

# 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**  
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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 back home to St. Andrew's



### WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of      ♥ = Special Intention

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

8:30 am – Special Intention for Anna Wangida, by family  
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)

#### Monday, Aug 25<sup>th</sup> – St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8 am – † Alex, Rose & Louis D'Souza, by family  
7 pm – † Anne Margaret McAvoy, by Carol Anne McAvoy

#### Tuesday, Aug 26<sup>th</sup>

8 am – † Asunta Sequeira, by family  
7 pm – † Maria Concetta Nasella, by daughter Betty Nasella

#### Wednesday, Aug 27<sup>th</sup> – St. Monica

8 am – † In memory of Zenaiola Canonizado Fernandez, by family  
7 pm – † Bonifacio Molina, by Rudy and family

#### Thursday, Aug 28<sup>th</sup> – St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8 am – Thanksgiving Mass, by Sebastian family  
7 pm – † Lucy, Peter & Dominic D'Souza, by family

#### Friday, Aug 29<sup>th</sup> – The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8 am – † Mercedes Pulla, by Jose Pulla  
7 pm – Birthday of Joanne Gardon, by Gardon family

#### Saturday, Aug 30<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am – Thanksgiving for Sharanka Prince, by parishioners and staff  
- † In memory of Veglia Speranza, by parishioners  
5:30pm – † Dias, Gomes and Fernandes, Dsa, Rodrigues, by Dias family

#### Sunday, Aug 31<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am – † Maria Parone, by family  
9:30 am - (Ita.Mass)  
11 am - For the people of the Parish  
12:30pm – † Kevin Lobo (2<sup>nd</sup> yr death anniv.), by Lobo family  
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)  
5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

### Readings for Sunday Mass on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025:

**First Reading:** Isaiah 66:18-21

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 117:1,2

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

**Gospel:** Luke 13:22-30

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

Take a look and see! We have finally finished our re-pavement project of St. Andrew's parking lot. Now as you make your way into the Church for a prayer, Mass or our Parish Office for a Mass Intention or other inquires, it will be a much smoother drive or even walk! Projects like this are possible with your generous support through donations.



An additional reminder that unauthorized vehicles parked overnight will be ticketed and/or towed. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our parking areas accessible, safe and clean! Thank you and 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: This weekend on August 23–24, there will be special presentations after all Masses to unveil this exciting opportunity and explain how you can take part.



### The Passion of St. John the Baptist:

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month, the Catholic Church remembers the Passion of St. John the Baptist. This is a Memorial of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. St. John the Baptist, pray for us.



Pope Leo XIV's September Prayer Intention is for **relationship with all of creation**. Let us pray that inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

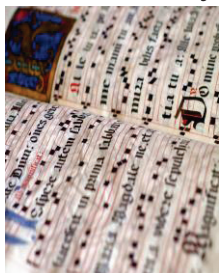




## Attention for those looking to book Masses for 2026

Our Mass Intentions book has arrived at the Parish Office! Using the Mass Intentions form located in the back of the Church. 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.

## History of Chant in the Catholic Church



Gregorian chant is the chant proper to the liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church. Bequeathed to us by a long tradition, this musical repertoire, which the Second Vatican Council calls "a treasure of inestimable value", was composed mainly from Latin Biblical verses.

Gregorian chant has a complex history and its origin and initial developments are largely unknown. Although the elaboration of Gregorian chant was heavily influenced by Jewish and Greek musical culture – especially for its modality – it is first and foremost a Latin chant.

An 'ancient collection' of ecclesiastical chants with simple melodies was first built up in the West in around 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> centuries. This was based on recitatives in the liturgy of the first generations of Christians. A local repertoire developed in several regions: Roman chants, Beneventan (southern Italy), Milanese – i.e. Ambrosian – (northern Italy), Hispanic and Gallican (in Gaul). The popes between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> centuries, especially Leo the Great, Gelasius and Gregory the Great (to whom Gregorian chant owes its name), helped organize the repertoire throughout the liturgical year.

In the mid-8<sup>th</sup> century, the Frankish kingdom of Pepin the Short adopted the Roman liturgy. Roman cantors crossed the Alps and spread the chant by oral transmission. Proof of this is found in the manuscript liturgical books, which contain chant texts but no melodies. A new repertoire emerged in northern Gaul, representing a successful fusion of Roman and Gallican chants. With Charlemagne and the crucial role of monasteries in spreading chant throughout Western Christendom, what was now known as Gregorian chant really took off. During the 10<sup>th</sup> century, this extended repertoire was transcribed onto manuscripts using various musical notations. Lined staves, which were gradually introduced in the 11<sup>th</sup> century, helped achieve more accurate transmission of the melodies.

The emergence of polyphony – which distorted the phrasing, melody and especially rhythm of Gregorian chant – at the end of the mediaeval period, marked the beginning of its gradual decline. After being discarded by the Renaissance and Protestantism, many attempts were made to restore Gregorian chant according to the rules of modern music from the early 17<sup>th</sup> century onwards. This disfigured, distorted version of the chant lost its purity and power of expression and so ceased to interpret and inspire the Church's prayer as it once had.

It was Dom Guéranger (1805–1875, see bust opposite) who took the initiative to restore Gregorian chant according to the manuscripts. The aim of his research and restoration was to publish liturgical books. This major work, which the Church has officially requested Solesmes to undertake since Pope Leo XIII, was accomplished slowly but surely in the musical palaeography workshop at Solesmes. It continues today so that, in accordance with the words of Pope St Pius X (1903–1914), all people may "pray with the help of beauty."

Let us take the time on Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, to celebrate the feast day of Pope St. Gregory for his remarkable change to liturgical music that we know today as 'Gregorian Chant.'



## 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/RCIC and Infant Baptism program's 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.



Next Monday on September 1<sup>st</sup>, the Parish Office will be closed. There will only be one Mass at 8am. We at St. Andrew's hope you have a lovely long weekend.



## His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo Presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal

On August 11<sup>th</sup>, His Eminence was presented the medal by Premier Doug Ford. The Coronation Medal is the first Canadian medal to mark a coronation. Let us continue praying in thanksgiving for the wonderful work being done by our Cardinal Frank Leo.

## Important Announcements and Reminder's for all.

We kindly request for your cooperation in helping clean up our parish. Please remove any personal belongings, as well as items belonging to groups, communities, and ministries that have been stored on parish premises.

**All remaining items left behind after Saturday, September 27th will be placed in a collection bin and disposed of.**

We'd like to thank the respective families who have donated the new Pillar and Our Lady Statue in our **Parish Hall, located at the corner of the entrance of the hall, next to the kitchen door.** Our request is that this be a place of prayer. We invite parishioners to pray with the intention of the needs of the Parish, in this new place of prayer.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Parish Office.

**LET US PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD.  
PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY, DAILY.**

**St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship  
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