

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.

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Y-C | MAR 2, 2025 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Welcome home to St. Andrew's **Fully Trained**

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." Luke 6:39-40

Are you "fully trained?" What does it mean to be fully trained? Jesus makes it clear that those who are fully trained will be like their teacher. Of course, we must become like our Lord, who is the one and only Teacher. So are you like Him in every way?

Being fully trained as a Christian is different than being fully trained in an occupation. For example, a doctor is fully trained when all the necessary lessons are learned and the practical aspects of medicine are put into practice. That is why that person becomes a doctor, just like the doctors who were their teachers. But the Christian life is not something we master by learning many teachings of the faith so that, by our expertise, we can then put them into practice using our natural talents. For a Christian to be fully trained, it is necessary that the Divine Physician fully possess them, live within them, and act through them. Thus, Christian training is the practice of allowing God to become one with you so that it is God Who acts in and through you.

This form of "training" first takes on the goal of freeing us from spiritual blindness. We must see Christ and come to know Him. Again, this is not a matter of simply learning various truths about God in an intellectual way. It's a matter of coming to know the Truth Himself. We must see and know the Person Who is Christ Jesus. This is true sight. Blindness, however, can always set in again when we take the eyes of our soul off the Savior.

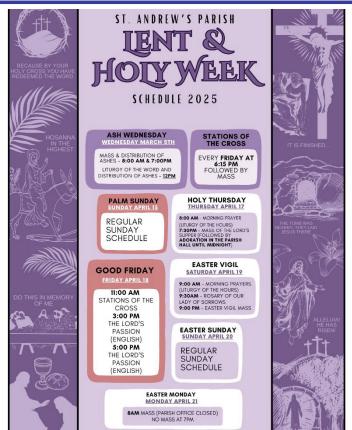
Seeing Christ, however, is not enough. Seeing must be followed by doing. That is why our Lord goes on to say in today's Gospel that "every tree is known by its own fruit" and that a "good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good." Seeing Christ Himself, within your soul, will produce that "store of goodness," and this will make you more "fully trained." Only then can you produce good fruit, for it will be Christ Himself producing the good fruit in and through you.

So back to our original question: "Are you fully trained?" Do you daily keep your eyes on a Person, Jesus Himself? And if so, do You allow Him to act in your life and, through you, in the lives of others? If you cannot answer these questions with a confident "Yes," then you might have more blindness in the spiritual life than you realize.

Reflect, today, upon your mission to become a fully trained soldier of Christ. God wants to use you, to live within you, and to act through you. He wants you to be like Him in every way. This is only possible when you admit the blindness with which you struggle, turn your eyes to Him, and allow Him to become one with you. Start by turning to Him as He dwells within you. Search for Him, seek Him, and love Him. If you keep your eyes upon Him, He will carefully take care of the rest, leading you to a fully trained and fruitful life.

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St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship Feb 23rd, 2025 Sunday Offertory \$ 9,155.85



LENT: FAST AND ABSTINENCE Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

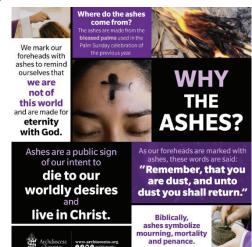
Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

The fast on Good Friday is continued, if possible, until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Privileged forms of Penance are recommended:

These forms are privileged because they are based on the teaching of the Gospels (fasting, almsgiving, prayer, works of mercy) or because of their traditional value among the people of God (abstinence from meat).

fasting Christian obtains full its meaning when we give to the poor.



deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday, Mar 1

8:30 am - Special intention to pass exam and get the job, by Carmela Pote 5:30 pm - (No intention)

Sunday, Mar 2 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Thanksgiving, by Alex family

- 9:30 am (Ita. Mass)
- 11 am For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Mary Regina and Henry Durasaimy, by Durasaimy

- 2 pm (Twi Ghana)
- 5:30 pm (Span. Mass) Thanksgiving for wedding of Linda Murga and Erick Ayala, by parents

Monday, Mar 3

- 8 am † Rhjmatty Boodhoo, by Sylvia
- 7pm For Maurizio Castro Ortiz, passing all his grades, by Rocio Carballo Zuniga

Tuesday, Mar 4 – St. Casimir

8 am - (No intention) 10:30 am - Villa St. Maria - Mass

7 pm - (No intention)

Wednesday, Mar 5 - ASH WEDNESDAY

8 am – † Vito Polera, by Mary Viglione (Distribution of the Ashes) 12 pm – Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of the Ashes 7 pm - (No intention) - (Distribution of the Ashes)

Thursday, Mar 6

8 am - (No intention)

7 pm - † Lina Ariganello (death anniversary), by her sister

Friday, Mar 7 - St. Perpetua & St. Felicity - World Day of Prayer

8 am - (No intention)

7 pm - † Robert Herzcec, by friend of the family

Saturday, Mar 8

8:30 am - † Immacolata Polera, by Mary Viglione

-Special intention for Caputo family, by Legion of Mary

5:30 pm - † Elias Cowan, by family

Sunday, Mar 9 - 1st Sunday of Lent

- 8 am Birthday intentions for Olivia & Jordan Sambrone, by King Solomon
- 9:30 am (Ita. Mass) † Guiseppe Pannia, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

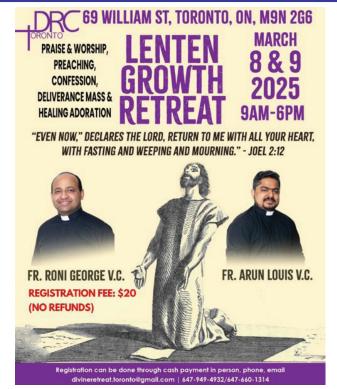
- 12:30pm † Rosita & Antonena Bayang, by Maryjian Diarios
- 2 pm (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span. Mass)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



untill March 9th





Join us as we honor St. Joseph with a novena at the 8:00 a.m. Mass from Monday, March 10 through Tuesday, March 18.

The feast will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 19 at the 7:00 p.m. Mass, followed by a time of fellowship in the parish hall. Everyone is invited to attend and bring finger foods to share with the community.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 30, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal, addressing the growing needs in our communities. By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- . help victims of domestic violence
- ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- distribute food to families in our community
- form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS – 2024

Income tax receipts are available for pickup at the Parish Office during regular hours.





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