

# 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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Rev. Mr. Joseph Owusu-Afriyie – Permanent Deacon  
Fr. Alex Osei CSSp – Ghanaian Community  
Mr. Martins Igbino – Parish Council  
Mrs. Mina Moraes – Finance Council

Ms. Carolina Chavez – Parish Office  
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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**

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION | MAR 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 | ST. ANDREW'S R.C. CHURCH

## Welcome home to St. Andrew's

### MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK!

† = For the soul of. \* = Special Event for Holy Week

#### Saturday, Mar 28<sup>th</sup>

8:30am - Thanksgiving, by Adolphine Kambayire & Francois Ndayizigiye

5:30pm - Thanksgiving for Jesse's birthday, by Naranjo friends & family

#### **Sunday, Mar 29<sup>th</sup> - PALM SUNDAY (PASSION OF CHRIST)**

8 am - † 11th death anniversary of Gennaro Sestini, by daughter Patricia

9:30 am - (Ita.Mass) † Pietro, Giulio, Sandra, Giacinto Di Massimo, by family

11 am - For the People of the Parish

12:30pm - † Giuseppe Aspro, by wife & family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span.Mass) † Mercedes Pulla, by Jose Pulla

#### Monday, Mar 30<sup>th</sup> - Monday of Holy Week

8 am - † Geronima Romero Laga (1st death anniversary), by Sisinia Laga

7 pm - † Rayna & Shakad Pitale, by Roland & Jean Fernandes

#### Tuesday Mar 31<sup>st</sup> - Tuesday of Holy Week

8 am - Thanksgiving for Juan Gabriel Gardon on his birthday, by Gardon family

7 pm - † Ferdinard & Matilda Legere, by Blake family

#### Wednesday, Apr 1<sup>st</sup> - Wednesday of Holy Week

8 am - † Lu Yun Hsiang, by family

7 pm - Thanksgiving for good health & blessed 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday, by Zenaida Samar & family

#### Thursday, Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> - Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)

\*8 am - Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

\*7:30 pm - **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

\*Until 12am - Adoration in the Parish Hall

#### Friday, Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> - GOOD FRIDAY (Passion of the Lord)

\*8:30 am - Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

\*11 am - Stations of the Cross

\*3 pm - *Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*

\*5 pm - *Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*

#### Saturday, Apr 4<sup>th</sup> - Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

\*9 am - Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

\*9 pm - **EASTER VIGIL MASS**

#### Sunday, Apr 5<sup>th</sup> - EASTER SUNDAY (RESURRECTION)

8 am - Thanksgiving for Fidelia Ikokide on her birthday, by family

9:30 am - (Ita.Mass) Prayers to the Sacred Heart for healing especially for Vince, by family

11 am - For the People of the Parish

12:30pm - † Benita B. Gonzales, by family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

\*Note that we take no personal intentions on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday. The Mass' (and GF Liturgy) are for the People of the Parish. Regularly scheduled morning and evening Masses will be canceled during the Triduum.

## NEED TO KNOW'S

### Holy Week News

Our Holy Week Schedule is posted in the Bulletin. The parish office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

### Who has to fast on Good Friday?

Catholics aged 18-59 are required to fast (one full meal and two smaller ones), while those 14 and older must abstain from meat. These practices honor the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, with exemptions for reasons like health, pregnancy, or age.

### Tax Receipts are ready!

Your tax receipts are ready! Please pick them up in the Parish Office during office hours. Thank you!

### Collections during Holy Week & Easter

Please note that there will be second collections on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

## ST. ANDREW'S

PALM SUNDAY, 2026

### PALM SUNDAY EDITION

## YOUNG ADULT CORNER, 3.29

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, here are some fun facts about Holy Week: There is no Mass on Good Friday, the altar is completely stripped, cloths, candles and decorations: During the days in Holy Week, the Gospel that is read marks Jesus' journey leading up until His resurrection on Easter. The church's statues are veiled in purple. Holy Thursday until Easter Vigil is actually one Mass, not three separate liturgies marking Christ's Passion, Death and Rising.

### Deo Gratias, Anno Iubilari Franciscano!

This year is a year of Jubilee to commemorate the 800<sup>th</sup> 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.

### POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL IS... FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS

LET US PRAY FOR PRIESTS GOING THROUGH MOMENTS OF CRISIS IN THEIR VOCATION, THAT THEY MAY FIND THE ACCOMPANIMENT THEY NEED AND THAT COMMUNITIES MAY SUPPORT THEM WITH UNDERSTANDING AND PRAYER.



### When is the last time you invited someone to Mass?

If you know someone who is not currently practicing, a non-Catholic or someone struggling in their faith, invite them over to a Sunday Mass, here at St. Andrew's. Be the reason, someone comes home! (see Luke 15)

Coming up this week: April 3<sup>rd</sup> is Good Friday. This is a day of mandatory abstinence from meat and fasting. Pax Christi!

**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

8:00 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

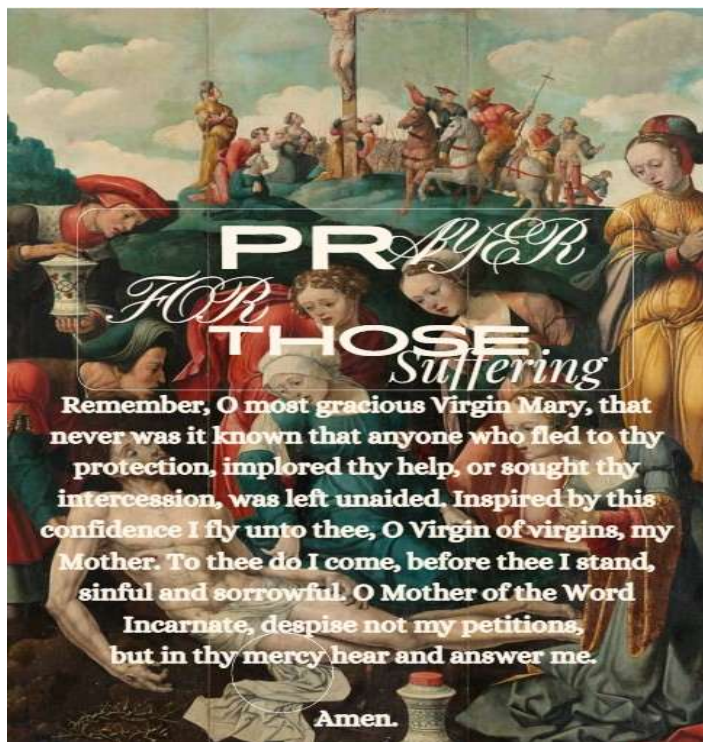
9:00 AM - MORNING PRAYERS (LITURGY OF THE HOURS) FOLLOWED BY THE HOLY ROSARY OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS  
9:00 PM - EASTER VIGIL MASS

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
SUNDAY APRIL 5

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**EASTER MONDAY**  
MONDAY APRIL 6

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



**Saint of the Week: St. Longinus**  
He was the Roman centurion who pierced Christ's side during the Crucifixion and, witnessing His death, proclaimed, "Truly this was the Son of God." According to tradition, he converted, left military service, and ultimately died a martyr, bearing witness to the truth he encountered at the Cross. *If even the man who drove the spear into Christ could repent and believe, what is stopping us from turning to Him now?*

*Excerpt of 'The Dolorous Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ' by Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich (Visions and Mediations)*

"The Blessed Virgin and her companions were still standing near, with their eyes fixed upon the Cross, but when Cassius (*St. Longinus*) thrust his lance into the side of Jesus they were much startled, and rushed with one accord up to it. Mary looked as if the lance had transfixed her heart instead of that of her Divine Son, and could scarcely support herself. Cassius meantime remained kneeling and thanking God, not only for the graces he had received but likewise for the cure of the complaint in his eyes, which had caused the weakness and the squint. This cure had been effected at the same moment that the darkness with which his soul was previously filled was removed. Every heart was overcome at the sight, of the blood of our Lord, which ran into a hollow in the rock at the foot of the Cross. Mary, John, the holy women, and Cassius, gathered up the blood and water in flasks, and wiped up the remainder with pieces of linen. Cassius, whose sight was perfectly restored at the same moment that the eyes of his soul were opened, was deeply moved, and continued his humble prayer of thanks (giving). The soldiers were struck with astonishment at the miracle which had taken place, and cast themselves on their knees by his side, at the same time striking their breasts and confessing Jesus. The water and blood continued to flow from the large wound in the side of our Lord; it ran into the hollow in the rock, and the holy women put it in vases, while Mary and Magdalen mingled their tears. The archers, who had received a message from Pilate, ordering them not to touch the body of Jesus, did not return at all." ([documentacatholicaomina.eu](http://documentacatholicaomina.eu))

**Gospel's for March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**  
*Matthew 21:1-11; 26:17-27:66*  
...“Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.”...



**Are you looking to celebrate your Holy Matrimony this year?** *You need to attend a marriage preparation course. Marriage preparation sessions are taking place here at St Andrew's starting April 25, 2026. To register call the office for more information, registration closes on April 11, 2026.*

**Help Not Harm: Take Action to Support Bill C-218**  
Write your Member of Parliament Today! Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca)  
You're invited to visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**, which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. Chances are you know someone struggling with mental illness — a family member, friend, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.