

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 Sunday

8:00am (English) 9:30 am (Italian) 11:00am (English) 12:30pm (English) 5:30pm 2:00pm (Twi)

5:30pm (Spanish)

11:00am & 12:30pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy

- WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday Wednesday

Public Holidays

Saturday

8:00am & 7:00pm Iraqi – Rosary and Mass at 5pm 8:30am & 5:30pm 8:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday Wednesday Anytime by Appointment 8:00am & 4:00pm 7:30am

— ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT –

Tuesday & Thursday8:30am to 6:30pm1st Saturday Devotions9:30am to 10:00am

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND _____
Home visits: Please call the Parish Office

OUR LADY CONSOLATA, PRAY FOR US

PARISH TEAM -

Fr. George Kibura Njuguna, IMC – Pastor <u>StAndrewsET@archtoronto.org</u>

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 2^{nd} 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.

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Y-C | FEB 16, 2025 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Welcome home to St. Andrew's Beatitudes and Woes

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way." Luke 6:24-26

<u>Luke 6:20–49</u> offers us a shortened version of the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew's Gospel. Luke's version of this sermon takes place on a plain, "a stretch of level ground." The teachings in the two Gospels are very similar, despite their difference in length. Luke's teaching on the Beatitudes adds the "woe to you's" quoted above, which are not found in Matthew's version.

The early Church Father Saint Bede comments that Saint Luke's version of the "woes" are meant for those who are "uninstructed hearers" because they "must first be brought by terrors to good works." He goes on to say that the first part of the Beatitudes, the "blessings," are meant for the "perfect" because they "need but be invited by rewards" rather than fear of punishment. The fact that Saint Luke includes a teaching for both the sinner and the saint should lead us to the conclusion that we can benefit from both approaches in our spiritual lives.

When your spiritual life is strong and you are consistently avoiding serious sin, it might be more helpful to reflect regularly upon the blessings found in the Beatitudes. This will have the effect of drawing you into greater perfection as the desire for the reward of holiness becomes the object of your hope.

When your spiritual life is weaker and you are regularly struggling with more serious sin, it might be more helpful to reflect upon the woes of the Beatitudes. This will have the effect of deterring you from the cycle of sin you struggle with, on account of the fear of the consequences of those sins.

In the end, the Beatitudes and their subsequent woes are meant to point us interiorly to the desires of our hearts. We must become more and more aware of what occupies our thinking and desires. Ultimately, wealth or poverty, hunger or satisfaction, worldly praise or persecution do not matter. What matters is that our hearts are detached from the desires identified in this sermon so that we more fully desire only God and His holy will, regardless of the circumstances of life we find ourselves in.

Reflect, today, upon your own spiritual and moral life and first consider whether you are blessed to be living a life that more imitates the saints or whether you more often reflect the serious struggles of the sinner. From there, try to choose which form of teaching you need the most. Do you need to ponder the rewards of seeking even greater beatitude in life so as to grow deeper in holiness? Or do you need Jesus' clear condemnations to help you break free from the cycle of sin with which you are struggling? Humbly identify that which is most helpful to you right now in your spiritual life and allow this full sermon of Jesus to help you on your journey to the Kingdom of Heaven."mycatholic.life"

> St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship Feb 9th, 2025 Sunday Offertory \$ 6,427.00



Eucharistic Adoration

We invite you to join us for a time of prayer and reflection during our Eucharistic Adoration sessions, held every Tuesday and Thursday.

Come, spend some quiet moments in the presence of our Lord, where we can offer our prayers, meditate in His love, and deepen our relationship with Christ. Whether you come for a few minutes or an hour, your presence is always welcome.

Let us gather in faith and worship, giving thanks and seeking strength through the Blessed Sacrament.



"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." - St. Padre Pio

Those who would like to be Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament and commit some of their time to visit our Lord for the Eucharistic Adoration, we need especially in the hours of afternoon, if interested please fill out the sheet at the entrance of the Church indicating your name, contact information and availability.

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.

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday, Feb 15

8:30 am - † Christiana Edokwe (1yr death anniv), by family † Paz Katipunan & Rema Datoon-Sigsby, by family

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*)

Monday, Feb 17 - Family Day

8 am – For safe trip to the Philippines of Marilyn & Minda, by family 7pm – (*No Mass*)

Tuesday, Feb 18

8 am – Special intention for Fadi & Nadih, by Sanaa Toma 7 pm - (*No intention*)

Wednesday, Feb 19

8 am – Thanksgiving for Eloho on her birthday, by family 7 pm - † Ruben Saez, by Mayela Alfonsin

Thursday, Feb 20

8 am - Thanksgiving for Treasa Mathew on her birthday, by Usha Jacob 7 pm – Special Intention for Ebisan M, Oteri on his birthday, by Farah

Friday, Feb 21 - St. Peter Damian

8 am - (No intention)

7 pm - (No intention)

Saturday, Feb 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:30 am - (No intention)

5:30 pm - (No intention)

Sunday, Feb 23 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Antonio Polera, by Mary Viglione

9:30 am - (*Ita.Mass*) Prayers for health to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Thanksgiving for wedding anniversary, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm – † Mr. G. Janakan, by family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (*Span.Mass*)

A Prayer for a Family

O dear Jesus, I humbly implore You to grant Your special graces to our family. May our home be the shrine of

peace, purity, love, labor and faith.

Dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother

pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world.

Blessed Saint Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist ús by your prayers in all the necessities of life.

watch over our home at the pillow

of the sick and the dying.

Amen.



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"**.



Don't miss this SPECIAL event! Annie Karto is flying in from Treasure Island, Florida to speak at it



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





Keynote Speaker: ANNIE KARTO Award Winning, Internationally Acclaimed Catholi Singer-Songwriter, Speaker

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Special Guest Speaker, Fr. Marcin Serwin (Being a Priest - Being a Midwife Closing Mass celebrated by

Annie Karto | Divine Mercy Flood My Soul Dr. Stephanie Kafie | Totus Tuus - 5 Ways to Live out 'Totally Yours Lisa Canning | Surrendering in Suffering: Discovering JOY Dorothy Pilarski | Your Life is Going to Change 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 DynamicWom

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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:

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