

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)

2:00pm (Twi) 5:30pm (Spanish)

11:00am & 12:30pm

5:30pm

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. Alax Osci CSSp. – Changing Community

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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.

Welcome home to St. Andrew's

SL ShareLife

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. But ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way.

As a family of faith, we lift each other up from our lowest moments. Nick's life had an easy start – he came from a good home, where he was raised with a strong work ethic, and he welcomed a son. But living with a mental illness, he struggled more than some. Deep inside, he felt like something was missing, and he devastatingly fell into addiction. With your helping hand, he rose up through the DARE Program at Good Shepherd.

"By the grace of God, I am still alive," he proclaims. "I'd love to be able to give back what was so freely given to me. I am taking roles of service, giving back as much as I can. I was afraid I'd never be able to feel the way I feel. I am very grateful that I have been given this opportunity to be sober." Thanks to your support, he is no longer just surviving—he is thriving, with a heart full of hope and a future filled with promise.

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.



To return to the Lord with integrity, we benefit greatly from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year, we will provide the opportunity for all. This Lent, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness.

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 1st from 4 pm to 7 pm



February & March 2025 We would like to congratulate the parents of the Newly Baptized Children Nicole Oluwafunbi Dixon, Meili Eliana Perera Kotiwila Appuhamilage, Eliana Jade Darkwah, Achsah-Peniel Adwapa Owusu, Delight Ebubechukwu Nmezi and Nico Thanasi Sipsas

Seeking the Lost

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable. Luke 15:1-3

This is good news! Our Lord "welcomes sinners and eats with them." For that reason, there is room at His table for you!

Sometimes it's hard to admit that we are sinners. Of course we know in our minds that we are. But our pride can easily lead us to justify our sin, downplay it and conclude that we are not that bad after all. If you find yourself thinking this way, be careful. Doing so will make you like the Pharisees and scribes in the passage above. Clearly they did not see themselves as sinners, which is why they condemned Jesus for welcoming sinners and eating with them.

The passage above comes from the beginning of Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel and serves as an introduction to three subsequent parables. First, our Lord tells the Parable of the Lost Sheep, then the Parable of the Lost Coin, and then the Parable found in the rest of today's Gospel passage, the Parable of the Lost Son. In the first parable, the shepherd who finds his lost sheep rejoices. In the second parable, the woman who finds her lost coin rejoices. And in the parable we read today, the father who finds his lost son rejoices and throws a party to celebrate.

Return, again, to the passage above that introduces these three parables: "Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus." Once they drew near, Jesus spoke to them about the joy of finding that which was lost. Perhaps as Jesus initially spoke about the finding of the lost sheep and lost coin, this would have resonated with these tax collectors and sinners to a certain degree. But then our Lord tells them the long and detailed story about this boy who disrespects his father, takes his inheritance, squanders it on illicit living, and ends up with nothing. The story expresses the confusion of this boy, his desperation, his guilt and his shame. We learn of his interior thinking, reasoning, fears and anxiety.

As you ponder this parable, try to understand the effect that it would have had upon the tax collectors and sinners who all drew near to our Lord. They were spiritually hungry, just as the prodigal son was. They had a past full of regret, just as this boy. They were unsatisfied in life and were looking for a way out, just as this son of the loving father was. For these reasons, those tax collectors and sinners who drew near Jesus would have been mesmerized by all that Jesus taught them and filled with hope that they, too, could share in the joy that was so generously bestowed upon this wayward son.

Reflect, today, upon the touching image of these tax collectors and sinners drawing near to Jesus. Though they may have had a certain fear and caution, they would have also had hope. Try to understand what they must have thought and felt as they heard this story of the father's abundant mercy. Think about how they would have related as they discovered that there was hope for them, too. If you struggle with being like the scribes and Pharisees, reject that temptation. Instead, see yourself as one of those sinners who drew near to our Lord and you will be the cause of joy in the Heart of the Father in Heaven.

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St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship March 23rd, 2025 Sunday Offertory \$ 8,696.00

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Y-C | MARCH 30, 2025 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS \dagger = For the soul of $\mathbf{v} = Special Intention$ 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

Monday, Mar 31

8 am - 12th birthday of Juan Gabriel Gardon, by Joanne & Rammil Gardon 7pm - Special intention for Umaima Shahbaz, by Nazish Gill

Tuesday, Apr 1

8 am - † Kolodzia family members, by Bronislawa

4 - 7 pm - Lenten Confessions

7 pm - (No intention)

Wednesday, Apr 2 - St. Francis of Paola

8 am - † Jose Buni, by Mary Lou

7 pm - (*No intention*)

Thursday, Apr 3

8 am - † Maria Fernandes, by Fernandes family

7 pm - Thanksgiving for Maria Lourdes Fajardo, by family

Friday, Apr 4 - St. Isidore

8 am - † Michael and Anne Ah-Fat, by Chan family

- Thanksgiving for Fidelia Ikokide on her birthday, by family

7 pm - † Michele Corvinelli, by family

Saturday, Apr 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer

8:30 am - † Lu Yun Hsiang, by family

† Uthayakumar Ponniah, by wife Mary

5:30 pm - †sister Lidia (1 yr death anniv.) Desa, Gomes & Desa family members, by Dias family

- Thanksgiving for Dave Cartlidge on his 90th birthday, by family

Sunday, Apr 6 - 5th Sunday of Lent

8 am - † Maria Incoronata Corvinelli, by family

9:30 am - (Ita. Mass) † Pietro, Giulio, Sandra & Giacinto D'Massimo, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - Thanksgiving for Becky Ovuoke on her birthday, by Eloho 2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

Food Collection Drive!



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







Compassionate Community Care

Community of Hope Outreach: Connecting with Seniors Project

Regular check-ins by phone or Zoom with seniors who may not be able to receive an in-person visitor.



This calling service is for persons aged 55+ who may be socially or physically isolated and are looking for support, or a friendly person to talk to. It is part of our mission to create significant caring communities.

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

We aim to serve people across Canada. Calls are available in both English and French to eligible participants.

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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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