

# 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  
**1<sup>st</sup> 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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## BAPTISM (CHILDREN UNDER 7 YEARS OLD)

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

"This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance." *From Pope Francis' Message for Lent, 2025*

ShareLife

You extend the hands of Christ to those in need

ShareLife Sunday is **March 30**. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$60,000.00**.

Through your support of ShareLife, you extend the hands of Christ to those in need: the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our community. Because you care, more than 40 agencies provide strength to people of all ages in their weakest moments. You've been there for young parents as they worried about their next meal, isolated seniors yearning for companionship, teenagers seeking guidance in a confusing world, refugees longing to rebuild their lives, and people with special needs striving for dignity and acceptance. Thank you for living the Gospel through your compassion.

Our parish goal this year is \$60,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

Becoming "Fully Awake"

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. [Luke 9:32-33](#)

As we are presented with this glorious event of the Transfiguration this Sunday, there are numerous lessons we can learn from it. The passage above presents us with two particular lessons.

First, Peter and his companions were overcome by sleep while Jesus was transfigured in glory and conversing with Moses and Elijah. This line could suggest many things. It could mean that Peter was weak and more concerned with his human condition than he was with attentiveness to the important journey he was invited to take with our Lord. It could reveal a kind of spiritual sloth. It is easy in life to become weary of the journey and to become drowsy at the times that we should be most attentive to our Lord. For example, think about any time when you knew you should pray but instead, sat daydreaming or distracted, or chose to fill that time with something mindless. Peter and his companions, therefore, teach us that it is easy for us in our fallen human nature to "doze off" during those times when God wants to speak to us, especially while at Mass.

Another interpretation of this line comes from the Church Father, Saint Ambrose. He suggests that this sleep of Peter and his two companions was primarily a result of them encountering "the incomprehensible brightness of the Divine nature." As Jesus was transfigured, the initial vision was too much for them to comprehend, and so this vision began with them asleep as a symbol of the fact that we are all incapable of seeing the glory of God in our weakened state. But then they became "fully awake," which implies that it took time for them to open their eyes to see the glory of God. This lesson teaches us that we all must wake up and work to become fully awake if we are to see the glory of God as He reveals Himself to us.

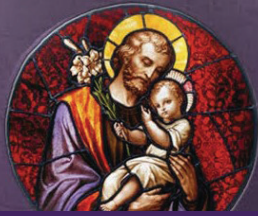
After becoming fully awake and encountering the incomprehensible brightness of the divine nature, Peter says, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." The Gospel writer then goes on to say that Peter "did not know what he was saying." Again, if we turn to Saint Ambrose, he points out that Peter's experience is commendable because he not only had earnest feelings but also took the initiative of good deeds. He wanted to build three tents so that Jesus, Moses and Elijah would remain with them. But another Church father points out that Peter "did not know what he was saying" because he did not, at that time, realize that it was indeed his mission to build a dwelling place for Jesus, the Law and the Prophets. It was his mission to build the Church, which was to be the future dwelling place of God on earth and the place in which we will encounter God throughout life.

You, too, are entrusted with the responsibility of building up the structure of the Church on earth so that many may encounter the full glory of God. This will only happen if you continually seek to become fully awakened to the glory of God as He reveals Himself to you and, in the joy of that encounter, go forth to build up God's Church by your earnest desire and intentional acts of charity.

Reflect, today, upon Peter and his two companions, James and John. Prayerfully ponder them asleep as Jesus was transfigured in glory. Reflect upon them waking up and beginning to realize what was taking place before them. Consider Peter's excitement and amazement and the effect that had on him. And then ponder how these disciples eventually did go forth to build the Church, the house of God, so that they and many others would come to meet Christ. Pray that the witness of these disciples will inspire you to follow in their footsteps.

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Y-C | MARCH 16, 2025 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH



## NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

Come celebrate St. Joseph with us by participating in a novena at the 8:00 a.m. Mass, continuing 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!



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 1<sup>st</sup> from 4 pm to 7 pm**

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## WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of    ♥ = Special 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 - † Amador Alon & Gudelia Arquelada, by Salanio family

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 - † Deacon Tom Pillisch, by parishioners

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

### Monday, Mar 17 – St. Patrick

8 am - (No intention)

10:15 am - Revera Westside - Mass

7pm - † José Bernardino, by Emma Garcia

### Tuesday, Mar 18 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8 am - (No intention)

7 pm - † Severio & Domenico Nasella, by Betty Nasella

### Wednesday, Mar 19 – St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am - Thanksgiving for Marielos' prayers, by family

7 pm - † Ruben Saez, by Mayela Alfonsin

### Thursday, Mar 20

8 am - (No intention)

7 pm - † In memory of Dorzema Noel & Lilia Joseph, by Anita Noel

### Friday, Mar 21

8 am - † Mamerta Domingo, by Araceli Hiorth & family

7 pm - † Roberto, Carolina & Cesare (death anniversary) by, Anna Lisi

### Saturday, Mar 22

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for Lilian & Sylvia, by Sylvia

† Zenaida Canonizado Fernandez, by family

5:30 pm - (No intention)

### Sunday, Mar 23 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

8 am - † Paul Sequeira, by Alex family

9:30 am - (Ita.Mass) † Giuseppe Marrello & In honour of St. Giuseppe, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Fr. Basil Cembalista, by parishioners

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Winner of Knights of Columbus 50/50 Church Building Fundraiser

**Rustom Galsim**

The winning, white-coloured ticket is #000665. Total funds collected from 50/50 raffle was \$1,512. Fifty percent or \$756 will go to the winner and the remaining \$756 will go to the Church Building fund. The Knights of Columbus decided to round up the donation to \$800.

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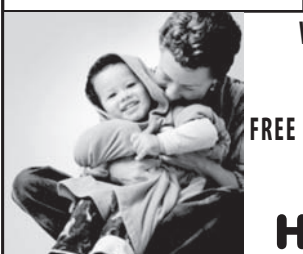
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