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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
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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

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

**Welcome home to St. Andrew's
Seekers of Truth**

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." Mark 12:32-33

This scribe got it. He posed a question to Jesus after Jesus was challenged by some of the Sadducees who did not accept Jesus' teachings about the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees were trying to trip Jesus up, and this scribe listened carefully to Jesus' answer and found it to be well said. Therefore, this scribe asks Jesus his own question. He doesn't ask this question in an attempt to trap Jesus, but because he appeared to sincerely want to hear Jesus' answer. So he asked Jesus, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" To that question, Jesus gives a summary of the whole law of God saying that we must first love God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength and then love our neighbor as ourselves.

We must all try to imitate this scribe. It was risky for him to show support of Jesus. Many of the other scribes were quite hostile toward Jesus. Therefore, by openly expressing His agreement with what Jesus taught, he was putting himself at risk of being criticized. But it appears he was not concerned about that. He was a seeker of truth, and Jesus ended up paying him a huge compliment by saying, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

In our growingly secular world, there are many truths of God that are being openly questioned and challenged. Agreement on what are the moral truths is becoming more of the exception than the norm. As a result, we will all find ourselves experiencing hostility from the world simply by being seekers of the truth. Many people even find that a mere refusal to openly support objective immorality will make them a target of the secular world.

Are you a seeker of truth? Do you recognize the holy truths of God when you hear them? If so, do you have the courage you need to pursue those truths and articulate them in accord with the mind of God in the presence of others? Evangelization is different from proselytism. Proselytism is a hostile and forceful preaching of the truths of God. It is argumentative and lacks basic respect for the freedom and dignity of others. Evangelization, on the other hand, is an essential practice that every follower of Christ must engage in. At the heart of evangelization is an honest and humble seeking of the truth in every situation. One who evangelizes does not attack another. They do not criticize and condemn. Instead, they seek to understand the full truth themselves and then openly share that truth with those who are open to it.

In many ways, this scribe did just that. He listened, understood, inquired, and then freely shared his faith in what Jesus said. Those who listened to him, especially other scribes, might not have agreed with his conclusions. They might have even criticized him among themselves. But the witness of this scribe might have opened the minds and hearts of others who were listening. Some would have sensed his openness, his understanding, and his joyful response and allowed his conversation with Jesus to affect them for the good. Thus, by openly seeking the truth, this scribe also evangelized others and Jesus praised Him for his good work.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you share your faith with others. Are you one who tends to be argumentative and condemning? Or do you allow the joy of your own discovery of the truths of God do the evangelizing? Be a seeker of Truth. Do so openly and with joy. If you do, others will discover in you the truths of God that they need and will be invited to imitate your truth-seeking in their own lives.

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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)*

Monday, Nov 4 - St. Charles Borromeo

8 am - Thanksgiving for Anthony Morgan on his birthday, by Alma & family

7 pm - For all souls of Legionaries & souls in Purgatory, by Legion of Mary

Tuesday, Nov 5

8 am - † Constantino, Esterina & Rosario Furguele, Cecilia & Giovanni Settino, by family

7 pm - † Irene Selvamani Pillai & Ganam Ramamatha (death anniv.) by, Pillai family

Wednesday, Nov 6

8 am - † Alfred, Mary, Arulammah & Albert, by Sebastian family

7 pm - † Frank, Iris and John Paul Dillon, by Gail

Thursday, Nov 7

8 am - † All souls in Purgatory, by Anthony and family

7 pm - † Francisco Rodrigues, by Ordella Pinto

Friday, Nov 8

8 am - Thanksgiving for Osa Samuel, by family

7 pm - † Godelia Eusebio (1yr death anniv.), by Joe Pusateri

Saturday, Nov 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:30 am - † Deceased family members of Belen & Carbonell families, by family

5:30 pm - Special intention for Victor & Marcellina Ofeimun, by family

Sunday, Nov 10 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Deceased family members of Derpo & Alzaga families, by family

9:30 am - *(Ital. Mass)* † Giuseppe Marrello & decess members of Marrello & Coecimiglio families

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † John Xuereb, by Martese & John Bianco

2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*

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



Saturday, November 16, 2024

The Social and Hospitality Committee cordially invites all seniors to Mass and Brunch on Saturday, November 16, 2024. Mass is scheduled for 10:00 am followed by Brunch in the Church Hall. Please call the Parish Office at 416-749-4391 to register ASAP. Also please let us know if you need a ride on that day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IMPORTANT UPDATE



Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

Thank you for enrolling your child into the First Holy Communion Program at St. Andrew's Catholic Church. We are happy to inform you that **First Holy Communion classes will begin next Saturday, November 9th, 2024 at 9:30am in St. Andrew's Catholic School** (not November 2nd as initially communicated). More details will be emailed next week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at standrewparish.fhc@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!



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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Mass will be held in the Reception Centre 7770 Steeles Avenue East, Markham, ON (Enter off Reesor Road)
Tel: 905-471-0121

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CEMETERY & FUNERAL HOME

Holy Family Mausoleum
8361 Yonge Street, Thornhill, ON Tel: 905-889-7467

QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC CEMETERY

St. Anthony's Mausoleum
7300 Highway #27, Woodbridge, ON Tel: 905-851-5822

Liturgy in Italian and English

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum 355 Taunton Road East, Whitby, ON Tel: 905-668-8912



There will be a second collection on November 16 & 17, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

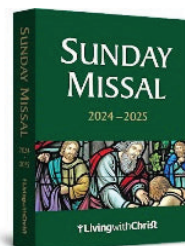
RENEW Toronto is a conference for all young adults ages 19-39 taking place on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024 at Canada Event Centre. The day includes keynotes by Dr. Andrew & Sarah Swafford, worship lead by Steadfast Worship, various workshop speakers, Confessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship. This conference offers unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals and young couples.

“Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary.” – Isaiah 40.31.

Registration ends Monday, Nov. 4, 2024. For more information and to register, visit: www.renewtoronto.org

WEBSITE: www.renewtoronto.org

CONTACT: youth@archtoronto.org



Sunday Missals are now available for \$10.00. You can get your copy at the Parish Office (during regular hours) or at the entrance of the Church (before or after weekend Masses).

**Unpacking the Synod on Synodality
A Panel Discussion**

Sunday, November 10, 2024
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
St. Michael's College School
Centre for the Arts
1515 Bathurst Street
Toronto, ON, M5P 3H4

PANELISTS



Sr. Nathalie Becquart, XMCJ



Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB (Toronto Archbishop)



Dr. Moira McQueen



Sr. Gill Goulding, CJ



Moderated by: Dr. Josephine Lombardi

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