

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 & 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
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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
"You are My Beloved Son"

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:9-11 (Gospel from Year B)

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes for us the Christmas Season and transitions us into the beginning of Ordinary Time. From a Scriptural point of view, this event in Jesus' life is also a transitional moment from His hidden life in Nazareth to the beginning of His public ministry. As we commemorate this glorious event, it's important to ponder a simple question: Why was Jesus baptized? Recall that John's baptism was one of repentance, an act by which he invited his followers to turn from sin and to turn to God. But Jesus was sinless, so what was the reason for His Baptism?

First of all, we see in the quoted passage above that Jesus' true identity was made manifest through His humble act of baptism. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased," spoke the voice of the Father in Heaven. Furthermore, we are told that the Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. Thus, Jesus' baptism is in part a public declaration of Who He is. He is the Son of God, a divine Person Who is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. This public testimony is an "epiphany," a manifestation of His true identity for all to see as He prepares to begin His public ministry.

Second, by His baptism, Jesus' incredible humility is made manifest. He is the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, but He allows Himself to become identified with sinners. By sharing in an act that was focused upon repentance, Jesus speaks volumes through His action of baptism. He came to unite Himself with us sinners, to enter our sin and to enter into our death. By entering the water, He symbolically enters into death itself, which is the result of our sin, and rises triumphantly, allowing us to also rise with Him to new life. For this reason, Jesus' baptism was a way of Him "baptizing" the waters, so to speak, so that water itself, from that moment onward, would be endowed with His divine presence and could be communicated to all who are baptized after Him. Therefore, sinful humanity is now able to meet divinity through baptism.

Lastly, when we share in this new baptism, through water that has now been sanctified by our divine Lord, we see in Jesus' baptism a revelation of who we become in Him. Just as the Father spoke and declared Him as His Son, and just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, so also in our baptism we become the adopted children of the Father and are filled with the Holy Spirit. Thus, Jesus' baptism gives clarity as to whom we become in Christian baptism.

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January 11-12
After the Saturday Mass and all Sunday Masses

Handicraft Holy Land Christians
will be selling unique hand-carved olive wood religious art pieces made by Christian families living in Bethlehem.

We are pleased to announce that on January 4-5, Paul from "Handicraft Holy Land Christians" will be visiting our parish.

Sir Sebastian Cardinal, Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and his team will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. In addition, she will convey the urgent need for our prayers, as well as our tangible support.


Available for purchase will be many unique hand carved religious art pieces, crafted from olive wood, and made by Christian families living in Bethlehem. The purchase of these items is a beautiful way to connect with the Holy Land, express our faith through giving meaningful gifts, and support to a local economy that helps keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land.

May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

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Unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by Christian families in Bethlehem

Feast of Santo Niño
Viva Pit Señor!



Celebration of the Feast of Sto Niño
St. Andrew's Catholic Church - 2547 Kipling Ave
Saturday, January 18, 2025

9 Day Novena starts Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 6:00pm
Saturday, January 11th after the 8:00 am mass
Sunday, January 12th - Personal Devotion (No Novena Prayer in Church)

FEAST DAY: SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025
10:30 am - Rosary
11:00 am - Mass of the Feast of Santo Niño
Blessing of the Children and Sto Niño images

POTLUCK LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT PARISH HALL
Everyone is invited - Come and bring your family!

BAPTISM OF THE LORD | JAN 12, 2025 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Jan 11

8:30 am - † Lidia & Arcadio Delos Reyes, by Delos Reyes family
10 am – Infant Baptisms
5:30 pm – Thanksgiving for God's blessings for the new year, by family

Sunday, Jan 12 - Baptism of the Lord

8 am - † Cora deNully, by friends
9:30 am - (*Ita.Mass*)
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Pedro Subdido, by Josephine Subdido
2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)
5:30 pm - (*Span.Mass*)

Monday, Jan 13 - St. Hilary

8 am – (*No intention*)
7pm – (*No intention*)

Tuesday, Jan 14

8 am – † Salvatori, Maria & Franca Riso, by family
7 pm – † Mrs. Adunola Ukonga, by Marcellina Ofeimun

Wednesday, Jan 15

8 am - (*No intention*)
7 pm - (*No intention*)

Thursday, Jan 16

8 am - (*No intention*)
7 pm – † Francesca Primerano (1 month death anniv.), by family

Friday, Jan 17 – St. Anthony, Abbot

8 am – (*No intention*)
7 pm – (*No intention*)

Saturday, Jan 18 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

8:30 am - † Cora deNully, by Belen family
11 am – Feast of Sto. Niño
5:30 pm - (*No intention*)

Sunday, Jan 19 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am – Thanksgiving for Rosario Alon & family, by Salanio family
9:30 am - (*Ita.Mass*)
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Edgar Falzon, by family
2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)
5:30 pm - (*Span.Mass*)



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved parishioner, Patrick Rodrigues, who left us on December 31st, 2024. Please keep Patrick and his family in your prayers during this difficult time. May he rest in peace, and may we find comfort in the hope of eternal life.

Annual GTA Prayer Service

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025

Celebrating 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea

“DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?” JOHN 11:26

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. North City Church - 377 Woodbridge Ave. Woodbridge, ON. L4L 2V7. ALL ARE WELCOME!



Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the **faith** you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of **charity** enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed **hope**
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and
the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, **Pilgrims of Hope**,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

Regional Masses & Celebrations

We have invited a Jubilee church to host a regional celebration to focus our attention on the Jubilee Year as a faith community. These celebrations will take place as follows with receptions after Mass:

Western Region

Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 7 p.m.
St. Mary's Parish, Brampton

Northern Region

Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 7 p.m.
St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg

Eastern Region

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 7 p.m.
St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough

Central Region

Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 7 p.m.
St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York

The 2025 donation envelopes are ready for pick up in the Church or you can also pick them up in the office during regular hours. Please remember to confirm that they are yours by **verifying the number, name and address**. If you do not have a number assigned please contact the parish office by email or phone.



St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

Collection for Dec 29th, 2024 Sunday Offertory \$ 11,459

Collection for Jan 5th, 2025 Sunday Offertory \$ 8,366.95

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