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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
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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

Enthused by the Gospel

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. Luke 4:14-15

This Gospel passage reveals to us the very beginnings of Jesus' public ministry. He began His public ministry immediately after spending forty days in the desert being tempted by the devil. As He began, He went to Galilee "in the power of the Spirit." Many people heard about Him and welcomed Him with much enthusiasm.

Though Jesus was initially welcomed with praise, we know that things quickly changed. Some eventually became so hostile that they put Jesus to death, but it's useful to ponder the initial response He received. This initial response is one that must become continuously new in our lives. The initial response was that He "was praised by all."

Jesus would later teach about this initial experience many would have toward the Gospel when He taught the Parable of the Sower. Recall that the seed that was sown on rocky ground that fell among thorns, and that was sown in good soil all began to grow. Only that which was sown on the path failed to grow, because the birds came and ate it up. This latter case describes those who are completely indifferent to the Gospel. But in today's Gospel, the "all" are those who at least paid attention and initially responded with enthusiasm. The seed began to grow in these three scenarios—but, of course, in only one of those cases did the seed ultimately bear good fruit.

Another way to look at this initial encounter with the Gospel is to consider a child. In almost every case, when a child is presented with the Gospel, they will begin to respond and even find excitement in the faith. But, as many parents have seen, this initial welcome is sometimes followed by a rejection of the Gospel later in life.

When did you initially encounter the Gospel? For some it was during childhood. For others, there was a powerful experience of conversion later in life. Think of that initial encounter you had and the ways that you were excited by your newfound faith. Has that experience continued and grown in your life? Or has your initial praise of God and enthusiasm dwindled or even died?

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants us to continuously experience the Gospel as something new and transforming. The newness of the life of grace must never wear off. Ponder this experience in your life and try to see yourself as one of the people in today's Gospel who heard Jesus for the first time. Ponder their enthusiasm and join in their praise of our Lord so that you will be motivated to let God and the preaching of His holy Word continuously transform you.

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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.

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.



A Celebration of Marriage in the Archdiocese of Toronto

MASS WITH BISHOP IVAN CAMILLERI

Sunday, February 9, 2025, 2:30 p.m.
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
65 Bond Street, Toronto

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Special recognition and reserved seating available for couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ anniversaries in 2025

For more information and registration
visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage

On the second Sunday of February each year, the Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates **Marriage Sunday**. In 2025, it will be celebrated on the weekend of February 8/9. This occasion highlights the importance of the institution of marriage rooted in faith, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America.

Parishes and the lay faithful are called upon to affirm the sacrament of Matrimony and to honour married couples in the community. We are also grateful to those who assist couples as they prepare for marriage and to those engaged in marriage enrichment programs or lay movements to support the sacrament of Matrimony.

We also extend our loving support to those who have lost a spouse or have experienced the pain and suffering of a broken relationship. If you are in need of assistance during these difficult days, please seek out programs and resources in your own parish or throughout our diocese so that we may accompany you through the healing process.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The

Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto)**. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025 may register for reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via [livestream Mass](#). The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

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
Jan 19th, 2025 Sunday Offertory \$ 7,637.00**

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

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 - Special Intention for Nevin and Naji, by Sanaa Toma

Sunday, Jan 26 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am – For quick recovery of Romeo Manalo, by Angel Galsim
9:30 am - (Ita.Mass) † Francesco Pisanti, by family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Ruben Saez, by Mayela Alfonsin
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

Monday, Jan 27 - St. Angela Merici

8 am – † Lu Yun Hsiang, by family
7pm – (No intention)

Tuesday, Jan 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

8 am – (No intention)
7 pm – † Maria Nasella, by her sister Betty Nasella

Wednesday, Jan 29

8 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla
- Foundation of the Consolata Missionaries Institute
7 pm - † Fr. Leon Salvador Buni, by family

Thursday, Jan 30

8 am - † Pat Rodrigues (30 days death anniv.), by Patricia, Wendy and family
7 pm - † Thressiamma Mathew, by Jacob Mathew and family

Friday, Jan 31 - St. John Bosco

8 am - † Renata Kozibroda and Tadeusz Kolodziej, by family
7 pm – (No intention)

Saturday, Feb 1

8:30 am - For the lay Carmelites of Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel, by Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel
5:30 pm - Thanksgiving for Michael & Amy Choong, and family, by Josephine Wong

Sunday, Feb 2 – The Presentation of the Lord - World Day of Consecrated Life

8 am – † Gennaro and Carmela Sestini, by Emilia and Antonio Cerullo
9:30 am - (Ita.Mass)
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Cody Alexander Atkins, by friends and family
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)



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