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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 & Thursday1st Saturday Devotions

8:30am to 6:30pm
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 standrewparish.office@gmail.com

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.

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Y-C | FEB 9, 2025 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Welcome home to St. Andrew's Overcoming Discouragement

After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. <u>Luke 5:4–6</u>

Jesus had just cured Simon Peter's mother-in-law as one of His first miracles. As a result of this and other miracles, Peter's entire hometown of Capernaum, as well as many of the surrounding towns, were quickly coming to faith in Jesus. Today's Gospel takes place during this initial excitement over our Lord. In it, Jesus personally invites Peter to become an Apostle, promising to make him a fisher of men.

There is much symbolism in this passage worth pondering. First, notice that Jesus uses something very familiar to Peter to invite Him to become one of the Twelve Apostles. He used his trade of fishing. This is similar to the way God used a star to draw the Magi, who were astrologers, to Bethlehem.

Another symbolic action Jesus uses is that of putting out "into deep water." It was not enough to simply go a short distance from shore. Instead, the deep water was to symbolize the fact that the Gospel was to go forth to the ends of the earth, just as the fishermen were to fish in the depths of the sea.

Finally, the fact that they "caught a great number of fish" symbolizes the superabundance that would come forth through Peter's apostolic ministry. And the fact that the "nets were tearing" points to the fullness that everyone will experience when they embark upon the mission of Christ.

Though the symbolic aspects of this Gospel passage are worth much prayerful pondering, there is another line within the Gospel that might speak to you just as powerfully. Peter had been fishing all night and had caught nothing. The fact that he relates this to Jesus suggests that he was tired and perhaps even discouraged. Any fisherman could relate to this. But the important lesson Peter teaches us is that he does not give in to that discouragement. And the reason he doesn't give in to discouragement is because it was Jesus Who commanded him to lower the nets.

In our own lives, we can all get discouraged at times. But the real test of our fidelity to God is whether or not we continue to listen to His commands of love and respond generously, dispelling any temptations to discouragement when things do not seem to be going our way. If we can do this, it is especially in these moments that God often uses us in powerful ways.

Reflect, today, upon the voice of God in your life. What is it that you sense Him calling you to do? What is that "deep water" to which He is calling you? As you ponder this, reflect especially upon the words of Peter, "Master...at your command I will lower the nets." Say "Yes" to the command of our Lord. Do so even if it is difficult, and especially if you do not feel like doing what He asks of you. If you do, you will find that in this act of fidelity, God will bring forth an abundance of good fruit.

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St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship Feb 2nd, 2025 Sunday Offertory \$ 8,167.00

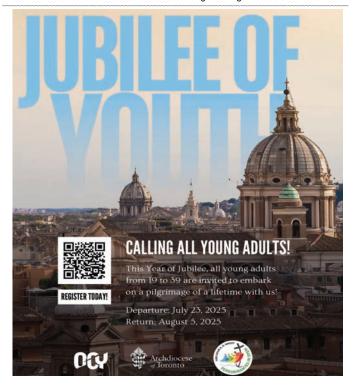


As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The

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 <u>livestream Mass</u>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.



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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

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♥ = Special Intention

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

8:30 am - (No intention)

10 am – Infant Baptisms

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) † Guillermo Briones Macias, by Ana Briones & Aurora Cueva

Monday, Feb 10 - St. Scholastica

8 am – (No Intention)

10 am - Humber Terrace - Mass

7pm – (No Intention)

Tuesday, Feb 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

8 am - † Francesco & Luisa Astone, by family

10:30 am - Villa Sta. Maria - Mass

7 pm - For former Catholics to return and the sick to receive the Lord's mercy, by King Solomon

Wednesday, Feb 12

8 am – † Angelita and Juanito Galicia, by Florencia Champion

7 pm - Special intention for Fadi & Nadih, by Sanaa Toma

Thursday, Feb 13

8 am - † Leonita Narag, by Consolacion Concepcion

7 pm - For blessings & health of Wesli Kolodziej, by mother

Friday, Feb 14 – St. Cyril

8 am - † Henryk, Antony & Genowefa Kokoszka, by family

7 pm – Special intention for Fadi & Nadih, by Sanaa Toma

Saturday, Feb 15

8:30 am - (No intention)

5:30 pm - Thanksgiving for the Cowan family, by family

Sunday, Feb 16 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am – † Maria Cheongyun – Fah (20th death anniversary), by family

9:30 am - (Ita. Mass) † Guiseppe Pannia, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Jesus Lingsay & Archimedes Domingo, by Susan Ramones & Mercedita Luban

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span. Mass)



The 2025 donation envelopes are ready for pick up in the Church. You can also pick them up FROM 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.

Our pastor, Fr. George Kibura is inviting members from the different communities and ministries to a meeting: Deacon Joseph Owusu-Afriyie, all members of Liturgy and Social Committees, and representatives from the Lectors, Altar Servers, Choir, Youth Group, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Sacristans, Knights of Columbus, the Ghanaian, Ugandan & Chaldean Communities. The meeting will take place on Tuesday February 18th, 2025 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.



Catholic Women's Conference SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2025

LOCATION: The Old Mill (Old Mill Subway Station) REGISTRATION: 8:00am TIME: 9:00am - 4:00pm For more information call (416) 907 -1042



Bishop Robert Kasun | Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope Get Inspired, Meet Like-Minded Women, Discover Your Mission!

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION \$65 (before Feb. 14) Register at DynamicWomenFaith.co

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Dr. Stephanie Kafie | Totus Tuus - 5 Ways to Live out 'Totally Yo

Lisa Canning | Surrendering in Suffering: Discovering JOY Dorothy Pilarski | Your Life is Going to Change

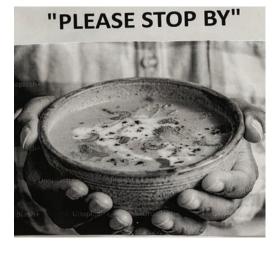
16th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference Saturday March 22, 2024

9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch) Closing Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Kasun CSB Speakers:

Annie Karto: Divine Mercy Flood My Soul Lisa Canning: Surrendering in Suffering: Discovering JOY Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI: Being a Priest - Being a Midwife Dr. Stephanie Kafie: Totus Tuus - 5 Ways to Live out "Totally Yours" Dorothy Pilarski: Your Life is Going to Change Closing Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Kasun CSB TO REGISTER GO TO dwf2025.eventbrite.ca

SOUP AND BREAD NIGHT - SATURDAY MARCH 1

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites our Parish Community to share soup and bread with us on Saturday, March 1st at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. It is our way of thanking you for supporting us in our Mission, by your faithful contributions to the "Poor Box".



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