

# 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**  
**Fr. Alex Osei CSSp – Ghanaian Community**  
**Mr. Martins Igbino – Parish Council**  
**Mrs. Mina Moraes – Finance Council**

**Ms. Carolina Chavez – Parish Office**  
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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 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

The Divine Gardener

“For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?” He said to him in reply, ‘Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.’ Luke 13:7-9

Imagine for a moment that you were the owner of the orchard in which this fig tree was planted. After the gardener asked you to wait for one more year and promised to fertilize the unfruitful fig tree and cultivate the ground around it, you agreed. Then imagine coming to inspect that same fig tree the next year. Imagine three scenarios. First, what would you do if, once again, there were no figs present? Second, what if there were only a few figs? Third, what if the tree suddenly produced an abundance of good fruit?

It seems clear that in the first scenario, if for the fourth year in a row not a single fig was produced, it would be time to cut down the tree. This depicts the justice of God sent forth on those who obstinately resist His grace. In the second scenario, the decision might be more difficult. If the tree produced only a few figs for the first time, then perhaps that would provide enough hope for the future of that tree to ask the gardener to continue caring for it. This depicts those who are in a state of grace but are still lazy in their service of the will of God. In the third scenario, however, the reaction of the owner of the orchard would be clear. There would be much excitement and gratitude that the gardener’s good work paid off.

Jesus is the Gardener, and we are the fig tree. This parable should lead us to look at our lives and examine whether or not we bear good fruit for the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus comes to you to cultivate the soil of your heart, fertilizing it with His holy Word, watering it with His Sacraments and doing all He can to give you the opportunity to produce the fruit of charity in your life. How successful are these actions of our Lord in your life?

Too often, when we see only a little good fruit being borne from our lives, we are satisfied. And though any good fruit is good, we are wasting our lives if we do not do all we can to become as abundantly fruitful as possible. Imagine the joy in the Hearts of our Lord and the Father in Heaven if they were to look upon you and see good fruit being produced beyond expectation. Why wouldn't this be your goal in life? Our Lord is patient, but He is also just. Do not try His patience, and do not succumb to His justice.

Reflect, today, upon the image of you being this fig tree and our Lord as the divine Gardener. Commit yourself to His actions of tilling and fertilizing. You do so by strengthening your commitment to reading and understanding the Word of God, by participating more fully in the Sacraments, by being more focused upon your daily prayer, by examining your conscience more fully, and by sincerely confessing your sins. Do all you can to cooperate with the action of our divine Gardener and you will be amazed at the good fruit that begins to pour forth from your life.

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**ShareLife** Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry

For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can't learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The FoodShare program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall “is a lifeline for families,” says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny. “It helps parents provide food for their children, reduces their stress, and allows them to focus on being the best parents they can be.”

ShareLife Sunday is **March 30**. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$60,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



Jesus in the confessional is not a dry cleaner: it is an encounter with Jesus, who waits for us just as we are. Is going to confession like a torture session? No! It is going to praise God, because I, a sinner, have been saved by Him. And is He waiting to beat me? No, he waits with tenderness to forgive me. And if tomorrow I do the same? Go again, and go and go and go. He always waits for us.” - Pope Francis. This Lent, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. Confessions at our parish will be available on

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

**St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship**  
**March 16th, 2025**  
**Sunday Offertory \$ 7,947.00**

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Y-C | MARCH 23, 2025 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

## WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of    ♥ = Special Intention

### Saturday, Mar 22

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

† Zenaida Canonizado Fernandez, by family

5:30 pm - † Musabyimana Thaddee, by Adolphine Hambayire

### 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*)

### Monday, Mar 24

8 am - Birthday & Intentions of Aurore Maloh, by King Solomon

7pm - † Joseph & Maryrose Bonello, Andrew Vella & Christine Greco, by Martese

### Tuesday, Mar 25 – The Annunciation of The Lord

8 am - (*No intention*)

7 pm - (*No intention*)

### Wednesday, Mar 26

8 am - Thanksgiving for Claudia & Mateo, by family

7 pm - (*No intention*)

### Thursday, Mar 27

8 am - † Guillermo Regala, by Regala family

7 pm – Thanksgiving for Krishna Trinidad, by Krishna & family

### Friday, Mar 28

8 am - (*No intention*)

7 pm - † Divina Pascual Dabu, by family

### Saturday, Mar 29

8:30 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla

5:30 pm - † Harold, Mercy, Desa & Dias family, by Celena Dias

### Sunday, Mar 30 – 4th Sunday of Lent

8 am - † Gennaro Sestini (10 yrs death anniversary), by daughter Patricia

9:30 am - (*Ita.Mass*) In honour of Madonna Addolorata, by Maria Therese & Antonio

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Fr. Stephen Kopfensteiner, by parishioners

2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)

5:30 pm - (*Span.Mass*) † Lucy Villada (3 años de fallecida), ofrece familia Villada-Gutierrez



On Fridays, we refrain from eating meat since Jesus sacrificed his flesh for us on Good Friday.

## WHY NO MEAT?

### Why is fish permitted on Fridays?

Fish doesn't belong to the "flesh meats." The Latin word for meat "caro" from which we get words like **carnivore** and **carnivorous** applies to flesh meat only and does not include fish.

Traditionally, meat was more expensive and eaten only during times of feasting and rejoicing.



### What is considered flesh meat?

Flesh meat includes any meat from poultry or mammals, such as beef, chicken and pork. Products that come from these animals can be consumed on Fridays, such as milk and eggs.



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## INCOME TAX RECEIPTS – 2024

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

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## Community of Hope Outreach: Connecting with Seniors Project

We are looking for volunteers to check-in regularly by phone or Zoom with seniors in their local community who may be socially or physically isolated.



If you are interested, email or call Suzanne: outreach@beingwith.org; 647-448-8873.

We aim to serve people across Canada. Volunteers who are proficient in French are also needed. "Community of Hope Outreach" is an extension of CCC's "Being With" visiting program.

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## Food Collection Drive!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus are having a food collection drive on the weekend of April 5/6. Help those in need in our community.

Gladly accepting:

- Canned food,
- Non-perishable items
- Baby food, diapers



Help make a difference during this Lenten season.

## 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.

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.

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