

# 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**1st Saturday Devotions

8:30am to 6:30pm
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

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Ms. Sharanka Prince Yogarajah – Youth Coordinator sprince@archtoronto.org

#### 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!**

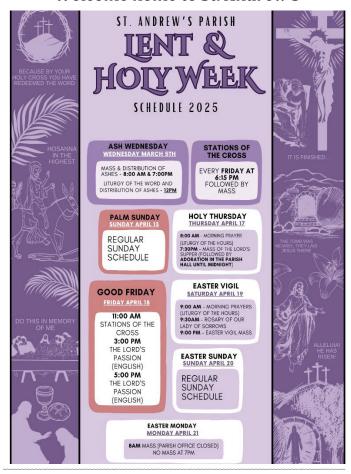
Welcome to St. Andrew! We'd like you to know that we are here to support you and together come closer to Christ.

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**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Y-C | APRIL 6, 2025 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

#### Welcome home to St. Andrew's



# **SL** ShareLife

#### You open the door to safety from abuse

Your support of ShareLife-funded agencies is a saving grace for victims of domestic abuse. Maria was trapped in an abusive relationship, isolated from family and friends. A mother of three, pregnant with her fourth, she needed to escape for her safety and theirs. At Safe Centre of Peel, led by Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, 17 partner agencies unite to care for families. They provide legal assistance, safe housing, and financial aid. Through your solidarity, Maria and her young children were able to secure the freedom they deserve.

Thus far we have raised \$12,991.35 toward our goal of \$60,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at sharelife.org/donate.

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship March 30th, 2025 Sunday Offertory \$ 8,014.10

#### **INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - 2024**

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

#### Scandalized by Mercy

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. John 8:1–3

What a painful and humiliating experience this must have been for this woman! Fortunately, the Savior of the World was there to care for her and to help her navigate this situation through His abundant mercy. Though she was a sinner, God's mercy offered a remedy for her sin and its consequences.

Interestingly, this story is not included in some of the most ancient manuscripts of the Gospel of John. Saint Augustine believed that it was excluded by some of the early copyists of this Gospel because they were moral rigorists and were scandalized by the depths of Jesus' mercy. They feared that if this incredible act of mercy was conveyed to others, it would lead to a relaxation of moral rules.

The scribes and Pharisees who brought this woman to Jesus also appeared to be scandalized by Jesus' mercy. Thus, the depths of mercy offered to this woman was one of many occasions in which Jesus was merciful to a point that was hard for the people to comprehend.

How about you? How far are you willing to go when it comes to mercy? It is easy for us to resort to condemnation when we see the sins of others. We might feel justified in condemning them and even obliged to do so out of a desire to condemn sin itself. But Jesus' action shows that the sin must not be equated with the sinner. Sin must be condemned and was condemned by our Lord when He said to this woman, "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." Though He condemned her sin, he did not condemn her: "Neither do I condemn you."

The mercy of God is incomprehensible. For example, recall that Jesus cried out from the Cross, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Imagine the surprise that the first hearers of those words would have had. How could this man ask that God forgive the people who were murdering Him? Perhaps the only person who truly understood this prayer of mercy from the Cross was Jesus' own mother as she stood there gazing at Him with love.

An important lesson for us to learn from Jesus' depth of mercy is that, at first, it will most likely scandalize us also. Mercy to this extent is supernatural. It challenges our natural reason and calls us to a new way of thinking and relating to others. The only way to overcome the "scandal" we might feel in the face of God's mercy is to live it ourselves. Doing so will require that we put on new eyes to see sin, mercy and forgiveness through the eyes of God. If doing so shakes you to the core of your being, that might be a good sign. Are you allowing the apparent scandal of God's abundant mercy to transform you so that it is no longer a shock or scandal to you, but is experienced as good and holy and from the Heart of our God?

Reflect, today, upon how deeply you understand God's mercy. Do you rejoice when mercy is offered to another? Or do you find yourself condemning? Our Lord said, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." None of us are without sin; therefore, none of us has the right to cast a stone at another. Allow the apparent scandal of God's mercy to challenge you so that you come to not only understand God's infinite mercy but also to act as an instrument of that mercy to everyone.

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#### **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



Help make a difference during this Lenten season.

#### WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

 $\dagger$  = For the soul of

**♥** = Special Intention

#### 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)

#### Monday, Apr 7 - St. John Baptist de la Salle

8 am - Special intention for Umaima Shahbaz, by Nazish Gill

7pm - Thanksgiving for prayers answered & blessings, by Anita Michelucci

#### Tuesday, Apr 8

8 am - † Gloria Mesina (4th death anniversary), by family

7 pm - † Franco Preiano, by Rosina Preiano

#### Wednesday, Apr 9

8 am - † Mathew Jacob, by Usha Jacob

7 pm - † Carmela Pistore, by Mary Notarianni

#### Thursday, Apr 10

8 am - † Kokoszka family, by Bronislawa

7 pm - † Giovanni Iorfida, by daughter

#### Friday, Apr 11 - St. Stanislaus

 $8\ \mathrm{am}$  - Prayers for healing to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, by family

† Ye Fong Young, by family

7 pm - † Milton & Marie Fernando, by family

#### Saturday, Apr 12

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for Dr. Christian Agatemor, by Eloho

- Thanksgiving for Gloria & Romeo Aquino, by family

5:30 pm - For the intentions of Choong family, by Josephine Wong

#### Sunday, Apr 13 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8 am - † David Chapman, by Salanio family

9:30 am - (Ita. Mass) † Anna, Nicola, Filippo & Franco Zampino, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Fr. Pietro Schiavinato, by parishioners

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

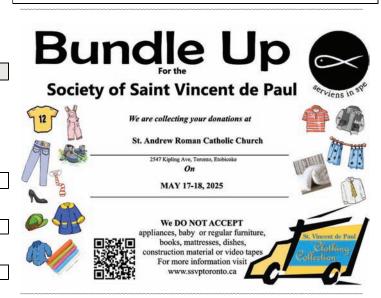
Our next session of Marriage Preparation Course will be on May 3 and May 10. Both days start at 10am to 4pm. To register call the office or 416 910 1439 or 647 402 5847.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 12:00 pm. (All schools)

**CONFIRMATION** ceremony will be on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 11:00 am. (All schools)

More details are to follow in the coming weeks. If you have any questions - please do not hesitate to reach out to us by email on Flocknote.



St. Vincent de Paul Society is accepting registrations for Marygrove Camp for Girls ages 5 to 13 for a period of a week starting Friday, July 4 to Wednesday, August 27 and Camp Ozanam for Boys ages 7 to 12 for a period of a week starting Tuesday, July 16 to Wednesday, August 13. These camps provide a camping experience for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. Families who are



experiencing financial or domestic hardship may contact St. Andrew's SSVP at 437-241-1335, leave your name and number requesting information for our camps. If you know of a child or children who may benefit from this experience please call with their contact information. Each camper's holiday is fully subsidized through the generous support of an annual Camp Collection held in the parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto.

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