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



**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:**

**We are Baptized To Witness and Minister  
in the Name of Jesus Christ**

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

The Sunday worship services of Advent, Christmas (the Incarnation) and the celebration of the Epiphany of our Lord are intended to move us along a spiritual path of being aware that, the One who will come again in Glory, is the Christ born in Bethlehem who was manifested to the shepherds and the Magi and was baptized in the river Jordan by John the Baptist.

While John the Baptist was baptizing in the River Jordan, Jesus went to be baptized in order to “fulfill all righteousness”. John is surprised and objects to what appears to be the reversal of roles. Jesus however insisted that, it is intended to fulfill the divine will, which is, to bring to fruition - the intent of God revealed in law and prophecy. Jesus has always walked in total harmony with God's agenda and plan for humanity and all creation. In other words, Jesus consented to be baptized, not because He, like Israel, needed to repent of sin, rather, he submits to one less worthy, as a sign of humility and obedience to God the Father's will. The candidate most suitable to be used as God's instrument to stand in solidarity with sin infested humanity, inclined to self-centredness and self preoccupation. This is indicated by His living, authentic human nature of self giving, self-sacrifice and integrity of character. Are we living that life as baptized disciples of Jesus Christ?

In the Apostolic Tradition of Hippolytus (A.D. 200), it is stated that candidates for baptism had to make known their occupations. Those who held certain trades, (for example: sculptures and painters of idols for pagan worship), had to give up their work in order to be accepted for catechetical preparations. Also, prostitutes, magic workers, and astrologers all had to renounce their occupations to become catechumens, so that they could begin their instructions which would lead to their baptism at the Vigil of Holy Saturday night.

The primary message of Epiphany is that Christ is the Lord of ALL and the Light and Redeemer of the world, who reveals the glory of God the Father to Jews and Gentiles, the cultured Romans and the plundering barbarians, the unbaptized and the baptized, the educated and the unlettered, you and me.

All religious exclusiveness is shattered by Christ who identifies with humanity to enlighten and incorporate us into the family of the Triune God. The heavenly voice declared, in Matthew's Gospel, “This is my beloved son”. This was a public pronouncement of WHO JESUS IS as He begins His ministry and is empowered by the Holy Spirit. This act of Jesus' baptism inaugurates His ministry in which God's righteousness is proclaimed as justice, humility and compassion which are the foundations of the God's Kingdom. As we renew our baptismal covenant and promises we declare our identity and purpose, which is to minister and witness in the name of Jesus the Christ.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us today, especially The Queen's School family, who are observing Founder's Day.

## Seasonal Sentence

## The First Sunday After the Epiphany

PRESIDENT: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**ALL: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever.  
Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**ALL: Almighty God, to you all our thoughts are know, purify our desires, and inspire us by your Holy presence, that we may praise you for all that you are in goodness, mercy and love, and magnify your Holy name with songs of thanksgiving, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Canticle: Give Glory to God**

1. Give glory to God church

Give glory to God

Give glory to God church

Give glory to God

Sing praise to His name Emmanuel

Sing praise to His name

Sing praise to His name Emmanuel

Sing praise to His name

2. Give glory to God, All

Give glory to God

**Repeat**

Sing praises to Him hallelujah

Sing praises to Him

**Repeat**

3. Give glory to God world

Give glory to God **Repeat**

Proclaim Him the King, hosanna

Proclaim Him the King. **Repeat**

4. Give glory and honour

to Jesus our King **Repeat**

We hail You our King, hallelujah

We hail You our King. **Repeat**

## The Collect of the Day

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**The Service Continues With The Ministry Of The Word**

## The Prayer of Intercession

We shall pray for Christ's Catholic Church and for the mission and ministry of St. Andrew Parish Church, Lord in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

### RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS (*All Standing*)

**All: Grant, Lord that we who have been baptized into union with Christ, may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight valiantly under His banner against sin, the world and the devil, and to continue His faithful soldiers and servants to the end of our lives.**

Leader: In our baptism we died with Christ and were buried with Him, so that we might rise with Him to a new life within the family of His Church. We can never be baptized again, but we can, in response to a movement of God's Spirit, and after careful preparation, renew the promises made at our baptism.

As we look forward to the return of Christ as Lord and Judge, I invite you who are ready to do so to reaffirm your baptismal promises.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Saviour?

**Answer: I turn and accept Him.**

Question: Do you put your trust in His grace and love?

**Answer: I so put my trust.**

Question: Do you promise to love God and obey Him as your Lord?

**Answer: I promise.**

Question: Do you renounce Satan, and all the spiritual forces of wickedness?

**Answer: I do.**

Question: Do you renounce injustice and all the evil powers of this world?

**Answer: I do.**

Leader: Now in allegiance to Christ, you must declare before God and His Church that you accept the Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you will continue to live and grow.

Question: Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the universe?

**Answer: I believe and trust God.**

Question: Do you believe and trust in God's Son Jesus Christ in whom we

have redemption?

**Answer: I believe and trust in Him.**

Question: Do you believe and trust in God's Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

**Answer: I believe and trust in God.**

Leader: This is the faith of the Church.

**People: This is our Faith. We believe and trust in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Will you live in obedience to God's laws, as a loyal member of His Church.

**All: With God's help, I will.**

Leader: Almighty God who gives you the will to do all these things, grant you grace and power to perform them, that He may complete the good work He has begun in you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

Leader: We shall be sprinkled with Holy Water as a sign of the renewal of our Baptismal Vows and promises.

**The aspersion with Holy Water**

*After the sprinkling of the people with Holy Water (Remain standing)*

Leader: Almighty God, we thank you...

**All: Eternal God you have declared in Christ the completion of your promise of love. May we live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all. Even so: come, Lord Jesus.**

**Amen.**

## **The Greeting of Peace**

### **SICK AND SHUT - IN**

Heron Wright

Ivy Walters

Charles Henry

Ethel Thomas

Hugh Williams

Keith Dickson

Linnet Allen

Leonard & Stephanie Green

## Wonderful Grace (sung during the aspersion of Holy Water)

Wonderful grace  
That gives what I don't deserve,  
Pays me what Christ has earned,  
Then lets me go free.  
Wonderful grace  
That gives me the time to change,  
Washes away the stains  
That once covered me.

Wonderful love  
That held in the face of death,  
Breathed in its latest breath  
Forgiveness for me.  
Wonderful love,  
Whose power can break every chain,  
Giving us life again  
And setting us free

### Refrain:

*And all that I have I lay at the feet  
Of the wonderful Saviour Who loves me.*

## Faith Formation and Christian Education

### Did you know?

In 253AD, St. Cyprian of Carthage wrote a letter to Fidus (an African Bishop) to challenge the then tradition of waiting eight days to baptize children. This letter, therefore, shows that "...there is no doubt that the Early Church practiced infant baptism; and no Christian objections to this practice were ever voiced until the Reformation," which occurred in the sixteenth century. Infant baptism therefore is a part of our tradition as Christians, as it is a means of demonstrating that "...the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Robert Brom, 2004, *Early Teachings on Infant Baptism*).

### Quote for reflection

"God sometimes takes us into troubled waters not to drown us but to cleanse us. Baptism is an outward testimony of an inward transformation. It's the first step of obedience for a disciple of Christ. You are sealed by the holy spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever." (Author unknown, 2016)

### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK      Jan. 8 - Jan. 14

Monday	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:30 p.m.	Home for Girls
	5:30 p.m.	St. Andrew Settlement
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - St. Thomas the Apostle
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy)
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Care Center
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship

# PARISH NEWS

**Birthdays for this week:** Pauline Christie 1/01, Marlene Campbell and David Francis 2/01, Christine Johnson-Kelly and Khristian Marley 3/01, Beverley Evans and Brandon Henry 5/01, Pauline Bryan 7/01, Chris Gordon 8/01, Allan Kirton 9/01, Desda Kerr 10/01, Jacinth Wright, Hope Hinds, Malik Thompson and Yolande Whitely-Guthrie 11/1, Anthony Grodger 12/01, Jean Jones and Karen Fitz-Ritson 14/01.

**Condolence is extended** to the family of John Patterson. To Janet Hunt our anxilliary worker on the passing of her mother Beverley Burrell in New York. To Joyce Brown on the passing of her husband Keith Brown. To Pat Braham and family on the passing of her husband Michael Braham. His funeral service will be on Thursday 12th at 12:30 p.m. The funeral service for Miriam Phillips will be on Friday 13th at 11:30 a.m., and Dawn Seaton's mother Kathleen Byfield will be on Saturday 14th at 10:00 a.m.

**Congregational meeting will be held on January 22, immediately after the 8:00 a.m. service.**

**St. Andrew Deanery Day** will be held at The Karl Hendrickson Auditorium, Jamaica College, 189 Hope Road, February 12, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

**The Altar Guild** expresses its thanks to all who contributed to the purchase of Poinsettias for the Christmas season 2016.

**Tuesday Charity Members** extends a special “**thank you**” to all those who contributed in cash, kind, and support, in making 2016 a success.

**Envelopes for 2017 are available.** Members without, please write your name on the paper provided on the table.

A Week of prayer for Christian Unity begins with **the Marian Service on Wednesday Jan. 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Parish Church.** This service was initiated by Rt. Rev. Herman Spence to facilitate fellowship between the Clergy and congregations of St. Andrew Parish Church and Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church. Please make an effort to attend.

**There will be NO 10:30 a.m. service on January 29, 2017.**

**SAPC Legal Advisory Service** on Saturday January 14, from 10:00 a.m to 12:00 noon.

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 8, 2017 - Year A

**6:30 a.m.**

## HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament	Isaiah 42:1 - 9 John Lopez
Psalm 29	<b>Refrain:</b> <i>"The Lord will bless his people with peace. Alleluia"</i>
BCP (page 502)	
Second Lesson	Acts 10: 34 - 43 Demitri Smith-Wint
Gospel	Matthew 3: 13 - 17
Renewal of Baptismal vows	page 4

**8:00 a.m.**

## SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

*(Corporate for Mothers' Union)*

Processional	439
Old Testament	Isaiah 42:1 - 9 Ena Dallen
Psalm 29	<b>Chanted:</b> (All stand)
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**10:30 a.m.**

## CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

**6:00 p.m.**

## PHILIPPI FELLOWSHIP GROUP

**Theme: Reflecting God's Smile**