

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH BULLETIN

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**THE CONSOLATA MISSIONARIES HAVE BEEN SERVING
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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
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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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

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT | MAR 1ST, 2026 | ST. ANDREW'S R.C. CHURCH

Welcome home to St. Andrew's

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK!

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

Saturday, Feb 28th

*8:30am - Thanksgiving for Erol & Christine on 50th Wed. Anniversary, by family
- Rose Rabino (71st Birthday), by family

5:30pm - † Mercedes Pulla, by Jose Pulla

Sunday, Mar 1st - 2nd Sunday in Lent

8 am - Thanksgiving, by Mary Jean Diarios & family
9:30 am - (Ita.Mass) † Carlo Caira (1 month anniv.), by family
11 am - For the People of the Parish
12:30pm - Thanksgiving for Sufia on her birthday, by Sufia
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

Monday, Mar 2nd

8 am - † Dwayne Virgo, by Teresa, Frank & Siciliano family
7 pm - (Open Intention)

Tuesday, Mar 3rd - St. Katherine Drexel

8 am - (Open Intention)
7 pm - (Open Intention)

Wednesday, Mar 4th - St. Casimir

8 am - † Henri De Mits & Olga Snidewitsch, by Suhari family
7 pm - † Mary & Milton Fernando, by family

Thursday, Mar 5th

8 am - † Vito Polera, by Mary Viglione
7 pm - Thanksgiving for Oghale on her birthday, by Eloho & family

Friday, Mar 6th ♣

*8 am - † Marciano Pereira, by Eladio & Gloria Pereira
† Rebecca Estiaga, by Jamie Estiaga
7 pm - † Giuseppe Siciliano, by family

Saturday, Mar 7th - St. Perpetua & Felicity

*8:30am - † Roselyn Limos & Emilia Garcia, by Judy Samaniego & family
5:30pm - † Elias Cowan & Souls in purgatory, by family

Sunday, Mar 8th - 3rd Sunday in Lent

8 am - † Immacolatta Polera, by Mary Viglione
9:30 am - (Ita.Mass) Prayers for healing to the Sacred Heart, by family
11 am - For the People of the Parish - 1st Scrutining (RCIA)
12:30pm - † Gudelia Arquelada & Amador Alon, by family
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

On Friday & Saturday Mornings is our only Multiple Mass Intention days. In addition, please feel free to book a Mass Intention on the Open Intention days. Our "for the people" Masses cannot have personal intentions. Thank you!

On the dates: March 19th (St. Joseph's Feast) and March 25th (Annunciation of the Lord) are major solemnities in the Catholic Church. These are special days where you do NOT have to fast during Lent. A Fish will indicate a day of Abstinence.

The Knights of Columbus Mother Teresa Council

We are hosting a Hot Chocolate Fundraiser to support our altar servers to raise funds to purchase new altar gowns. This will be held after each Sunday mass, this weekend on the February 28th/ March 1st. Only \$2 per cup. Stop by, enjoy a delicious cup of hot chocolate, and help support the young members who serve our parish. Your support makes a difference!



NEED TO KNOW'S

Lenten Confessions

Our Confessions for Lent will be held on Friday, March 27th from 4-7pm. This would be the last Friday before the Holy Week begins. We hope to see you there. God bless.

Sharelife Sunday on March 22nd

Our first Sharelife Sunday is fast approaching, the Second Collection will be taken up on March 22nd at all the Sunday Masses. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

ST. ANDREW'S
MARCH 1ST 2026

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.
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, Lenten Edition II (3.01)

As we continue to journey through Lent, understandably so it may be a time of sacrifice, hardship and desolation. We reference Daniel 10:2-3 for our fasting regiments and Our Lord's 40 days in the desert. Perseverance is what is being asked of us and remaining hopeful as we look forward to the Lord's resurrection. To all our youth, may your Lent be a renewing and fruitful experience that draws you closer to the One True God, Jesus Christ who loved us first.



Your Tax Receipts are coming shortly!

Your tax receipts are currently being worked on and will be announced when they are ready! If you would like your tax receipt mailed, please contact the parish office during office hours. Thank you!

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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH
LENT & HOLY WEEK
 SCHEDULE 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY
 WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18

MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES - **8:00 AM & 7:00PM**
 LITURGY OF THE WORD AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES - **12PM**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY **FRIDAY AT 6:15 PM**
 FOLLOWED BY MASS

PALM SUNDAY
 SUNDAY MARCH 29

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY
 THURSDAY APRIL 2

8:30 AM - MORNING PRAYER (LITURGY OF THE HOURS)
7:30PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (FOLLOWED BY ADORATION IN THE PARISH HALL UNTIL MIDNIGHT)

GOOD FRIDAY
 FRIDAY APRIL 3

8:30 AM MORNING PRAYERS
11:00 AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
3:00 PM THE LORD'S PASSION (ENGLISH)
5:00 PM THE LORD'S PASSION (ENGLISH)

EASTER VIGIL
 SATURDAY APRIL 4

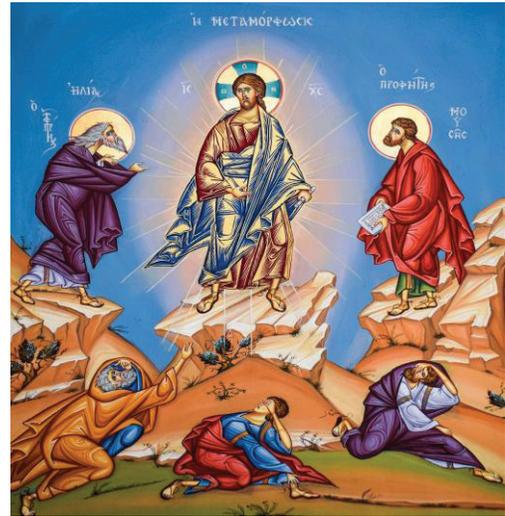
9:00 AM - MORNING PRAYERS (LITURGY OF THE HOURS)
9:30AM - ROSARY OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS
9:00 PM - EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY
 SUNDAY APRIL 5

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

EASTER MONDAY
 MONDAY APRIL 6

8AM MASS (PARISH OFFICE CLOSED)
 NO MASS AT 7PM



Gospel Reflection for March 1st, 2026.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"Jesus took Peter, John and James, and went up onto a mountain to pray" (Lk 9:28): this is how the Gospel of the Transfiguration of Christ begins, characterizing this Second Sunday of Lent. Luke the Evangelist stresses that Jesus is transfigured on the high mountain *while praying*, immersed in intimate and profound dialogue with God the Father. A dazzling light radiates from him, a foretaste of the glory of the Resurrection.

Each year in preparation for Easter, Lent invites us to follow Christ *in the mystery of his prayer*, source of light and strength in time of trial. In reality, to pray means to be spiritually immersed in God, in an attitude of humble cohesion to his will. *The interior light that transfigures the human person* comes from this trusting abandonment to God, making the person a witness of the Resurrection. However, it is only in listening to Christ, in following him with docility even to the passion and Cross, that this can become a reality. We must look towards him "because there is salvation in no one else but him, the Son of God"...

If human beings want to know themselves thoroughly... they must draw near to Christ, enter into him, "appropriate" and assimilate the entire reality of the Redemption (cf. n. 10). How true this truth still remains today!" (*JPII*)

"The mountain - Mount Tabor, like Sinai - is the place of nearness to God. Compared with daily life it is the lofty space in which to breathe the pure air of creation. It is the place of prayer in which to stand in the Lord's presence like Moses and Elijah, who appeared beside the transfigured Jesus and spoke to him of the "exodus" that awaited him in Jerusalem, that is, his Pasch. The Transfiguration is a prayer event: in praying, Jesus is immersed in God, closely united to him, adhering with his own human will to the loving will of the Father, and thus light invades him and appears visibly as the truth of his being: he is God, Light of Light. Even Jesus' raiment becomes dazzling white. This is reminiscent of the white garment worn by neophytes. Those who are reborn in Baptism are clothed in light, anticipating heavenly existence (cf. Rev 7: 9, 13).

This is the crucial point: the Transfiguration is an anticipation of the Resurrection, but this presupposes death. Jesus expresses his glory to the Apostles so that they may have the strength to face the scandal of the Cross and understand that it is necessary to pass through many tribulations in order to reach the Kingdom of God. The Father's voice, which resounds from on high, proclaims Jesus his beloved Son as he did at the Baptism in the Jordan, adding: "Listen to him" (Mt 17: 5). To enter eternal life requires listening to Jesus, following him on the way of the Cross, carrying in our heart like him the hope of the Resurrection. "Spe salvi", saved in hope. Today we can say: "Transfigured in hope". (*Bene. XVI*)

Turning now in prayer to Mary, May the Virgin Mother of the Redeemer help us to start afresh from Christ to build a world according to the true dimension of the human being and let us recognize in her the human creature transfigured within by Christ's grace and entrust ourselves to her guidance, to walk joyfully on our path through Lent." (Vatican.va) Excerpts from Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI

Deo Gratias, Anno Iubilari Franciscano!

This year is a 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.

Gospel for March 1st, 2026.

Matthew 17:1-9

"...This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him..."

Parish Announcement for Envelopes:

A gentle reminder to please pick up your 2026 envelopes, available at the back of the church. If you do not have an assigned envelope number and would like one, please contact the parish office during regular hours. Please do not use previous-year envelopes, as envelope numbers may change & please make sure you are using your envelope and not someone else's. Thank you!

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