

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 & Thursday1st 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

StAndrewsET@archtoronto.org

Fr. Timothy Kinyua Gatitu, IMC – Associate Pastor Rev. Mr. Joseph Owusu-Afriyie – Permanent Deacon

Fr. Alex Osei CSSp – Ghanaian Community

Mr. Martins Igbinoba – Parish Council Mrs. Mina Moraes – Finance Council

Ms. Carolina Chavez – Parish Office

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

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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD | Y-C | JUN 1, 2025 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Welcome home to St. Andrew's

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the LORD

And with that, the earthly mission of Jesus was completed and He ascended into Heaven. Or was it? Was His mission completed? Yes, but only in the sense that our Lord's work of destroying death and offering new life was accomplished by His life, death and resurrection. Human nature was now invited to share in a new life of grace.

Prayerfully imagine standing on the mountain of the Ascension with our Lord. As you gaze upon Him, imagine that you were also present with Him throughout His public ministry. Imagine witnessing His many miracles, the way that He converted the hardest of hearts, the authority with which He spoke, His arrest, torture, death and then His Resurrection. Imagine seeing His hands and feet, once pierced, now radiating glory from those wounds. As you see our Lord in this way, imagine Him looking at you with love and saying to you that He has chosen to send you forth to the world to be a witness to Him and to all that you have seen and encountered. You are to go forth sharing the Good News of His life, death and resurrection with all whom you come in contact with.

First, our Lord has, indeed, shared His entire life with you. By reading the Gospels, you become a firsthand witness to all that Jesus did and accomplished. His Word is alive, and it reveals His very Person to you, just as it did to His first followers. Second, Jesus does call you to go forth and to share this living Gospel with the world. Therefore, it is important to ponder how you can do such a thing. How can you give witness to the Resurrection of Christ? How can you change lives? How can you continue the mission of Jesus Himself?

The promise given by our Lord to the disciples on the mountain of the Ascension is also a promise given to you. He is promising to send the Holy Spirit upon you so as to clothe you "with power from on high." Only by receiving that power and using it fully will you be able to accomplish the mission that our Lord has given to you. Therefore, will you open yourself to the Holy Spirit and commit yourself to the continuation of Christ's mission?

If we were to fully understand the mission we have received from Jesus, it would fill us with a holy fear. But too often the realization of what God wants of us fills us with an unholy fear instead. We think about evangelizing others, sharing our faith, witnessing to the truth by our actions, loving our enemies and living for the Gospel alone, and it can appear overwhelming. If that is the case with you, then know that this form of unholy fear can be dispelled so that the gift of holy fear can take its place. Holy fear is a gift of the Holy Spirit that inspires us to sense the awesomeness of God and the mission we are given by encountering it firsthand. It motivates us, encourages us and leaves us with wonder and awe. From there, this and every other gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to fulfill the unending mission of Christ.

Reflect, today, upon the particular mission that God has given to you. Prayerfully look at Jesus as He stands on the mountain of the Ascension and looks at you. As He does, let Him reveal to you not only His very Person, but also your particular sharing in His ongoing mission of sharing the Good News to the ends of the earth. Receive that mission with courage, joy and holy fear. Reverence it, savor it, ponder it and accept it. Commit yourself to this glorious sharing in the life of Christ by committing yourself to become a witness to Christ until the end of your life on earth.

My ascended Lord, as You entered body and soul into the full and glorious presence of Your Father, You handed on to your disciples the duty of completing Your mission on earth. I hear Your call in my life, dear Lord, and commit myself to the glorious task of continuing that mission on earth. Please use me as You will and fill me with power from on high so that I may help share Your saving Word to the ends of the earth. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Let us not forget to pray the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

 \dagger = For the soul of

 $\mathbf{v} = Special Intention$

Saturday, May 31st - THE VISITATION OF BVM

8:30 am - † Mary & Regina Caeli, by Juanita Bradley

5:30 pm - † Corazon Galicia, by Helde Garcia

Sunday, Jun 1st - ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8 am - † Paul and Asunta Sequeira, by Alex family

 Thanksgiving for service in Parish and Prayers for Opal Chearon, by Social & Hospitality Committee

9:30 am - (Ita.Mass) † Cutrara family (Filippo, Maria, Salvatore), by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Desiree Sukul, by Sylvia

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span. Mass) † 2nd death anniversary of Raul Reyes, by family

Monday, Jun 2nd

8 am - Joseph Pellerito - For His health, by friend

7 pm - (No Intention)

Tuesday, Jun 3rd

8 am - Healing prayers for Josephine Ibanez, by Gardon family

7 pm - ♥ Kevin Anuli, by Joliana Okoro

Wednesday, Jun 4th

8 am - † For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, by family

7 pm - † Milton and Marie Fernando, by family

Thursday, Jun 5th

8 am - ♥ Errol Alex, by Parishioners

7 pm - (No Intention)

Friday, Jun 6th

8 am - † Fr. Marcario Bustos & Nora Aunor, by Garcia family

7 pm - † In memory of little Ethan, by Fr. George and Parishioners

Saturday, Jun 7th

8:30 am - (No Intention)

11:00am - Confirmation Ceremony

5:30pm - For the intentions of Agnes and Everett Harper & family, by family

Sunday, Jun 8th - PENTECOST

8 am - † Biagio, Marianna and Assuntina Simonetta, by family

9:30 am - † (Ita. Mass)

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Eliseo Manzano, by Rodill family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span. Mass)

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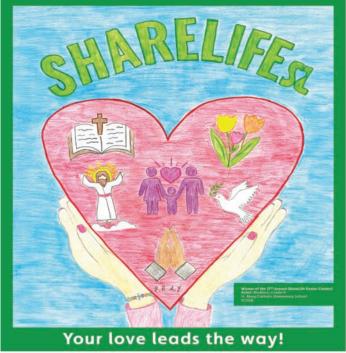
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A Passage of Hope: Isaiah 43:1b-3a

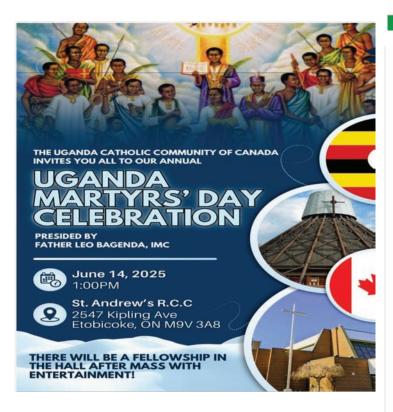
"...Fear not, for I have redeemed you: I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior..."



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