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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
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Fr. Timothy Kinyua Gatitu, IMC – Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Joseph Owusu-Afriyie – Permanent Deacon
Fr. Alex Osei CSSp – Ghanaian Community
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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

Turn From Sin

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" Luke 3:10

Among those within the crowds who were asking Saint John the Baptist this question were tax collectors, soldiers and ordinary people. John gave an answer to them all, first telling them to turn away from the sins that they struggled with the most. Sin takes on many forms and often is closely associated with our daily duties in life. Some sins are sins of commission, meaning sins we commit by an intentional act. Some sins are those of omission, meaning a lack of certain virtues or a failure to do what we ought to do.

After addressing the particular sins that those in the crowds were struggling with, John then turns their attention to Christ. He states to them that "one mightier than I is coming" and that "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." In other words, John was giving the people a twofold command. First, work to overcome sin. And second, turn your eyes to Him Who is coming to you. Repenting from sin is not enough. Once we repent, we must then fill the void within our souls with the presence of Christ.

Advent, just like Lent, is an important time within our liturgical year to heed these messages. Though it's true that we must work to overcome sin and turn to Christ every day of the year, God knows we need a special time each year when we give concerted effort to these spiritual endeavors. So before Advent passes you by, heed the words of the Baptist and take some time to examine your conscience thoroughly. Perhaps use a detailed list of the Ten Commandments or the Seven Capital Sins. Once you do that, seek out an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Doing so is essential to a fruitful Advent season.

Once you thoroughly repent of the sins you struggle with the most right now, turn to the Savior of the World with special attentiveness to the miracle of the Incarnation this Advent. Spend time adoring the God Who came to us in the form of a little child. Meditate on this Gift. Gaze at a nativity scene prayerfully. Read the Scripture passages about the birth of Christ. Close your eyes and imagine yourself there at His birth.

Reflect, today, upon this twofold exhortation from John and apply it to your Advent preparations. Cleanse your soul in a special way from all sin this Advent. Then prayerfully ponder and meditate upon the reality we are preparing to celebrate. As John says, allow the Christ Child to truly "baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" through your deepening devotion and prayer this Advent.

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**St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship
Collection for Dec 8th, 2024
Sunday Offertory \$ 11,014.35**



November 2024

We would like to congratulate the parents of the Newly Baptized Children.

Ava Avalos, Brilliant Nii Shidaa Aryee, Gabriella Chloe Molina, Kellena Kataleah Nanton-Stephen, Naia Francesca Nicolas, Izehiuwa Miracle Ogedengbe, Joshua Adebukunmi Okunuga, Joseph Adegboyega Okunuga and Leo Alexander Persaud



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 18th, from 4 pm to 7 pm.**

SIMBANG Gabi 2024

MASS AT DAWN AND NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 16-24 - 5:30 AM

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH, ETOBICOKE



Please note our regular 8:00 a.m. morning Mass will be held at **5:30 a.m.** during the days of the Novena except on Sunday. The Masses are followed by fellowship.

Invite your family, friends and neighbours:

All are most welcome!

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YR C | DEC 15, 2024 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Dec 14 - St. John of the Cross

8:30 am - † Jane Sweeney, by friends
- Special Intention and blessings for Ebisan M. Oteri, by family
- Safe journey for Onye & thanksgiving for Toma Onochie, by Onye
10 am - Infants Baptism
5:30 pm - † Elias Cowan and all souls in purgatory, by Cowan family

Sunday, Dec 15 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

8 am - † Milton and Mary Fernando, by family
9:30 am - (*Ita.Mass*) † In honour of St. Lucia, by Maria Della Posta and Martina Renzullo
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Rosa Maria Peña, Oswaldo and Ernesto Ruiz, by Maria Ruiz and family
2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)
5:30 pm - (*Span.Mass*)

Monday, Dec 16 – (Starts Simbang Gabi Novena)

5:30 am - † Tony DeVellis, by Maria DeVellis
10:15 am - Mass - Revera Westside
7 pm - Thanksgiving, by Broadbelt family

Tuesday, Dec 17

5:30 am - Thanksgiving to St. Francis Xavier, by Anthony and family
7 pm - Special Intention and blessings for Ebisan M. Oteri, by family

Wednesday, Dec 18

5:30 am - † Vincenzo Persanpieri, by Maria Persanpieri
4pm - 7pm - **Advent Confessions**
7 pm - Special Intention and blessings for Ebisan M. Oteri, by family

Thursday, Dec 19

5:30 am - For vocations to priesthood & religious life, by Broadbelt family
7 pm - † Ruben Saez, by Mayela Alfonsin

Friday, Dec 20

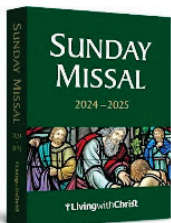
5:30 am - † Antonio Concepcion (2 yrs death anniv.) by Consolacion Concepcion
7 pm - Special Intention and blessings for Ebisan M. Oteri, by family

Saturday, Dec 21 - St. Peter Canisius

5:30 am - † Alfred, Mary, Arulammah & Albert, by Sebastian family
- Special Intention and blessings for Ebisan M. Oteri, by family
5:30 pm - † Joseph family, by family

Sunday, Dec 22 – 4th Sunday of Advent

8 am – Thanksgiving for Jaxton Grant on his birthday, by Alma
9:30 am - (*Ita.Mass*) † Uliana Del Basso (death anniversary), by Maria Pia Di Nardo
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm – Thanksgiving for Emilia Garcia on her birthday, by Emilia
2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)
5:30 pm - (*Span.Mass*) Thanksgiving for Michael Champion on his birthday, by Florencia Champion



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).

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.



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. There will be refreshments in the church hall after the event.

Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS NOVENA
• SIMBANG GABI - MASS AT DAWN FROM DECEMBER 16 - 24 AT 5:30AM

TUESDAY DEC. 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
• 5:30 PM - CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS
• 9:00 PM - ADORATION
• 10:00 PM - CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

WEDNESDAY DEC. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
• 8:00 AM (ENGLISH) • 2:00PM (TWI)
• 9:30 AM (ITALIAN) • 5:30PM (SPANISH)
• 11:00AM (ENGLISH)
• 12:30PM (ENGLISH)

ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 26 - MASS AT 8AM ONLY - NO EVENING MASS

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