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Feast of the Holy Family

Welcome home to St. Andrew's

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Dec 27th - St. John

8:30am – † Joao Marinao Miranda, by Martha Lobo & family
- Thanksgiving for Ye, Lu, Walshe & Beamish, by family
- Thanksgiving for Maria Sarita and Denzel Fernandes
(40th wedding anniv.), by family
5:30pm – Prayers for family & for the health of Lyla, by Namroud
M. Odisho

Sunday, Dec 28th – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8 am – Thanksgiving for Victor Oferimun on his birthday, by family
9:30 am - (*Ita.Mass*)
11 am – For the People of the Parish
12:30pm – † Carlito Espiritu, by sisters
2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)
5:30 pm - (*Span.Mass*)

Monday, Dec 29th – St. Thomas Becket

8am – † Mercedes Pulla, by Jose Pulla
7 pm – † Lydia and Arcadio de los Reyes, Julian and Emmanuel
Santiago, by family

Tuesday, Dec 30th

8am – Thanksgiving for Duraisamy family, by family
7 pm – For birthday blessings of Farah-Martine Daï, by Farah

Wednesday, Dec 31st (New Year's Eve)

8am – † Pat Rodrigues (1 yr. death anniv.), by Patricia, Wendy &
family

7 pm – ADORATION

8pm – NEW YEAR'S VIGIL MASS - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, Jan 1st – MARY, MOTHER OF GOD *Holy Day of Obligation*

8 am – (No Intention)
9:30 am - (*Ita.Mass*)
11 am – For the People of the Parish
12:30pm – (No Intention)
2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)
5:30 pm - (*Span.Mass*)

Friday, Jan 2nd – St. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen

8am – Prayers for family & for the health of Lyla, by Namroud
M. Odisho
7 pm – (NO MASS)

Saturday, Jan 3rd – Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30am – † Antonio Polera, by Mary Vigilone
- Thanksgiving for Clara Noel-Bellerive on her birthday,
by family
5:30pm – Birthday of Anne-Clara Noel-Bellerive, by Anna-Clara N.

Sunday, Jan 4th – THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

8 am – † Gertrude Morgan, by Alma & family
9:30 am - (*Ita.Mass*)
11 am – For the People of the Parish
12:30pm – † Pedro Riotoc, by Alon family
2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)
5:30 pm - (*Span.Mass*)

**Intentions submitted after December 18th will not be on this Bulletin.*



Hurry, 2026 is in a few days...

Sunday Missals are almost gone, to purchase, please visit the Parish Office during office hours or after Sunday Masses. Our current price set per missal is \$8.



As per His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo: "I wish to extend a warm invitation to the faithful of the archdiocese to join with me for the closing Mass for the Holy Year of Jubilee on **Sunday 28 December 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 5:00 p.m.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:30pm – 4:45pm. All are most welcome."

A Reflection on the Holy Family by St. Therese of Lisieux.



"What does me a lot of good when I think of the Holy Family is to imagine a life that was very ordinary... Little Jesus didn't perform useless miracles...even to please His Mother. Why weren't they transported into Egypt by a miracle which would have been necessary and so easy for God? In the twinkling of an eye, they could have been brought there. No, everything in their life was done just as in our own. How many troubles, disappointments! How many times did others make complaints to good St. Joseph! How many times did they refuse to pay him for his work! Oh! How astonished we would be if we only knew how much they had to suffer!" – St. Therese of Lisieux



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops President, Most Rev. Pierre Goudreault has wrote our Prime Minister, Mark Carney in opposition to Bill C-9 which would affect the religious-text defence from the Criminal Code. You may find the letter on cccb.ca. Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

The 'Need to Knows' for our Parish on December 28th, 2025.

Envelopes for next year are here!

For those who had registered for **envelopes for 2026**, you can now find them in the back of the Parish numbered and a list organized by last name. If you do not have a registered envelope (*even if you didn't sign up and would like one*), please call the Parish Office during Office Hours.

Parish Office Closed on...

Please be advised that the Parish Office will be closed from **December 31, 2025, through January 5, 2026**. We kindly ask that any office-related inquiries be addressed on December 29th or 30th. Thank you for your understanding, and we wish you a wonderful New Year.

No Confessions until January 7th.

To those who seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), due to the Day of Confessions for Advent that was held on Tuesday, December 16th from 4-7pm, there will **not** be any Confession times **until Wednesday January 7th** before the 8am Mass. We thank you for your attention to this matter.

"Are you sure I have to go to Mass on New Year's?"

Yes, January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. **On Wednesday evening will have a Vigil Mass at 8pm and January 1st will follow our regular Sunday schedule.** We can't wait to see you!



We at St. Andrew's wish you a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at our Mary, Mother of God Celebrations. As we draw near to the Solemnity of Mary, we offer some information of Our Lady's Solemnity in this week's Bulletin: It honours Mary as the one who bore Jesus Christ, God Incarnate, emphasizing her motherhood, her pivotal role in salvation history and the Church's recognition of her as the 'Theotokos' since 431 AD.



The Church has the blues...

By the blues, we mean the blue 'St. Andrews Building Fund' envelopes that are available in the foyer and the side entrances. Your contribution goes to be able to cover our various expenses that keeps our Parish, warm, secure and most importantly, holy. If you look up, not too high, just to our roof, we are collecting donations to make the roof more secure and safe for all. Thank you.

Welcome to the Young Adult Corner of the Bulletin (12.28)

The "6 7" trend that is popular amongst our youth can be tied to this Bible verse: **Proverbs 6:16-19** "There are **six** things which the LORD hates, **seven** which are an abomination to him..." Can you name all 7?

Did you know that St. Padre Pio had the gift of Bilocation? Bilocation is a special gift from God where an individual can be in two places at once, he would make journeys in the 1950's to various places to multiple eyewitnesses of the wonderful phenomenon.

Did you know that various comics feature Catholic Churches or Catholic symbolism within their comic strips, Marvel Comics Groups even made comic books named 'The Life of Pope John Paul II' and 'Francis, Brother of the Universe.

Did you know that the Catholic Church has a set of laws called 'Canon Law' that govern the Catholic Church? One pretty cool one is any baptized Catholic male is canonically eligible to be elected as Pope. (Canon 332)

JANUARY

For Prayer With The Word Of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Above is the January 2026 Prayer Intention of Pope Leo XIV provided by daily-prayers.org

New Year's Schedule

WEDNESDAY DEC. 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

- 8:00PM - NEW YEAR'S VIGIL MASS

THURSDAY JAN. 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

8:00 AM (ENGLISH)	2:00PM (TWI)
9:30 AM (ITALIAN)	5:30PM (SPANISH)
11:00AM (ENGLISH)	
12:30PM (ENGLISH)	

ON FRIDAY JAN 2 - MASS AT 8:00 AM ONLY - NO EVENING MASS

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