



# 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**  
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**Ms. Sharanka Prince Yogarajah – Youth Coordinator**  
[sprince@archtoronto.org](mailto: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**

Welcome back home to St. Andrew's



**What is going on at St. Andrew's?**

Take a look and see! We have repaved our Parking Lot for the betterment of our St. Andrew's Community. Parking in a hurry for Sunday Mass? After its completion, it will be a lot smoother to park so you don't miss Fr's homily and most importantly, Our Lord in the Eucharist. Your donations go to fund important projects such as these and we thank you for your generosity. God bless you!



We have been blessed with a rare and remarkable gift from one of our devoted parishioners, a unique opportunity to support our Church Building Fund in a very special way. We can't give away the surprise just yet, but trust us, it's something beautiful and one-of-a-kind. Please mark your calendars: on the weekend of August 23-24, there will be special presentations after all Masses to unveil this exciting opportunity and explain how you can take part.

Readings for Sunday Mass on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025:

**First Reading:** *Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 40:2,3,4,18*

**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 12:1-4*

**Gospel:** *Luke 12:49-53*

**WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS**

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

**Saturday, Aug 16<sup>th</sup> – St. Stephen of Hungary**

8:30 am – † Judy Marion, by Alex family

5:30pm – † Mr. & Mrs. Carvalho and Mr. & Mrs. Freeda / Francis Machado, by Roland & Jean Fernandes

**Sunday, Aug 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 am – † Asunta and Paul Sequeira, by family

9:30 am - *(Ita.Mass)*

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm – Birthday of Bolou N'Guessan, by Ange Aimee Edith Dre

2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*

5:30 pm - *(Span.Mass)*

**Monday, Aug 18<sup>th</sup>**

8 am – Thanksgiving for Agatha Daniel on her birthday, by Alma & family

7 pm – † Emilia, Hanna, Regina and Salim Mousalam, by family

**Tuesday, Aug 19<sup>th</sup> – St. John Eudes, Priest**

8 am – † Genowefa Kokoszka, by Bronislawa

7 pm – (No Intention)

**Wednesday, Aug 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Bernard**

8 am – † Henryk Kokoszka, by Bronislawa

7 pm – Healing from heart procedure for Babra Khan, by Sufia Khan

**Thursday, Aug 21<sup>st</sup> – St. Pius X, Pope**

8 am – † Koladziej family, by Bronislawa

7 pm – † Virgilio & Wilbert Ramirez (death anniv.), by Carmela

**Friday, Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> – THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BVM**

8 am – Thanksgiving to St. Andrew, by Mary & family

7 pm – (No Intention)

**Saturday, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> – St. Rose of Lima, Virgin**

8:30 am – (No Intention)

5:30pm – † Mae Choong, by Josephine Wong

**Sunday, Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 am – † Pedro and Josefa Galicia, by Champion family

9:30 am - *(Ita.Mass)*

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm – † June Marie and Gloria Galicia, by Champion family

2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*

5:30 pm - *(Span.Mass)*



**RCIA 2025–2026 Registration Process Update**

Following a recent meeting with our clergy and RCIA team, guidelines have been updated for the acceptance of candidates into the 2025–2026 RCIA program at St. Andrew's Parish.

To ensure sincere faith formation, all prospective RCIA candidates will now be referred to the Pastor or Associate Pastor for a personal interview prior to registration. A registration form will only be given at the discretion of the interviewing priest.

**For those residing within parish boundaries:** Candidates may be registered after the interview or asked to actively participate in parish life for a certain period of time before joining the program. Children will only be eligible for the RCIC Baptism program after their parents have received the Sacraments of Initiation.

**For those living outside the parish:** Candidates will generally be encouraged to register for RCIA at their local parish.







**Archdiocese of Toronto**  
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 Adults: \$10 / Youth (0-18): Free / Bus: \$200\*

\*Bus admissions are charged as a flat rate and exclude complimentary admissions.




**SUNDAY AUGUST 24 2025**

**PROGRAM**  
**9:00 – 10:45 a.m.**  
 Arrival and personal time to explore and discover the grounds;  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation offered  
**11:00 a.m.**  
 Holy Mass with Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto  
**12:30 p.m.**  
 Lunch (you are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch – limited catering available onsite)  
**1:30 p.m.**  
 Rosary Procession  
**2:00 p.m.**  
 Eucharistic Adoration  
**2:45 p.m.**  
 Benediction  
**3:00 p.m.**  
 Fellowship and departure at leisure

### Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Bernadette

As this month in the Catholic Church is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and major Marian feast days are to be celebrated for this month, we take the time to reflect on a major apparition within the Catholic Church. With the Assumption on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the Queenship on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we take time to honor Our Lady and a beloved saint she had appeared to.

Born at Lourdes, France, on January 7, the oldest child of miller Francis Soubirous and his wife, Louise, she was called Bernadette as a child, lived in abject poverty with her parents, was uneducated, and suffered from asthma. On February 11, 1858, while collecting firewood on the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes, she saw a vision of the Virgin Mary in a cave above the riverbank. Her report provoked skepticism, but her daily visions of the Lady from February 18 through March 4 drew great crowds of people. Despite great hostility on the part of the civil authorities, she persisted in her claims, and on February 25 caused a spring to flow where none had been before. On March 25, the vision told her it was the Immaculate Conception and directed her to build a chapel on the site.

The story of Lourdes is well known. Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared eighteen times to fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous in that small town located in the foothills of the Pyrene Mountains of southern France.

Her attention was drawn to the noise of rustling bushes near the Grotto of Massabielle, from the French *villemasse* meaning ancient mass. Then Bernadette saw a beautiful young girl of sixteen or seventeen. She described this girl as "dressed in a white robe, girded at the waist with a blue ribbon. She wore upon her head a white veil which gave just a glimpse of hair. Her feet were bare but covered by the last folds of her robe and a yellow rose was upon each of them. She held on her right arm a rosary of white beads with a chain of gold shining like the two roses on her feet."

Bernadette knelt and began to pray the rosary. At the end of the five decades the woman smiled and disappeared. The young visionary returned and on February 18 Our Lady began her message telling young Bernadette, "I do not promise to make you happy in this life but in the next." On February 24, Mary asked for penance and prayer for the conversion of sinners and the following day, she instructed Bernadette to dig the ground near the grotto. From that a spring came forth which to this day is used for the bath by pilgrims to Lourdes.

At the apparition of March 2, Bernadette was instructed by Our Lady to "tell the priests that people should come here in procession and that a chapel should be built on the site." On the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, the Blessed Virgin told Bernadette in the dialect of Lourdes, "I am the Immaculate Conception." This dogma had been defined by Pope Pius IX just a few years earlier on December 8, 1854.

The Basilica at Lourdes was consecrated in 1876 and the faithful, countless in number, flock in pious pilgrimage to the holy grotto. It is there that their faith and devotion are aroused, and they recommit themselves to conform their lives to the Christian message. There, as well, miraculous favors are granted and healings, both physical and spiritual, have taken place. Great emphasis is placed on devotion to the Eucharist and just as at the wedding feast of Cana, Mary points to her Son.



Pope Leo XIV's August Prayer Intention is for **Mutual Coexistence**. Let us pray that where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



### Parking at the Parish (Announcement)

Our Parking Lot is being repaved and re-marked. For this project and after its completion, unauthorized vehicles over the night will be ticketed and/or towed. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our parking areas accessible, safe and clean!



We would like to congratulate the parents of the Newly Baptized Children of August 2025:

Kyler Josh Lanuza Agram, Dina Teixeira Alentejeiro, Pablo Alejandro Teixeira Alentejeiro, Amelia Grace Agaton Fernandes, Jett Primo Alvaro Ipan, Chloe, Oluwatomiwa Liasu, Kehinde Cara Liasu, Taiwo Charis Liasu, Versai Kwabena Boateng Owusu-Ansah, Ezekiel Rhyd Ligsay Sibbaluca, Nature Eyor Smith



### The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast day of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast day was instituted by Pope Pius XII on the Octave after the Solemnity of the Assumption. This is a wonderful time to devote yourselves to Our Lady and pray the Holy Rosary.



### Attention for those looking to book Masses for 2026

Our Mass Intentions book has arrived at the Parish Office! Using the Mass Intentions form located in the back of the Church, you may now book Mass intentions up until 2027. All Mass Intentions are first come, first serve and currently set at 20\$ per Mass. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.



### Upcoming Collections at our Parish:

\*Canadian Missions: This Weekend\*

Needs of the Church in Canada: Sept 28<sup>th</sup>

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation: Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

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*Pray the Holy Rosary.*

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