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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. 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

The Culmination of a Life of Faith

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Luke 2:29–32

At the time of Jesus' birth, there was a man named Simeon who had spent his whole life preparing for one significant moment. Like all faithful Jews at the time, Simeon was waiting for the coming Messiah. The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would indeed see the Messiah before his death—and so this happened when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus into the Temple to offer Him to the Lord as an infant.

Try to imagine the scene. Simeon had lived a holy and devout life. And deep within his conscience, he knew that his life on earth would not come to an end until he was privileged to see the Savior of the World with his own eyes. He knew this by a special gift of faith, an interior revelation of the Holy Spirit, and he believed.

It's helpful to think about this unique gift of knowledge that Simeon had throughout his life. Normally we gain knowledge through our five senses. We see something, hear something, taste, smell, or feel something, and as a result come to know it to be true. Physical knowledge is very reliable and is the normal way we come to know things. But this gift of knowledge Simeon had was different. It was deeper and was spiritual in nature. He knew he would see the Messiah before he died, not because of some external sensory perception he had received but because of an interior revelation from the Holy Spirit.

This truth begs the question, which type of knowledge is more certain? Something you see with your eyes, touch, smell, hear or taste? Or something that God speaks to you in the depths of your soul by a revelation of grace? Though these types of knowledge are different, it's important to understand that the spiritual knowledge that is given by the Holy Spirit is far more certain than anything perceived through the five senses alone. This spiritual knowledge has the power to change your life and direct all your actions toward that revelation.

For Simeon, this interior knowledge of a spiritual nature suddenly united with his five senses when Jesus was brought into the Temple. Simeon suddenly saw, heard and felt this Child Whom he knew he would one day see with his own eyes and touch with his own hands. For Simeon, that moment was the culminating moment of his life.

Reflect, today, upon anything that our Lord has spoken to you in the depths of your soul. Too often we ignore His gentle voice as it speaks, preferring instead to live only in the sensory world. But the spiritual reality within us must become the center and foundation of our lives. It is there where God speaks, and it is there where we, too, will discover the central purpose and meaning of our lives.

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**St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship
Jan 26th, 2025 Sunday Offertory \$ 7,707.50**



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

Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the 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 the Mass from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.



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.

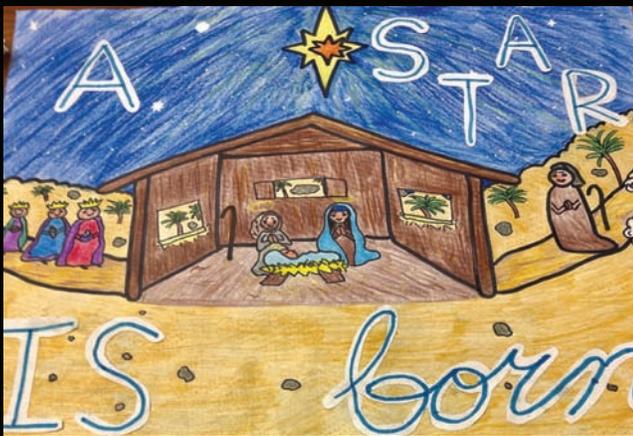
We also extend our loving support to those who have lost a spouse or have experienced the pain and suffering of a broken relationship. If you are in need of assistance during these difficult days, please seek out programs and resources in your own parish or throughout our diocese so that we may accompany 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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Y-C | FEB 2, 2025 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH



The Knights of Columbus would like to congratulate **Etesosa Igbino** for winning the Council and District Level of the "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest" for the grade 7 through 8 category. Her entry will be competing at the Jurisdictional level next month. We want to thank her for her entry into the poster program and good luck in the Jurisdictional contest.

WINTER ACCESSORIES DONATION



(Covenant donation receipt)

Thanks to your generous donations, the winter accessories that decorated our Christmas tree in the foyer last year have been delivered to Covenant House. Fr. George and Fr. Timothy are deeply grateful for your overwhelming kindness and support. May God bless us all.

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Feb 1

8:30 am - For the lay Carmelites of Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel, by Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel
 † Michelle Karen Estevez and Rose Villanueva, by Doris Rosal
 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*)

Monday, Feb 3 - St. Blaise and St. Ansgar

8 am – Thanksgiving to St. Blaise, by Alex family
 7pm – † Donald and Oliver Champion, by Florencia Champion

Tuesday, Feb 4

8 am – † Immacolata Polera, by Mary Viglione
 10:30 am - Villa Sta. Maria - Mass
 7 pm – † Mary Milton Fernando, by family

Wednesday, Feb 5 - St. Agatha

8 am – Thanksgiving for Nadia on her birthday, by mom
 7 pm – (*No Intention*)

Thursday, Feb 6 - St. Paul Miki and Companions

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

Friday, Feb 7

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

Saturday, Feb 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita

8:30 am - (*No intention*)
 5:30 pm - Thanksgiving for Osazuwa on his birthday, by family

Sunday, Feb 9 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – World Marriage Day

8 am – † Maria and Libero Saragosa, by family
 9:30 am - (*Ita.Mass*)
 11 am - For the people of the Parish
 12:30pm – Thanksgiving for Maryjian Diarios & family, by family
 2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)
 5:30 pm - (*Span.Mass*)



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

Alive Taylie Denis, Gerald Osazuwa Enobakhare, Ava Adwoa Kumi, Marcel Moses Kwame Kumi, Samirah Cladya Irmani Moise, Faith Ashton Treasure Ssempiira, Favor Tiffany Ashlyn Ssempiira, Fortune Ashlee Tatiana Ssempiira, Francis Xavier Ssempiira Jr.

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