

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH BULLETIN

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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 & Thursday1st Saturday Devotions

8:30am to 6:30pm
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

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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

I Want to See

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." Mark 10:46–47

Imagine the humiliation you might experience if your only way to survive each day was to sit on the side of the road and beg. As a blind man at that time, Bartimaeus was not able to work and support himself. Many saw his blindness as a curse from God and the result of his sin or the sins of his parents. He would have been treated as an outcast of society and as a burden to his family and community. Thus, the mental and emotional trauma a blind person experienced at that time would have been just as difficult to deal with as the physical blindness itself.

The symbolism in this story is extraordinary and teaches us many things about our Christian journey. First, we must strive to identify with Bartimaeus' humility and weakness. On a spiritual level, we are all blind and, in our fallen natural state, we are spiritual outcasts. This means that we cannot attain Heaven by ourselves. Bartimaeus is a symbol of our fallen natural state. We need to humble ourselves every day and see ourselves as people in dire need who are incapable of saving our own souls.

Bartimaeus is also a symbol of what we must do in order to be drawn out of the blindness and misery we experience in life. The moment he heard that Jesus was walking by, he cried out for mercy. But he didn't just cry out to our Lord. He did so with perseverance. The people who heard him crying out rebuked him and told him to stop. But their rebukes only led him to be more fervent in his prayer. Also, it appears that Jesus ignored him at first. Why would Jesus do that? It certainly wasn't because Jesus didn't care. It was because our Lord knew that Bartimaeus would persevere and He wanted him to do so. Jesus wanted Bartimaeus' prayer to become more resolute, and it did.

The prayer of Bartimaeus must become the way we pray. It is very easy to become discouraged in life and to lose hope. When that happens, our prayer becomes weak and ineffective. At times, we will experience many other temptations to give up on prayer. The rebukes by the crowd are a symbol of the many temptations we will experience to give up on prayer. When those temptations come, we must double our effort and strengthen our resolve. Jesus' silence at first must also be seen as an invitation to pray with greater faith. If we pray and feel as though God is not listening, we must know that God does hear us and His initial silence is His way of inviting us closer and to a deeper level of faith and prayer.

When Jesus stopped and told the disciples to bring Bartimaeus to Him, Bartimaeus immediately got up, threw off his cloak and went to our Lord. His cloak is a symbol of everything we need to shed in life that keeps us from immediately and quickly responding to the promptings of grace. Though there is nothing wrong with having a cloak, in that moment it was a slight hindrance to his prompt response to Jesus. So also with us; we must be ready and willing to eliminate anything that keeps us from responding to God the moment He calls to us.

Finally, Bartimaeus' prayer was perfect. "Master, I want to see." Spiritually speaking, we must work to foster the deepest desire to see God, to see our Lord. If we desire the gift of faith, the ability to see spiritual truths and understand them, then our Lord will answer that prayer. Our Lord will also say to us, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."

Reflect, today, upon this poor blind beggar, Bartimaeus. See in his humble soul a model of how you must see yourself and of how you must pray. Observe the humility of your fallen state, the isolation you experience from your sin, and the perseverance you need to have in prayer. Follow the example of Bartimaeus, and our Lord will remove the blindness of your heart so that you can follow Him more fully every



The Holy Father's Message for World Mission Day 2024

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

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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 †Juanita Gutierrez de Villada (1 month death anniv.), by Villada Gutierrez family

Monday, Oct 28 - St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - Thanksgiving for Berlenge Domerson on her birthday, by Beatrice

Tuesday, Oct 29

8 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla

7 pm - † Theresa Cuffy, by Francisca Cuffy

Wednesday, Oct 30

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

Thursday, Oct 31

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

Friday, Nov 1 - ALL SAINTS

8 am - † Ana Linda Bergenholtz, by Maria Gracia Barceta

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

Saturday, Nov 2 - ALL SOULS' DAY

8:30 am - † Dias, Desa, Gomes, Rodrigues, Pereira, Pontes & Fernandes families, by Dias family

5:30 pm - † All deceased parishioners of St. Andrew's, by Chan family

Sunday, Nov 3 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Enid Metivier, by family

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

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Anna Carlucci, by family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (*Span. Mass*)

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship Collection for Oct 20th, 2024 Sunday Offertory \$ 7,896.25 Consolata Missionaries Collection \$ 3,078.00

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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR-B | OCT 27, 2024 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

St. Andrew's Parish would like to express our sincere gratitude to the 8 o'clock choir for their incredible effort in organizing the recent Hawaiian dinner dance. It was a joyful evening filled with great food, laughter, and a wonderful sense of community.

We are also thrilled to share that the choir has generously donated \$5,000 to our church's building fund. This contribution will make a significant difference in our efforts to enhance our church for future generations.

Thank you once again to the choir for your hard work and dedication. We are truly blessed to have such a vibrant and supportive community!







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All Souls' Day, also called The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed, observed by Catholics on November 2. Through prayer, intercessions. alms and visits to cemeteries, people commemorate their loved ones that have passed. Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday Nov. 2, 2024 at 2 p.m.

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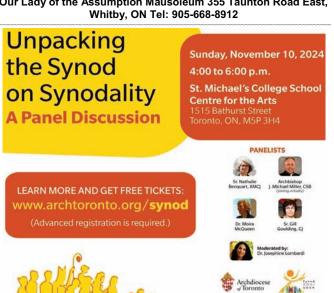
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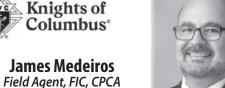
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