

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

CONFESIONS

Saturday 8:00am & 4:00pm
Wednesday 7:30am
Anytime by Appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am to 6:30pm
1st 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 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

Welcome home to St. Andrew's

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK!

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

Saturday, Jan 24th

- *8:30am - Thanksgiving for 50th wedding anniversary for Frank & Sriyani Silva, by their children and family
- † Florinio Soriano & Reynaldo Cortes, by Cuaresma Family
- For the health of Aida De Guia & Anthony Sullivan, by Cuaresma family

10:30am - Sto Nino Mass

- 5:30pm - † In memory of Verna McCarthy, by Marina

Sunday, Jan 25th - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Word of God)

- 8 am - † Lili Broderick, by Joseph Galac
- 9:30 am - (Ita.Mass) To Sta. Lucia for Maria Della Posta & Martina Notte, by Felicia Della Posta
- 11 am - For the People of the Parish
- 12:30pm - † Katherine Markov, by family
- † Mass for Emerita Pereira by St. Andrew's
- 2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
- 5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

Monday, Jan 26th - St. Timothy & Titus

- 8 am - (Open Intention)
- 7 pm - † Ruben Saez, by Mayela Alfonsin

Tuesday, Jan 27th - St. Angela Merici

- 8 am - † Lu Yun Hsiang, by family
- 7 pm - (Open Intention)

Wednesday, Jan 28th - St. Thomas Aquinas

- 8 am - (Open Intention)
- 7pm - Prayers for family & health of Lyla, by Namroud M. Odisho

Thursday, Jan 29th

- 8 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by Jose Pulla
- 7 pm - † Emerita Pereira, by family

Friday, Jan 30th

- *8 am - (Open Intention)
- 7 pm - Thresiamma Mathew, by Jacob Mathew & family

Saturday, Jan 31st

- *8:30am - (Open Intention)
- 5:30pm - † Manuel Rodrigues (1 month death anniv.) by Clemencia and family

Sunday, Feb 1st - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 am - † Lili Broderick, by family
- 9:30 am - (Ita.Mass)
- 11 am - For the People of the Parish
- 12:30pm - † Alberto Cabrera, by Zenaida Samar & 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. **

Deo Gratias, Anno Jubilari Franciscano!

This year to be a special year of Jubilee to commemorate the 800th anniversary of St. Francis' death. During this time of grace, which will extend until January 2027, the faithful are granted the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence by usual conditions and by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world.



The 'Need to Knows' for our Parish on January 25th, 2026.

Am I forgetting something?

Possibly! 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!

It's happening, it's really happening...

We're excited to share that our new Parish website is coming soon! As we move to this new platform, Flocknote will be phased out. More information will be provided in the weeks to come. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sharanka Prince (email is listed in the Bulletin).

We gather together to remember a dear soul...

The 12:30pm Mass this Sunday will be offered for the repose of the soul of Emerita Pereira, our Former Parish Secretary. Please keep her in your prayers this Sunday. May the Lord grant her eternal life.

Frequently Asked Questions for our Parish!

Q: How do I book a Mass Intention? A: *Using the form in foyer or Parish Office.*

Q: Where can I find Mass times? A: *In weekly Mass intentions to the left, 1st 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.*

Welcome to the Young Adult Corner of the Bulletin (1.25)

Did you know the Sedlec Ossuary is a small RC Chapel in the Czech Republic which uses 40,000-70,000 bones as its decorations, similarly the Capuchin Crypt in Rome which holds the skeletal remains of approximately 3,700 - 4,000 Capuchin Friars.

Did you know the longest papal 'Conclave' in history is 1,006 days long which is equivalent to almost walking the entire earth once.

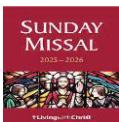
Did you know Thomism (created by St. Thomas Aquinas) is a philosophical and theological system synthesizing Aristotelian philosophy with Christian doctrine, which still forms a major part of Catholic thought and Scholasticism which can be found in books such as the 'Summa Theologica'.

Did you know Cardinal Prevost (now Pope Leo XIV) before entering the Conclave played 'Wordle' according to his brother? He is the first Peruvian pope, has a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics, his birthday is Exaltation of the Cross (Sept. 14) and his dad was a Navy Lieutenant and his mom ran the parish and worked in the library.

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

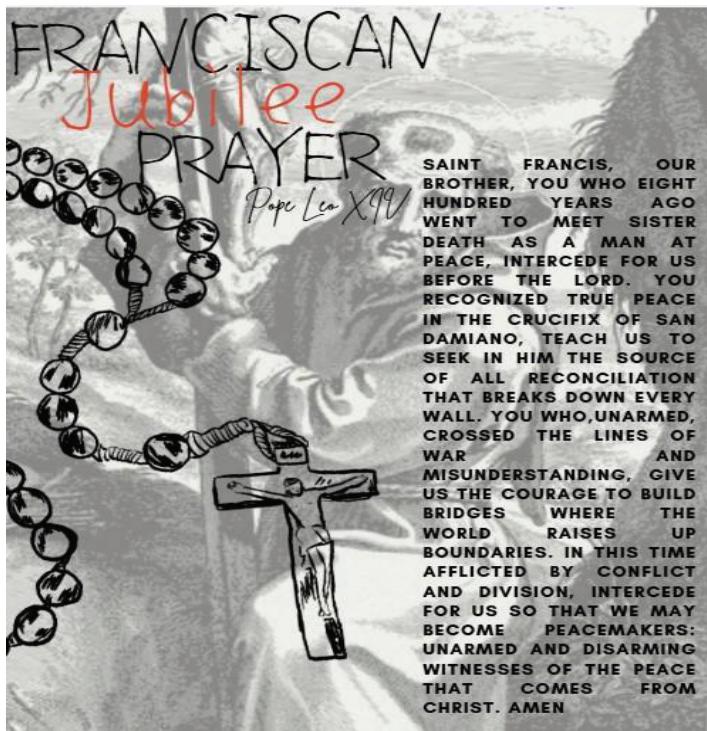
Collection for Jan. 18, 2026

Sunday Offertory \$7,057.00



A new Jubilee Year has arrived and you are missing one last thing...

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



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for February is...

For children with incurable diseases, Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



Reflection for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When John the Baptist was arrested, his followers were likely overcome with fear and grief. The man they revered as a prophet, who fearlessly proclaimed the coming of the Messiah and called for repentance through baptism, had been imprisoned. John was arrested by Herod Antipas, the son of Herod the Great, infamous for ordering the massacre of infants in Bethlehem. Like his father, Herod Antipas was ambitious and morally corrupt. As tetrarch of Galilee and Perea under Roman authority, Herod's political survival depended on maintaining Roman favor. He often used religion to secure legitimacy among the Jewish people, though his actions routinely violated Jewish law.

Though nominally Jewish, the Herodian dynasty was of Idumean descent, tracing its lineage to Esau rather than Jacob. The Idumeans were forcibly converted to Judaism between 135–104 BC. While this history granted the Herods a claim to Jewish identity, their foreign lineage and collaboration with Rome made them unpopular with many Jews. Herod Antipas, like his father, prioritized political cunning and personal ambition over genuine adherence to Jewish law.

When John the Baptist emerged on the scene, he proclaimed his message with fearless conviction. His central call was one of repentance and baptism for the forgiveness of sins, urging the people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Yet John did not shy away from addressing the moral and spiritual corruption of his time. He famously denounced the Pharisees and Sadducees as a "brood of vipers," rebuking their hypocrisy and lack of genuine repentance. John also boldly condemned Herod Antipas for violating Jewish law by divorcing his wife and marrying Herodias, the wife of his half-brother, Philip. This marriage not only violated Mosaic Law but also reflected Herod's ambitions to consolidate power and status. John's fearless denunciation of sin, even among the powerful, ultimately led to his arrest and eventual martyrdom.

This historical context surrounding John's arrest is crucial because it helps us understand God's providence—how He permits certain evils to occur in order to bring about a greater good. Jesus Himself later affirmed John's greatness, saying, "Among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist" (Matthew 11:11). If the Son of God declared John's greatness shortly after John's arrest, why didn't God miraculously free him from persecution? The answer lies in John's mission. He had fulfilled his primary role: preparing the way for the Lord, the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Once John's mission was complete, God permitted him to seal his testimony with his own blood, offering his life as a martyr for the Lord and for the Truth that sets all people free.

Reflect today on John's arrest and consider how you might have reacted if you had been one of his disciples. From an earthly perspective, martyrdom is difficult to comprehend or accept, especially in our own lives or in the lives of those we love. Though John's arrest and subsequent martyrdom likely brought fear and grief to his disciples, shaking their sense of security, from an eternal perspective, John's martyrdom was his greatest act of witness. It fulfilled his mission by pointing his disciples—and all of us—toward the true Prophet and Messiah, Jesus Christ. John is forever glorified in Heaven, and in the end, that is all that truly matters. As we honor John's unwavering faith, seek to embrace God's permissive will in your own life. Even in the face of suffering or evil, trust that God, in His providence, can bring about a greater good if we surrender ourselves fully to Him.



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