

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 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
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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 Going on the Offensive

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. [Luke 4:1-2](#)

If someone is attacked or feels threatened, it is common to be defensive. For example, if soldiers suddenly find themselves under attack from an enemy, they will most likely take up a defensive position. Similarly, when we feel personally attacked by another or are tempted by the devil, we will often try to defend ourselves. However, within the worlds of games, sports and military activity, there is a common adage that says, "the best defense is a good offense." In other words, the best way to keep the opponent from winning is to go on the offensive rather than to sit back and take up a defensive position.

In many ways, this is what Jesus did when He entered the desert. He was aware that the evil one wanted to destroy Him. Therefore, when Jesus entered the desert for 40 days to pray and fast, He did so in a sort of offensive attack upon the devil. Jesus' temptations in the desert were not primarily difficulties He had to endure and resist. Rather, they were first and foremost ineffective attacks from the evil one, because Jesus had already embraced the opposite virtues.

What temptations and sins are among your greatest struggles? In what ways do you find yourself experiencing defeat? In what ways have you taken up a defensive position to try to overcome your struggles? Too often we approach temptations in the wrong way. We see them as attacks from the evil one that we must resist and defend ourselves against. And though that is true, it is not the full truth. The full truth is that the best way to overcome the struggles we face is to confront them directly in a vigorous and offensive way by choosing the opposite virtue.

Consider the three temptations Jesus overcame in the desert: gluttony, vainglory and greed. Jesus' entrance into the desert for those 40 days was the way by which He destroyed these temptations before they were even presented to Him. By voluntarily choosing to fast from food for those 40 days, Jesus rendered the temptation toward gluttony ineffective. By choosing the humility of entering into the solitude of the desert to be alone with His Father, Jesus robbed the temptation toward vainglory of its power. By choosing a life of poverty and simplicity, He overcame any temptation toward earthly wealth, even before it was offered to Him.

As we begin this forty-day Lenten journey, reflect, today, upon the sins and temptations in your life that need to be overcome. If you find yourself in an ongoing defensive position toward certain struggles, especially if you find yourself losing the battle at times, it's time to change your strategy. Embrace the opposite virtue of the sins you are most tempted with this Lent. Embrace those virtues in an offensive manner. Choose kindness if you struggle with anger. Choose fasting if you struggle with gluttony. Choose generosity if you struggle with greed. Whatever your struggle, turn to the virtue you need the most and make it your focus this Lent so that you, too, will be well-prepared to reject the evil one and his lies when temptation comes your way.

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INCOME TAX RECEIPTS – 2024

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

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH
LENT & HOLY WEEK
SCHEDULE 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH

MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES - 8:00 AM & 7:00PM
LITURGY OF THE WORD AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES - 12PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:15 PM
FOLLOWED BY MASS

PALM SUNDAY
SUNDAY APRIL 13

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY
THURSDAY APRIL 17

8:00 AM - MORNING PRAYER (LITURGY OF THE HOURS)
7:30PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER FOLLOWED BY ADORATION IN THE PARISH HALL UNTIL MIDNIGHT

GOOD FRIDAY
FRIDAY APRIL 18

11:00 AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
3:00 PM THE LORD'S PASSION (ENGLISH)
5:00 PM THE LORD'S PASSION (ENGLISH)

EASTER VIGIL
SATURDAY APRIL 19

9:00 AM - MORNING PRAYERS (LITURGY OF THE HOURS)
9:30AM - ROSARY OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS
9:00 PM - EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY
SUNDAY APRIL 20

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

EASTER MONDAY
MONDAY APRIL 21

8AM MASS (PARISH OFFICE CLOSED)
NO MASS AT 7PM

NOVENA SAINT JOSEPH

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!



"As Pilgrims of Hope, our traditional Lenten practices of fasting, and almsgiving help to orient our thoughts, our deeds toward God, His Kingdom and in steadfast hope, especially important, insofar as "hope is expressed and prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of ever hope leads us to desire" (CCC 1820). **Fasting** "takes up that inspire [our] activities and purifies them so as to orient to the Kingdom of heaven" (CCC 1818). And finally, **Alms** when done with compassion and in solidarity with those especially the sick, the poor, the marginalized, and the concrete expressions of hope (cf. Spes non Confundit

What are you doing for Lent

10 IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON

1. Give up sin
Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.

2. Fast
An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.

3. Pray
Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

5. Give alms
Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.

6..
Give up desirable things especially of Christ's time.

7. Do meditative reading
Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reflection.

8. Control desire for possessions
Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions.

9. Control desire for entertainment
Too much entertainment and distractions.



Your love is a guiding light during Lent

Maria, a 64-year-old newcomer to Canada, arrived seeking a fresh start but found herself struggling to find both stable employment and affordable housing. Through your support of ShareLife, she received personalized guidance at Catholic Crosscultural Services that helped her secure both a job and a home. She found stability and peace of mind, giving her the strength to embrace her new life.

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March 2nd, 2025 Sunday Offertory \$ 8,507.80**

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Mar 8 – St. John of God

8:30 am - † Immacolata Polera, by Mary Viglione
- Special intention for Caputo family, by Legion of Mary
- Thanksgiving for birthday, by Mary Mattathil

10 am - Infants Baptism

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)

Monday, Mar 10

8 am – (No intention)

10 am – Humber Valley Terrace - Mass

7pm – Complete healing for Roselyn Limos & Edelyn Magdaoung, by Judy Samaniego

Tuesday, Mar 11

8 am - † Deceased members of the Morgan & Benjamin family, by Alma and family

7 pm - † For P.C. Thomas and V.T. Mathai, by family

Wednesday, Mar 12

8 am – † Lucena Derpo and Petra Belen (death anniv.), by Belen family

7 pm - (No intention)

Thursday, Mar 13

8 am - † Marie Lorraine Chan, by family

7 pm - (No intention)

Friday, Mar 14

8 am - † For the unborn child & for every unborn child, by Puthussery family

7 pm - (No intention)

Saturday, Mar 15

8:30 am - † Lourdita Dias, by Mary Viglione

5:30 pm - Thanksgiving for Mary, Jory & Thomas Choong, by Josephine Wong

Sunday, Mar 16 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

8 am - (No intention)

9:30 am - (Ita.Mass) Prayers for healing to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm – (No intention)

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)



This Lenten season, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. Let us make the journey into the heart of our relationship with God. Take a long, loving look at the ways God calls us to grow. Take this challenge and hold it in readiness for the rich blessing that is manifest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our parish, the schedule for confessions is:

April 1st from 4 pm to 7 pm

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