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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
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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

The Book of Signs

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. John 2:11

John's Gospel is commonly divided into four sections: the Prologue, the Book of Signs, the Book of Glory and the Epilogue (which contains the resurrection appearance in Galilee). Today's Gospel comes from the beginning of the Book of Signs, which begins at Chapter 1:19 and continues through Chapter 12. In this section, the Apostle John presents us with seven "signs," which are seven miracles Jesus performed. Each sign has a deeper spiritual meaning that reveals Jesus' divinity and mission. In many ways, the entire Book of Signs prepares us for the Book of Glory in which Jesus' "hour" of glory is identified with Him taking up His glorious throne of the Cross, fulfilling His mission as the "Lamb of God" Who offers His life for the salvation of all, and pouring forth His grace and mercy from His wounded side.

The first of seven signs Jesus performs in John's Gospel is the changing of water into wine at the Wedding of Cana, which was done in superabundance! The six stone jars, filled to the brim with water, were transformed into as much as 180 gallons of the finest wine. The changing of water into wine was done at the request of Jesus' mother, who told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them to do.

There is certainly much to ponder in this incredible miracle. One specific thing to consider, as we begin reading the first of these signs, is that Jesus uses His miracles to prepare His disciples for the "hour" of grace and glory that is to come. And though the hour of Jesus has already taken place in time, it's important to understand that each one of us needs to go through the process of preparing for that hour in our own lives. We must let Christ continuously prepare us for the hour of glory by which we receive Him and all the grace He won for us on the Cross. This preparation will take place in our lives, just as it was presented in John's Gospel. Jesus' seven signs, His miraculous actions, were performed to prepare His disciples to receive all that He bestowed on the Cross. We must not only prayerfully reflect upon these signs as recorded by John throughout the year, we must also look for the many personal signs that our Lord gives to each one of us.

Just as the participants at the Wedding of Cana were left in amazement at the miracle of Jesus, so we must allow ourselves to become continuously amazed at His action in our lives. The seven signs that are recorded in Scripture, as well as the effect of our spiritual pondering of them, must become beacons of light that prepare us to come to know our Lord more fully and to receive the grace won by His Cross of glory.

Reflect, today, upon this, the first of Jesus' signs. Try to meditate upon this story as a way of preparing yourself to receive His grace more fully in your life. Think of the superabundance of the miracle and ponder the fact that it points to the superabundance of grace God wants to give you. Reflect, also, upon the fact that it took place by the intercession of Jesus' dear mother. She also will anticipate your needs and pray for you with her motherly heart. Ponder the beautiful meaning and symbolism in this passage so that you will more fully share in God's abundant glory.

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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.

In commemoration of the opening of the 2025 Jubilee Year in the Pastoral Regions, there will be two Masses celebrated in the Western Pastoral Region's Pilgrimage Parishes.

The first of these Masses will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Frank Leo, at St. Mary's Parish, Brampton, on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 7 p.m.

This Mass is also a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the elevation of His Eminence to the College of Cardinals.

Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the second Regional Mass, which is scheduled to take place at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke, on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 7 p.m.

Confessions will be available prior to each Mass from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.



The members of the SSVP - St. Andrew's Conference, acknowledge and thank our parishioners for their donations to our "poor boxes" that you see within the Church. Your funds not only assist our "Neighbours in Need" within our Church boundaries during the year but are a big assistance during Christmas. This year we were able to help fifty-one families (51) comprising one hundred and thirty-nine adults (139), with food vouchers to be used at our No Frills Store. Ninety-six (96) children within these families were given Walmart Gift Cards to be used to buy toys or what was a greater need for the child. Know that when these families received our Christmas Cards with these items, it not only brought a huge smile but they appreciated knowing that people cared for them from our Parish. God Bless you All.

**St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship
 Collection for Jan 12th, 2025 Sunday Offertory \$ 8,042.00**

JUBILEE OF YOUNG ADULTS

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- POPE FRANCIS -

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!

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special 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 - † Charles Edward Chung, Juan Carlos & Judy Gomez, by Marianna Pighin

Sunday, Jan 19 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am – Thanksgiving for Rosario Alon & family, by Salanio family

9:30 am - (Ita.Mass) † Rosa & Salvatore Lagani, by Maria Persanpieri

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Edgar Falzon, by family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

Monday, Jan 20 – St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

8 am – (No intention)

7pm – Conversion of Ebisan M. Oteri, by Farah

Tuesday, Jan 21 - St. Agnes

8 am – (No intention)

7 pm – (No intention)

Wednesday, Jan 22 - St. Vincent

8 am - (No intention)

7 pm - Conversion of Ebisan M. Oteri, by Farah

Thursday, Jan 23

8 am - † Albina Padilla, by friends

7 pm - Conversion of Ebisan M. Oteri, by Farah

Friday, Jan 24 – St. Francis de Sales

8 am – (No intention)

7 pm – Conversion of Ebisan M. Oteri, by Farah

Saturday, Jan 25 – Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:30 am - † Amelia Estrella, by Legion of Mary

- Conversion of Ebisan M. Oteri, by Farah

5:30 pm - (No intention)

Sunday, Jan 26 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am – For quick recovery of Romeo Manalo, by Angel Galsim

9:30 am - (Ita.Mass)

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Ruben Saez, by Mayela Alfonsin

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

The Knights of Columbus, Mother Teresa Council, are pleased to announce that we are donating \$1,500 to the church building fund. Thank you to the parish community for supporting the Turkey Roll event, and we look forward to seeing everyone at the next one in December 2025.



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.

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in April 2025 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

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