

# 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**  
[StAndrewsET@archtoronto.org](mailto: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 Igbino – Parish Council**  
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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 home to St. Andrew's

### MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK!

† = For the soul of. \* = Multiple Intentions can be booked

#### Saturday, Jan 10<sup>th</sup>

\*8:30am - In thanksgiving for 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of community of Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel, by members of VM of MC community

- † Leelamma Mathew, by Jacob & Anita

5:30pm - † Michele & Giovanna Di Lillo, by family

#### Sunday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8 am - † Pina D'Amico, by Rosa

9:30 am - (Ita.Mass) † Valerio Sassi, by Fiorina & Giovanni Pallone

11 am - For the People of the Parish

12:30pm - † Edgar Falzon, by family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

#### Monday, Jan 12<sup>th</sup> - St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

8 am - † Julian & Emmanuel Santiago, by family

7 pm - † Lydia & Arcadio de los Reyes, by family

#### Tuesday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup> - St. Hilary

8 am - † Colleen Jones, by Rosanna Bottero

7 pm - (Open Intention)

#### Wednesday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>

8 am - Prayers for family & for the health of Lyla, by Namroud M. Odisho

7pm - † Cosimo Siciliano, by family

#### Thursday, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>

8 am - (Open Intention)

7 pm - † Mrs. Adunola Ukonga, by Marcellina

#### Friday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>

\*8 am - (Open Intention)

7 pm - (Open Intention)

#### Saturday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Anthony

\*8:30am - (Open Intention)

5:30pm - Thanksgiving for Adelaida G. Usi & Emilia B. Garcia, By Emilia B. Garcia

#### Sunday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Thanksgiving for Alejandro Guieb, by Regy Guieb

9:30 am - (Ita.Mass) To the Madonna of Lourdes for the recovery of illness & guidance for Pamela Terrigno, by Felicia Della Posta

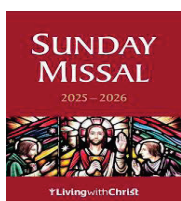
11 am - For the People of the Parish

12:30pm - † Joaquim & Maria D'Souza, by family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

*\*On Friday & Saturday Mornings is our Multiple Mass Intention days. In addition, please be most welcomed to book a Mass Intention on the Open Intention days\**



### The New Year is here and you forgot something...

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.

### *Celebration of the Feast of Sto Nino*

Where? In our Parish!

**Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 10:30am followed by Potluck Lunch in the Parish Hall!**

9 Day Novena starts Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at

6:15pm followed by Holy Rosary at 6:30pm

Sat, January 17<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30am Mass

Sun, January 18<sup>th</sup> - Personal Devotion (Not in the Church)

**Feast Day: Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Rosary will be at 10am*

**10:30am - Mass of the Feast of Santo Nino**

*Blessing of the Children and Images of Sto Nino*



Viva Pit Señor! as exclaimed by the faithful in honor of the Holy Child Jesus meaning, "Long Live the Lord!" Yearly, on the third Sunday of January, the feast of Santo Niño brings festive celebrations in numerous cities all over the country, particularly in Cebu. With millions of people flocking to the streets to join the annual colorful festivity, the feast never fails to show the vibrant faith of Filipinos in Jesus.

The historical image of the Holy Child enshrined in the Minor Basilica of Sto. Niño de Cebu has been the oldest icon of the Christian faith in the Philippines.

As authenticated in the journal of Ferdinand Magellan's assistant in his expedition, Italian scholar and explorer Antonio Pigafetta wrote that he himself presented the Image to Queen Juana on the day she was baptized by the chaplain of the expedition, Father Pedro Valderama.

### The 'Need to Knows' for our Parish on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

#### Your envelopes are patiently waiting for you!

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.

#### What is happening for the month of January?

Please be advised that parish office services will be limited throughout the month of January due to the availability of the parish priests. In addition, all group & ministry meetings, as well as choir practices, should not be booked until February. Thank you!

#### If I donate for 2025 in 2026, will it count towards 2025?

We would like to remind you that donations received after December 31 will not be reflected in your 2025 contributions. Any donations received after this date will be credited to the current calendar year. Thank you!

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST | JAN 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH



### The Reflection for the Baptism of our Lord Jesus.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. During the Christmas season we pondered the Incarnation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple, and Epiphany. Today, we see Jesus manifesting Himself to the world as He began His three years of public ministry.

Jesus begins His ministry through an act of deep solidarity with the fallen human race. John the Baptist had been preaching in the desert and offering a baptism of repentance. John's baptism was not the same as our baptism today. Instead, it was only a sign of one's willingness to turn away from sin and turn toward God. Jesus, of course, had nothing to repent of. He was sinless in every way. But that didn't stop Him from freely choosing to receive the baptism of repentance. Why would He do that?

Simply put, Jesus chose to unite Himself with fallen humanity, taking upon Himself our own sins and suffering their consequences. He humbly allowed Himself to be identified as a sinner in need of repentance. This was done out of love for us and out of His longing to become one with us so that we could become one with Him.

By bowing His sacred head to receive the baptism of repentance, Jesus united Himself and His divinity to everyone who had already chosen to repent. And He gave power to every forthcoming act of repentance others would make, even until today. When we repent today, we meet Jesus in that same water of repentance.

It was not only the Eternal Son who was present at that baptism of repentance, but the Father and the Holy Spirit as well. The Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, and the Father's Voice spoke to acknowledge His oneness with His Son. Therefore, every time we make a humble act of repentance, such as when we combine the crucifixion, the Trinity, and holy water upon entering a church and blessing ourselves, we not only meet our Lord but also receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and share more fully in our adoption as sons and daughters of the Father in Heaven.

As we commemorate Jesus' baptism liturgically, we celebrate the fact that our Christian baptism was the beginning of this new unity with the Holy Trinity. But we also celebrate our oneness with God, which is renewed every time we make an interior act of repentance for our sins. If we fully understood what happens every time we acknowledge our sins and repent of them, we would never grow tired of repenting. Every time we acknowledge and repent of our sin, we meet Christ anew, receive a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and affirm and deepen our adoption by the Father in Heaven.

*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You came to me in my baptism and united me in my fallenness with You in Your divinity. I pray that I will continuously be aware of all that divides us and will never grow weary of repenting of my sin. I do repent once again, dear Lord. I beg for Your mercy and forgiveness and open myself more fully to You, Your Father, and the Holy Spirit. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I trust in You. (mycatholic.life)*

### Welcome to the Young Adult Corner of the Bulletin (1.11)

A Catholic Revival is occurring global with the largest number of reversions and conversions we have seen since the 1990's amongst young adults.

Did you know the 'Tridentine Mass' also called the 'TLM' or 'Vetus Ordo', is the ancient form of the Catholic Mass celebrated in Latin, known today as the 'Extraordinary Form' commonly using the Roman Missal from 1962!

Did you know that the Catholic Church has 23 other rites besides the Latin rite which we celebrate? This includes Byzantine, Alexandrian and more!

The incense used in the Catholic Mass symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. It is also used to bless and purify.

Did you know that in January 2025, a new Catholic Church was consecrated by the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized? The Church was named 'Church of the Baptism of the Lord'

Did you know there are 4 ancient hymns called 'Marian Antiphons'? They are hymn like chants, sung seasonally at the end of *Compline (Night Prayer)* in the Catholic Church's Liturgy of the Hours, each representing a different liturgical season. These 4 Latin Chants are *Alma Redemptoris Mater, Ave Regina Caelorum, Regina Caeli* and *Salve Regina*.

Did you know the shortest reign of a Pope was for Urban VII, who only reigned for 13 days after his election in 1590? The second longest, in contrast was Blessed Pope Pius IX, who died in 1878, after serving for 31 years as Supreme Pontiff, first being St. Peter himself.

### Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for this month is...

For prayer with the Word of God, that it may be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal; and missionary Church.

**Simbang Gabi... was a major success, we managed to raise a total of \$4,860.00 from the 9-day novena. We persevered through the early dawn Masses at 5:30am and enjoyed a lovely breakfast together afterwards. We thank you all for your generosity!**

### Frequently Asked Questions for our Parish!

- Q: How do I book a Mass Intention? A: *Mass intentions forms are in the foyer.*  
Q: Where can I find Mass times? A: *In weekly Mass intentions to the left, 1<sup>st</sup> pg.*  
Q: How do I find the Office? A: *North on Kipling, find rectory sign and buzz door.*  
Q: How do I get a copy of my certificates? A: *Call the Parish Office during hours.*  
Q: How do I register as a parishioner? A: *Fill yellow form, put it in collections.*  
Q: How do I become Catholic? A: *through RCIA, registration in September.*

### St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

Collection for Jan. 4, 2026

Sunday Offertory \$9,203.00



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