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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

God has called and equipped us for Ministry in His Kingdom

CLERGY

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The Rector is out of office on Mondays.

Dec. 8, 2013

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

President: Jesus says, “Surely I am Coming Soon!”

All: Amen, Come, Lord Jesus!

(+) Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: Thanks be to God

President: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Love.

Last Sunday we lit the First Candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs, this First Candle reminded us of our Hope in Christ.

Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. In their old age God gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God’s love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God’s forgiveness.

The Candle of Love

In His teachings, Jesus said “I give you a New Commandment: **Love** one another. As I have loved you, so you are to **love** one another.” (St. John 13:34). He demonstrated this **love** through forgiveness and laying down His life for humanity. “Greater **love** has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends” (St. John 15:13). Jesus taught that if there is **love** among us, then all will know we are his disciples. (St. John 13:34-35).

We light the candle of **Love** to remind us that love is the fulfillment of the law and through Christ we experience the **love** of God, which has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given to us. (Romans 5:5).

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,

**Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.**

Refrain

**Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Second Candle, the Candle of Love is lit.

Leader: Love is like a light shining in a dark place.

People: As we look at this candle we celebrate the love
we find in Jesus Christ.

President: Let us pray:

All: Lord God, You witness John the Baptist grew up strong and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordon to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love so that we would be witnesses and spread the good news of Your love, through the One who loved us and gave Himself for us; Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE TRISAGION

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and Immortal One,
Have mercy up on us.

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Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and Immortal One,
Have mercy up on us.

President: The Lord is here.

People: His Spirit is with us!

President: Let us pray.

The Second Sunday of Advent

Leader: Holy and Mighty God, we long for you and your love. You loved us from the moment of our conception, As a mother/father loves her/his child before she/he ever sees it. Fill your Church with your grace and goodness, that we may grow in holiness, that we may reach out in mission and love, that we may reveal your light and your glory. Lord, make us active in service and joyful in praise. We pray for our clergy, John Archbishop, Howard Diocesan Bishop, Robert and Leon Suffragans, Sirrano, David, Larius, Andrea and all church workers.

All thanks to you Holy God..

All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace

Leader: We pray for the nations of the world and for righteous dealings. May the resources of the earth be neither hoarded nor squandered, but used to the benefit of all and the relief of those who need. Strengthen all who strive for justice and integrity in world trade. Give wisdom to those in authority in this land, for Patrick, Governor General; Portia, Prime Minister; Andrew, Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition; Members of Parliament and Senate.

All thanks to you Holy God..

All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace

Leader: Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus

All thanks to you Holy God..

All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace

Leader: Come, Lord, fill our homes with your light and love. Make us sensitive in our dealings and gentle in our actions. Keep us alert to the needs and hopes of others, that our homes may reflect your presence and your glory. We rejoice with those who have been restored and pray for the healing of our communities. We thank you God for loving us when we are unloving, for caring for us when we are uncaring, and for calling to us

when we go far away....Lord hear our prayers of love this day for those around us, for those we have held before you in our time of sharing, and for those we have thought of in our moments of caring: Help us dear God to love one another in this way...

All thanks to you Holy God..

All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace

Leader: Lord Jesus, you are the master of life and death. Everything we have is yours. Just one touch from you restores the sick, heals the broken, and transforms the darkness. We pray especially for our sick and shut-in right now may they sense your presence, feel your power, know your love, may their body be overwhelmed with light and truth with healing and wellness only you can do

All thanks to you Holy God..

All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace

Leader: God of freedom and peace, we remember before you all who are captives to sin, vice or addiction, all who are damaged by oppression, violence, or abuse. We pray for those who grieve for the lonely and the despondent. We give thanks for all who have passed beyond trouble and darkness and are now at peace in your kingdom. We pray especially for ... We rejoice in the fellowship of the saints and pray we may follow their way of holiness and love.

All thanks to you Holy God..

All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace

All: And now in your merciful goodness reject not our prayers, when amid our afflictions, we call on Your Name and seek with love and confidence Your adorable Face. You are coming into my soul to unite Yourself most intimately with me. You came into the world for love of man, but now You are coming from the altar for love of me. You are coming to fill my heart with Your holy love. Amen

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Yolande Chan

Earle Minott

Lloyd James

Carol Lawla

Daphne Dobson

Ellen Rob

Violet Carson

Gwen Jones

Did You Know?

The title Canon is given to a priest of long standing service by the Diocesan Bishop. There are eight Canons in the diocese and special stalls are reserved for them in the Cathedral. The correct way to address a Canon is the Reverend Canon.

QUOTE FOR REFLECTION

Advent is a season that seems to get lost in our culture. Because we so often think of the month of December as “the Christmas season” and use this time to busily prepare our homes for the holidays, we often neglect to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. One way to prepare our hearts is through deepening our relationship with God. In God there is always hope that a new reality might be created. May God’s love for this world become our love as well.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:30 p.m.	Girl’s Home
	5:30 p.m.	St. Andrew Settlement
	5:30 p.m.	CFFC
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	4:30 p.m.	St. Andrew Care Center
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Minnette Brown, Hyacinth Chin and Anneke Newman 09/12, Heather Goldson 10/12, Joy Patel and Hazel Bell 11/12, John Isaacs 12/12, Beverly Taylor 13/12, Vivienne Jones, Lisa Campbell and Robert Williams 14/12.

Congratulations to Asquith and Roni Miller-Brown who celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary on the 7th of December.

Condolence is extended to Bishop Thompson and family on the passing of his brother Charles Thompson. Also to Mavis Lee-Bryan on the passing of her aunt Evelyn Hinds. **The funeral service** for Dennis Rainford will be on Friday, December 13, at 11:30 a.m.

The Friends of the St. Andrew Parish Church Sunday School's annual **Christmas Cake & Pudding sale** is on every Sunday from November 3 - December 22, 2013. Please give your full support as the proceeds are in aid of the Sunday Schools of St. Andrew Parish Church, St. Clements' and St. Thomas' Missions - 1lb puddings -1,200; 2lb puddings - \$2,400 and 40 oz. cake -\$1,800. Diabetic puddings are available on order. Place your orders early!

A Carol Service with a difference. This year's Carol Service will be held on December 15 at 6:00 p.m. Featuring the National Chorale and our own Senior Choir. A contribution of \$500 is requested.

Legal Advisory: The next session will be this Saturday December 14, 2013, in the Old Court House, from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon. There is no registration fee and the advice is free.

Little Brother's Ministry - Volunteers are badly needed for this ministry . Kindly contact Minke Newman.

The Girl's Home is in need of mentors. Interested persons may contact the church office.

<p>Young Adult Ministry: Ages 21 - 35yrs. Using our Special Gifts and Abilities for Ministry to Evangelize.</p>
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