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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 Igbinoba – 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

Welcome home to St. Andrew's

May Thy Kingdom Come!

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." [John 18:36](#)

Today, on the final Sunday of our Church year, we celebrate the glorious Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Next Sunday begins Advent. On this day we profess the profound truth that our Lord is King! He is the King of all things. He is King of the Universe. And He is King of Heaven and all spiritual realities. However, in the Gospel passage quoted above, Jesus responds to Pilate who was questioning Him about whether or not He was the King of the Jews. Jesus is clear that He is a King, but that His Kingdom does not belong to this world. So where is His Kingdom?

We can look at Jesus' statement from two points of view. First of all, if Jesus would have claimed that He were an earthly king, one with civil authority, then Pilate would have judged Him to be guilty of trying to overthrow the Roman authority. This would be unlawful and would be punishable by death. In that case, Jesus could have been found legally guilty of violating civil law.

But Jesus was purely innocent. He was morally perfect in every way, and that included His obedience to all legitimate civil law. But Jesus was a King. He was The King of all Kings! Therefore, so as to exercise His Kingship, He declared that His Kingdom was not of this world. In other words, it was not a Kingdom that was in competition with the Roman authorities or any other civil authority. To that, Pilate did not know how to respond.

Today and always, God desires that His glorious Kingdom reign in every way. God begins by reigning in our souls. He invites us to invite Him to enter in and take control of our lives. He desires to be the ruler of every passion, desire, thought and action that is ours. When this happens, His Kingdom is firmly established within us.

It also needs to be pointed out that Jesus wants His Kingdom to grow. First, it must grow in the minds and wills of all people. But from there, He wants every person to then work to conform every part of our society to the governance of Him as King. This means that as the hearts of civil leaders are converted, they will be called to enact laws that fully support and build up God's Kingdom on earth. It means that business leaders, as they convert, are called to govern their businesses in accord with the will of God so that their businesses contribute to the establishment of God's Kingdom here and now. It means that as the leaders of our schools, sports programs, social programs and the like all invite Jesus to reign in their hearts as King, The King of the Universe will then guide them to conform all of their endeavors to His will and to the continued up building of His Kingdom.

The first duty of the Christian, in regard to the governance of every aspect of society, is not to impose God's law from without, as a ruthless authoritarian would. Rather, it is to convert minds and hearts so that God's governance comes forth from within. As God's Kingdom is established in the lives of His people, all objectively grave evils embedded within our earthly laws must be overturned. For example, the legalization of abortion stands out as perhaps the greatest of moral evils, since it involves the taking of a completely innocent life. This and countless other immoral earthly laws must be replaced by the laws of God as hearts and minds are converted to His Truth.

Reflect, today, upon your duty to help bring forth the Kingdom of God here and now. Start by seeing your duty to allow God's Kingdom to grow within you and your family. From there, be open to the many ways that God wants to use you to help others do the same. As you do, do not be afraid to work toward the external establishment of God's Kingdom in all that you do and in all that falls within your responsibility. Jesus is King, and He desires to reign everywhere. Cooperate with Him, and His Kingdom will indeed come.

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Nov 23 - St. Clement I and St. Columban

8:30 am - Marie Pote, prayers for her exams and Melvin Pote on his birthday, by Carmela

5:30 pm - Thanksgiving for Reeta Meeka, by family

Sunday, Nov 24 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8 am - † Michele Fiorucci, by family

9:30 am - *(Ital. Mass)* † Ivano Santini, by wife Rosetta and family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † For all deceased members of the Om Ali family, by Sarah

2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*

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

Monday, Nov 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria

8 am - † Souls in Purgatory, by family

7 pm - † Consolata deceased missionaries

Tuesday, Nov 26

8 am - Thanksgiving for Alice Eluagu on her birthday, by Alice

7 pm - † Eduardo Basco, by Eden Basco

Wednesday, Nov 27

8 am - *(No Intention)*

7 pm - † Vince Merrick, by Carol Anne McAvoy

Thursday, Nov 28

8 am - *(No Intention)*

7 pm - † Rocco, Maria Guida and Maria Lisi, by Guida family

Friday, Nov 29

8 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla

7 pm - Thanksgiving for Corey Amonia-Jasper, by mother

Saturday, Nov 30 - ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

8:30 am - † Rosa Amelia Espinoza Altamirano (5 yrs death anniv.), by Cesar Espinoza & family

5:30 pm - † Arcangela Perrone, by Perrone, La Carpia Pasquina & family

Sunday, Dec 1 - 1st Sunday of Advent

8 am - Thanksgiving for Finn Roga Nicolas on his birthday, by grandpa & grandma

10:30 am – **Feast of St. Andrew's**

12:30pm - † Maria Luisa Miranda, by Martha Lobo and family

2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*

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



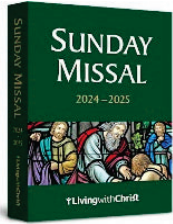
Feast of St. Andrew

Come after me and I will make you fishers of men

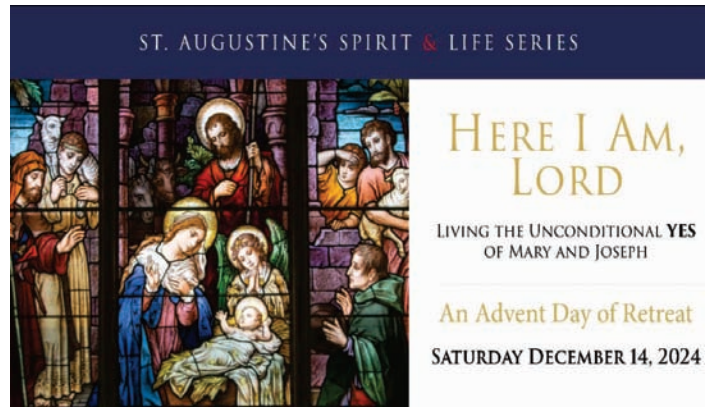
On Sunday, December 1st, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew. Bishop Robert Kasun will preside the Holy Mass at 10:30 AM. Please save the date to join us in celebrating this important feast in our parish.

NOTE: On that day the 9:30 am and 11:00 am masses are cancelled.

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship
Collection for Nov 17th, 2024
Sunday Offertory \$ 6,518.30



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).



Here I Am, Lord – Living the Unconditional Yes of Mary and Joseph

Retreat Leader: Rev. Edwin Gonsalves

Date: Saturday December 14, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Location: St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd, Scarborough

Format: In-Person Only

Cost: \$45 - Includes warm pastries, coffee and tea on arrival, as well as lunch. Mass, Confession, and Adoration will also be offered.

In this full-day retreat, Rev. Edwin Gonsalves will follow Mary and Joseph through their moments of saying "yes" to Our Lord's will for them. As we follow the moments of the Annunciation, the birth of Jesus, Joseph's dreams and the flight into Egypt, we realize how many times the Lord seemed to ask of them what was unexpected and uncertain, even uncomfortable and life changing. As we enter the Advent season, this retreat will allow us to strengthen our own many "yesses" to God, with the model and help of Mary and Joseph.

Spaces are limited, so reserve your seats today! To register and for the event visit our website. If you have any questions, please contact our Event Coordinator, Chère MacLean at chere.macleam@utoronto.ca

We encourage you to invite family and friends to this day of reflection.
We hope to see you on Dec. 14!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST -

Christmas has become a secular holiday for many, particularly children. In response, the Knights of Columbus have launched a poster contest. This program allows youth to engage their creative talent and imagination while understanding the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas. Entries must include a slogan reflecting the topic and an original visual image.

There is no limit to the number of posters each contestant may submit. Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person. Poster should be approximately 11x17 inches.

Kindergarten to grade 8 students can enter. Deadline to submit posters is Sunday, December 15th. For more information contact Robert 416.275.5020.



A Prayer to Christ the King

O Jesus Christ,
I acknowledge You as universal King.
All that has been made,
has been created for You.
Exercise all Your rights over me.
I renew my Baptismal Vows.
I renounce Satan, his pomps and his works,
I promise to live as a good Christian.
And, in particular do I pledge myself to labour,
to the best of my ability,
for the triumph of the rights of God
and of Your Church.
Divine Heart of Jesus,
to You do I offer my poor services,
labouring that all hearts
may acknowledge Your sacred kingship
and that thus, the reign of Your peace,
be established throughout the whole universe.
Amen *Anastpaul/18*

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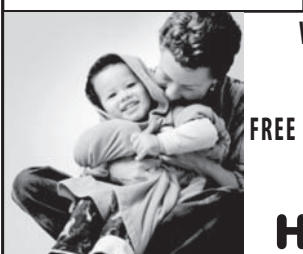
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