the Lord, ...there is no Rock like our God" (1 Sam 2:2), which is why he lived an intense life of prayer, a boundless love for the Eucharist and great devotion to the Most Holy Virgin Consolata because it was from there that he found the support to live his priestly vocation in holiness.

As his sons and daughters, we give thanks to God because the Church, recognizing his holiness, presents him to all as a model to imitate but also as a saint to invoke with trust:

ST. JOSEPH ALLAMANO, PRAY FOR US.

Allamano knew how to walk on the path of holiness and let himself be transfigured by the power of God's love, the centre of his life. In his heart burned such a great love for the Lord that he could not hold back, he wanted to share with everyone the joy of the Father's saving love, precisely because he was aware that the love received must be communicated. He wanted us to be holy missionaries at all costs, he used to remind us that the purpose for which we exist is: "only to become saints and to save many souls. To fulfil this, it is necessary to have a life of communion with God, to do his holy will, to do it well and always.

CANONIZATION IS A GRACE

Let us embrace our Founder to know him well, the depths of his heart and let us ask him to be those holy missionaries that he desired.

Let us draw near to him to experience his loving presence, his thirst for holiness, his missionary zeal for the salvation of every person. Like him, we make our pilgrimage towards holiness trusting fully in God and in Our Lady Consolata.

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The Holy Father's Message for World Mission Day 2024

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

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**
2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)

Monday, Oct 21

8 am - † Safe journey for Tonna Anochie, by Anochie family
10:15 am - Mass - Revera Westside
7 pm - † Emmanuel George Francis Pillai (43yrs death anniv.), by Pillai family

Tuesday, Oct 22 - St. John Paul II

8 am - † Rodolfo Bernardo (4th death anniversary), by family
7 pm - † Dr. Joe Gerard Vethanayagam, by Maricel

Wednesday, Oct 23 - St. John of Capistrano

8 am - (*No Intention*)
7 pm - † Carmine Sturino, by family and friends

Thursday, Oct 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret

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

Friday, Oct 25

8 am - † Esterina Furgiuuele (death anniversary), by family
7 pm - † Jorden Hiorth, by Araceli Hiorth and family

Saturday, Oct 26

8:30 am - † Tadeusz, Ludwik and Tatiana Kolodziej, by Bronislawa
5:30 pm - † Sister Mary Serene, by Aldous Pereira

Sunday, Oct 27– 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Thanksgiving for Felipa & Clarita Salanio, by family
9:30 am - (*Ital. Mass*) † Nicola, Anna, Filippo & Franco Zampino, by family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Francisco D'Souza, by Ordella Pinto
2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)
5:30 pm - (*Span.Mass*) † Monica Eliana Perez (4yrs death anniv.), by José Pulla



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.

Pope Francis Elevates Archbishop Francis Leo to the College of Cardinals

Pope Francis has announced that Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, the Most Rev. Francis Leo will be elevated to the College of Cardinals. The announcement came at the conclusion of the Holy Father's Sunday Angelus in Rome.

The Holy Father will hold a Consistory for the creation of the new Cardinals on December 8, 2024 at the Vatican. 21 new Cardinals from around the world were included in the announcement.

Cardinal-elect Leo commented on the appointment:

"I am humbled and honoured to receive this appointment from the Holy Father. I pray and rely on the prayers of the faithful in Toronto that I will be a worthy servant of the Lord Jesus in fulfilling my responsibilities as a member of the College of Cardinals and to continue in my primary role as shepherd of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto. I entrust to the Blessed Mother Mary, myself and this new ministry of service to the Universal Church and to the Successor of St. Peter, the Pope."

Born in Montreal in 1971 to Italian immigrant parents, Frank Leo entered the Grand Séminaire de Montréal in 1990 and was ordained a priest for service to the Archdiocese on December 14, 1996. Father Leo served in different parish assignments in Montreal until 2006 when he accepted the invitation to enroll in the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy in Rome and subsequently enter the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See (2006-2012) serving in different Apostolic Nunciatures across the globe. In January 2012, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Chaplain of His Holiness bestowing the title of Monsignor.

Upon his return to Canada, Monsignor Leo joined the formation team of the Grand Séminaire de Montréal, teaching theology and philosophy while providing spiritual direction, training and accompaniment to candidates for the priesthood. In the fall of 2015, he was appointed General Secretary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), a mandate which came to an end in the fall of 2021.

As of February 1, 2022, Monsignor Leo was named Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Montreal. On July 16, 2022, Pope Francis appointed him as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Montreal. His consecration as a bishop took place on September 12, 2022. He was appointed Archbishop of Toronto on February 11, 2023 and formally installed on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

In addition to his extensive graduate studies in Canon Law (Lateran University), Diplomacy and International Law, Archbishop-designate Leo holds a Doctorate in Systematic Theology (University of Dayton/MRI) with a specialization in Mariology, a Licentiate in Philosophy (Lateran University), a Diploma in Classical Studies (Université de Montréal) and a Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction (Aquinas Institute of Theology). He has taught, among other places, in Montreal, Canberra (Australia), Dayton (USA) and Ottawa. He speaks English, French, Italian and Spanish.

Cardinals serve as close advisors to the Holy Father and participate whenever there is a conclave, as voting members, to select the next Pope. Following this announcement, including the new Cardinal-electors, there will be 256 cardinals, including 141 Cardinal electors. Cardinals are eligible to vote in conclave until they reach their 80th birthday. Archbishop Emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins of Toronto remains a cardinal elector until January of 2027. Other Cardinal-electors from Canada include Cardinal Gérald Lacroix of the Archdiocese of Quebec and Cardinal Michael Czerny, SJ, Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. Retired Cardinal Marc Ouellet reached the age of 80 earlier this year.



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