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Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm
Sunday 8:15am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Weekday Masses: Tues & Thurs: 12:05 pm
Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday
4:10 pm - 4:45 pm

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Father Joseph Akañbi ~ Pastor
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Baptisms

Please contact the office

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the Parish Office 9 to 12 months in advance

Catholic Funeral Rites

When death occurs in the family, please contact
the parish office and we will assist you in making
the liturgical arrangements

Office Hours

Frances Mantle, Office Administrator
Monday - Office closed
Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 am - 12:00 pm;
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm; Friday 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 14, 2026

Upcoming Events:

June 16th – Pilgrim Icon of the Most Sacred Heart.

June 18th – CWL Bus Trip to St. Augustine Seminary.

June 21st – Hospitality Sunday

“Called by Love to Love- Instruments of Grace- Paying it Forward”

Christian Scripture in its entirety is meant to INFORM, FORM AND TRANSFORM us. It is God’s Love Letter to humanity, informing and reminding us how madly God is in love with us and ever ready to do everything for our sake. Borne out of that *“pazzo d’amore”- mad love*, as St. Catherine of Siena captures it; God does not just save us- He calls us into a relationship and sends us on a mission. From being loved in our weakness to being moved with compassion for others, we are invited to become instruments of His grace in the world.

The Exodus Experience: On Eagle’s Wings

At a very important moment in Israel’s history, God’s chosen people having been freed from slavery in Egypt are in the wilderness at Mount Sinai. This is not just a stop in their journey, but a turning-point, where God forms them into a people with a mission. God begins not with commands, but with a reminder: *“I carried you on eagle’s wings and brought you to myself”* (Ex. 19:4). Like an eagle that lifts its young above danger, God has protected and guided Israel. Their story is rooted not in their strength, but God’s faithful love. Then, comes an invitation, not a demand: *“If you obey my voice and keep my covenant.....”* God is offering a relationship built on trust. In response, God’s people is promised a beautiful identity- they will be God’s “treasured possession”, a “kingdom of priests, and a holy nation”. This means they are chosen not just for blessing, but for mission. As a “kingdom of priests,” they are meant to reflect God’s presence to the world and lead others toward Him. Before asking anything of us, God reminds us of what He has already done in our lives too, faith grows when we recognize how God has carried us through struggles. It also reminds us who we are. We are not meant to live only for ourselves. Like Israel, we are called to reflect God’s love in the world- through kindness, justice, and compassion. Being chosen is not about privilege; it is about responsibility. God calls us closer to Himself so that, through us, others may also come to know His gratuitous and “crazy” love.

Learning of Love from the Apostle Paul

Paul the Apostle speaks eloquently about the depth of God’s love us, reminding us that Christ did not come to save us when we were morally strong and perfect, but

“while we were still weak and deep in sin” (Rom. 5:8). God reaches out to us even when we are lost, broken, and undeserving. Using a simple comparison, the Apostle says: It is rare for someone to die even for a good person. But Christ goes beyond all human understanding- He dies for sinners. This shows that God’s love is not based on our goodness, but on His mercy. Through the sacrifice of Jesus, we are justified, which means we are made right and reconciled with God. Sin had created a distance between us and God, but through Christ, that relationship is restored. We are no longer enemies; we are brought back to friendship with God. And this is not just about the past- St. Paul says, “we are also saved through Christ’s life now. Jesus continues to guide and strengthen us every day. God does not wait for us to be perfect. He takes the first step and meets us in our weakness. We are therefore challenged to trust in God’s mercy rather than our own efforts; and to live with gratitude and joy. Having been reconciled with God, then, our lives should reflect that peace- by forgiving others, showing and sharing love, and living with hope.

What Do You See?- Stepping Forward

A teacher once asked his students to look around the classroom and write what they saw. Most listed desks, books, and walls. But one student wrote, *“Jimmy looks tired, Ella seems worried, and Larry has tears in his eyes”*. This one student didn’t just look, he actually saw. Our Blessed Lord does exactly that. Our Good Lord looks at the crowds and sees beyond the surface. He notices their struggles, their confusion, and their pain- people “harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd” (Matt. 9:36). His response is deep compassion. He feels with them (*cum passio*- suffer with), as if their suffering were His own. True compassion begins when we place ourselves in the shoes of others, when we stop judging from a distance and start understanding from within. Jesus does not stand aloof; He enters into their experience. He sees life from their side. And that changes everything. When we begin to understand others from within their struggles, our hearts naturally move toward kindness and positive action. Jesus then says, *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.”* There are many people in need of guidance, healing, and hope, but few are willing to step forward. So, he first asks His disciples to pray for laborers. And then something powerful happens: He sends those very disciples out. Prayer leads to mission. Those who ask for help often become the answer. He gives them authority, not for power, but for service: to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons. In other words, they are sent to restore life, dignity, and hope. Our Lord then reminds them, “Freely you have received; freely give.” Their mission is rooted in grace, not in personal merit.

Looking & Seeing Differently: Being His Instruments

Can we look at people differently? Do we truly see others, or do we only notice their outward behaviour? Can we place ourselves in the shoes of others- to feel their struggles, fears, and needs. When we do this, compassion becomes natural, not forced; and then we act in simple ways- Through listening, helping, forgiving, and then we can become instruments of God's love, paying it over! Give us the grace O Lord, not just to see, but to see through and with your eyes; and to feel- and not just to feel, but to act. What we have received freely, may we give freely.

THE HEART OF JESUS: LOVE THAT HEALS AND TRANSFORMS:

In Scriptures, the heart is the center of the person and the source of life. The pierced Heart of Jesus reveals a love that forgives, heals, and restores. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is not merely sentimental; it is an invitation to rediscover the Gospel and allow Christ's and allow Christ's love to shape how we live, serve, and forgive each day.

We invite you to say at the beginning of each day this prayer;

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all of the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in thanksgiving for your favours, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my family and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father, Amen.

PILGRIM ICON OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS:

sponsored by the Knights of St. Columbus, Marian Council#3881 will be hosted at St. Andrew's on Tuesday, June 16th. The Icon will be on display for the noon Mass and devotions afterward. All are welcome to participate.

THE HEART OF LOVE- MISSION APPEAL: On the weekend of June 13th/ 14th we are happy to welcome Father Anthony Kekai of the Catholic Diocese of Bomadi, Nigeria to St. Andrew's. He will be addressing us at all the masses to seek assistance for the pastoral needs of his Diocese, in Nigeria. Our invaluable support is always appreciated and needed. Mission appeal envelopes will be available at the masses to be returned the following Sunday or after. Cheques are welcome, payable to St. Andrew's.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, June 21 is the 12th Sunday of the Year A. and our Scripture will be:

Jeremiah 20: 10-13

Psalms 69

Romans 5: 12-15

Matthew 10: 26- 33

Prophet Jeremiah puts his trust in God in spite of the fact that his enemies are trying to destroy him. Paul says there has been sin in the world since the time of Adam, pointing to the "sin of origin", but the redemption brought about by Christ is far greater than the fall. The Gospel opens with the words: "*Do not be afraid*" is found 365 times in the Bible, so for everyday in the year, the Lord is saying to us "Do not be afraid" but trust in me. What am I most afraid of? Have I ever found strength in the Lord in challenging or scary times?

On Thursday June 18, the CWL and St. Andrew's is sponsoring our annual trip. This year we are visiting **St. Augustine Seminary in Toronto.** It is a full day trip leaving the St. Andrew's parking lot at 8:30 am and returning at approximately 5 pm. This event is open to all parishioners. It includes mass and retreat. The seminary is a beautiful building located on the Scarborough Bluffs. It was built in 1912. Tickets are \$55.00/person. You can bring lunch or purchase one at St. Augustine's. Father Joseph will be the celebrant. To order tickets contact treasurerstacwl@gmail.com Payment can be made by cheque or e-transfer or purchased after masses on Sunday June 14. We require your name and email and a first and last name of an emergency contact and their phone number. **Don't miss this opportunity to visit the first seminary in English speaking Canada.**

When Life Changes – Grief Program – Special video presentation – Grief and Faith, Hope and Meaning- Wednesday, July 8, 7-8:30. While a part of Dr. Bill Webster's video Grief Support Program – this is a stand-alone video for those who want to explore the spiritual side of finding Hope and Meaning after a loss, the opportunity to hear various views and affirmations of how faith has helped in the midst of tragedy. The presentation will take place in the Marian Room at St. Andrew Parish Centre. There is NO COST/PREREQUISITE to attend, however **registration is required.** To register please email: gspstandrew@gmail.com

RECRUITING USHERS

We are adding to our team of ushers for each of the masses. Please email the office at: office@standrewoakville.com if you are interested in joining the team. If you have a mass time preference, please let us know in your email.

Hospitality Sunday – June 21 - Please don't forget to join us for Hospitality Sunday on June 21st. It will be the last one until the fall.

On the cover: Father Joseph, Father Michael and Damian sporting hats made by parishioners for the Strawberry Tea.



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