

**Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands**  
**ST. ANDREW PARISH CHURCH**

*Patron Saint Andrew The Apostle*

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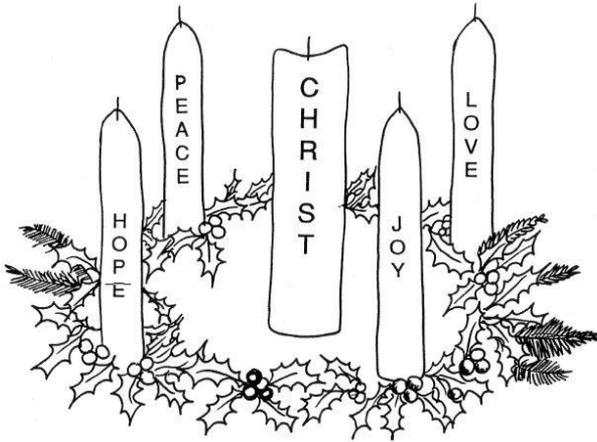
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**Chapel of Ease:**

**St. Thomas Mission - Majesty Gardens and St. Clement's Mission - Kencot**



**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:**

**Proclaiming and Sharing The Good News of Jesus Christ  
In A Challenging Culture**

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**The Rector is out of Office on Mondays**

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**Celebrant:** 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**

**Celebrant:** Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Celebrant:** Today is the third Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Joy.

Last Sunday we lit the Second Candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs, this First Candle reminded us of our Hope in Christ, the Second Candle reminded us that love is the fulfillment of the law and through Christ we experience the love of God.

Today we light the third Candle of Advent, the Candle of **Joy**. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with **joy**. She sang a song that began with the words: My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour”. Just as the birth of Jesus gave great **joy** to his mother, so his presence in the world gave **joy** to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and love when they believed in him.

### The Candle of Joy

Jesus taught his disciples to rejoice at His second coming as that meeting will bring eternal **joy**, for we will be with Him forever (John 16:22, 1 Thes. 4:17). **Joy** is a fruit of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit that grows from within us, and this **joy** is rooted in a personal relationship with the God of love. Also the joy we experience in worship and prayer gives us courage to proclaim the good news of Jesus and the gospel of the Kingdom of God.

We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

*(The Third Candle is lit)*

***The following is sung:***

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

***Refrain:*** Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Celebrant:** Joy is like a light shining in a dark place.

**All:**           **As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the joy  
we find in Christ.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray:

**All: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait  
for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again  
that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every-  
day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by  
sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one  
who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

## **THE TRIGASION**

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

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**Celebrant:** The Lord is here.

**People: His Spirit is with us!**

President: Let us pray.

**The Collect:**

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**MINISTRY OF THE WORD** (All sit)

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### The Third 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, and 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, Olando, 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. Give wisdom to those in authority in this land, for Patrick, Governor General, Andrew, Prime Minister, Portia, leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, members of the House of Representatives and for members of the judiciary that all may serve justice, protect and promote the welfare and well-being of our people. 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 Advent discipline 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.

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**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 us when we wander from your path.  
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..., may they sense your presence, feel your power and know your love. May their body be overwhelmed with your healing and wellness which comes only through your anointing. 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 remember especially ..... 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.

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### Silence May Be Kept

**All: Loving and merciful God 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 our hearts to unite Yourself most intimately with us. You came into the world for love of humanity, but now You are coming from the altar for love of us. You are coming to fill our hearts with Your Holy love to abide with us always. Amen.**

### SICK AND SHUT - IN

Heron Wright	Veril Blake
Gwendolyn Saunders	Louis Owen
Ivy Walters	Frederick Green
Mildred Johnson	Roy Knight

## Faith Formation and Christian Education

### Did you Know?

In ancient times purple dye was very expensive, and so the colour was a symbol of wealth, power and royalty. Consequently, royal purple is the colour used by the church during the season of Advent, to depict Jesus' kingship as we await His coming again in glory. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, a lighter shade of purple is used in some traditions, to represent a time of 'joy' in the midst of our waiting.

### Quote for reflection

God can always do with you as much as you allow Him to. If you let Him do with you what He wants to, you'll discover that God takes delight in doing the impossible through you. The impossible will only become possible if you make yourself available to God. (Maikho Etto, 2009)

### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 11 - Dec. 17

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:30 p.m.	S.A. Settlement
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy)
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2016 - 17

Dec. 11 - 18	Gift Days
Dec. 11	6:00 p.m. Carol Service
Dec. 21	9:00 a.m. Feast Day St. Thomas the Apostle
Dec. 24	11:00 p.m. Carols/Blessing of Manger and First Mass of Christmas
Dec. 25	6:30 a.m. Mass of Christmas
	8:00 a.m. Mass of Christmas - Bishop Howard Gregory
	11:00 a.m. Mass for homebound and elderly
	Please assist with invitations and transport
	6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
Dec. 26	9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist St. Stephen's Day
Dec. 27	9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist St. John the Apostle's Day
Dec. 28	9:00 a.m. Holy Innocence
Dec. 31	11:00 p.m. New Year's Eve - Watch Night Service
Jan. 1	6:30 a.m. New Year's Day Holy Eucharist Holy Name
	8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist & Sermon
	6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Sermon

# PARISH NEWS

**Birthdays for this week:** Aaron Casserly, Joy Patel and Hazel Bell 11/12, Maydene Dunn 12/12, Beverly Taylor 13/12, Vivienne Jones, Lisa Campbell and Robert Williams 14/12, Hyacinth Adams 16/12 and Edward Zacca and Ashley Johnson 17/12.

**Congratulations to** Delano and Juliet Fields who will celebrate 43 years of marriage on December 15.

**The Friends of the St. Andrew Parish Church Sunday School's** annual Christmas Cake & Pudding sale is on every Sunday to December 18, 2016.

**This year's Carol Service** will be held today, Dec. 11, at 6:00 p.m.

**"Daily reflections for Advent and Christmas";** St. Jude's writers, are available at the church Office

**Our Annual Gift Day** will be on December 18, 2016. A debit/credit card machine will be available.

**S.A.S is inviting** applicants for the post of Executive Director. Interested persons please call 926-6692 or email [saintandrewsettlement@gmail.com](mailto:saintandrewsettlement@gmail.com).

**The Rally Committee** wishes to thank all those who contributed time, talent and gifts to make this venture a success. *"Together we can do so much"*

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## Name of Nominees for Church Committee

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2016 - Year A

**6:30 a.m.**

### HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament	Isaiah 35:1 - 10 Trevor Blake
Psalm 146: 4-9	<b>Refrain:</b> (All sit) <i>"The Lord lifts up those who are</i>
BCP (page 662)	<i>lowly "</i>
Epistle	James 5: 7 - 10 Betty-Ann Jones
Gospel	Matthew 11: 2 - 11
Prayer of Intercession	page 4

**8:00 a.m.**

### SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional	41
Old Testament	Isaiah 35:1 - 10 Owen Streete
Canticle	The Magnificat CPWI 750
Epistle	James 5: 7 - 10 Lona Brown
Gradual	42 (Children leave for Sunday School)
Gospel	Matthew 11: 2 - 11
Sermon	Canon Kitson
Prayer of Intercession	page 4
Offertory Hymn	599
During Communion	587,466, 469, [612]
Sunday School	447
Recessional	53

**10:30 a.m.**

### CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

**6:00 p.m.**

### CAROL SERVICE

## Readings for Advent IV December 18, 2016

<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Isaiah 7: 10 - 16</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>80: 1 - 7, 16 - 18</b>
<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Romans 1: 1 - 7</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Matthew 1: 18 - 25</b>