

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

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

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR C | DEC 1, 2024 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Welcome home to St. Andrew's

Supernatural Instinct

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:34–36

"That day." These two words are spoken twice in the passage above. To which day is our Lord referring? Clearly, He is referring primarily to the day of our final judgment and is warning us to make sure we are prepared for it in case it were to come at an unexpected moment. So how do we prepare?

Animals have the natural gift of instinct. They know how to survive, how to reproduce, how to gather food and how to avoid danger. They know this because God has implanted this knowledge within them. By this natural gift of instinct, they know what to do and what to avoid.

We, as humans, also have basic natural instincts. But our natural instincts are only sufficient to help us accomplish that which the animals accomplish. Therefore, if we are to gain an even greater knowledge and are to know how to properly prepare ourselves spiritually for the sudden and unexpected coming of Christ, then we need more.

The way we most properly prepare is through a special grace by which God reveals Himself and His will to our human reason. When that happens, we will know the best way to be fully prepared for "that day" the moment it comes. Perhaps one of the best ways to describe this ability is by describing it as a "supernatural instinct." When our natural instincts become open to grace, and when the information on which we base our daily decisions in life comes to us by an ongoing and personal revelation from God through the infused gift of faith, then we will find that we simply know what to do and what to avoid. By analogy, just as a bird knows to fly south for the winter or a salmon knows to return to its place of birth to lay its eggs, so we will "know" within our spirit how to best serve the will of God and, thus, be most fully prepared for His imminent return.

"Supernatural instinct" is nothing other than us allowing the grace of God to enter our lives so as to take control of everything we do and to lead us into the fulfillment of the perfect and glorious will of God. When that happens, we can be certain that we are perpetually prepared for all that comes and will never be caught by surprise like a trap.

Reflect, today, upon whether you are daily led by the knowledge of God's will alive within you as a supernatural instinct. If this language seems foreign to you, then perhaps it is a time to ponder the question "Why?" Why aren't you led by God's grace through an ongoing gift of supernatural knowledge of His will? And if this language does resonate within you, then spend time pondering this gift and being grateful for the way that God has truly taken over your day-to-day life.

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The Knights of Columbus Mother Teresa Council will host their annual Christmas Caroling event on Saturday, December 21st, featuring all the choirs. The event will take place at 7:00 PM, following the 5:30 PM Mass. Everyone is invited to attend and join in this joyful celebration.

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

 \dagger = For the soul of

♥ = Special Intention

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*)

Monday, Dec 2

8 am - Thanksgiving for family, by family

7 pm - † Barbara Fernandes, by family

Tuesday, Dec 3 - St. Francis Xavier

8 am - Special intention for all missionaries throughout the world, by Chan family

7 pm - † Francis Rodill and Augusto Bartolome, by Rodill family

Wednesday, Dec 4 - St. John Damascene

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

7 pm - (No Intention)

Thursday, Dec 5

8 am - Thanksgiving for Broadbelt family, by family

7 pm - † Rodolfo Blancaflor, by Blancaflor family

Friday, Dec 6 - St. Nicholas

8 am - † Judy Allen, by friend

7 pm - † Cora deNully (40 days death anniversary), by family

Saturday, Dec 7 - St. Ambrose

8:30 am - † Ray Track, by altar servant and her family

† AT Mathew (death anniv.), by Jacob Mathew & family

† Anthony TJ, by son Thoppil Varghese

5:30 pm -† For deceased members of the Mikha family, by Sarah Mikha

Sunday, Dec 8 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

8 am - Special intention of Victor and Marcellina Ofeimun, by family 9:30 am - (*Ita.Mass*) † Mr. Nicola Sardella, by Maria Sardella & family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - (No Intention)

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

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



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).



From December 15-21, 2024, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. At St. Andrew's, Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **December 18**th, **from 4 pm to 7 pm**.

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR C | DEC 1, 2024 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH



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.





Feast of the Immaculate Conception

We will begin our celebration with the Triduum Prayers on December 4th, 5th, and 6th during the 8:00 AM Mass. The Feast will be celebrated on Monday, December 9th.

> St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship Collection for Nov 24th, 2024 Sunday Offertory \$ 7,892.65

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 11x17inches.

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





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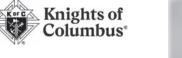
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