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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.**

According to the Book of Common Prayer, Ash Wednesday and the other weekdays of Lent, Holy Week, except the Feast Day of the Annunciation, Good Friday and all other Fridays of the year, we observe special acts of discipline and self-denial. On these days we focus on the suffering, Passion and crucifixion of our Lord.

During Lent we are required to spend more time in prayer, Bible study or spiritual reading, and we are to give up spending on one or a few consumer items and use the money saved for charity. These spiritual disciplines are aimed at liberating us from slavery to self-preoccupation and fear about the future in order for us to experience joy, peace and harmony in daily living. This demands exploring our thoughts and feelings, which indicate the source of our impulse and motives for our words, action, behavior and anxieties. Prayer helps us to reach beyond ourselves as we look at the deep recesses of our hearts, to see our true selves and God as God is. In this experience the initiative is the Holy Spirit and the movement within us is the same Holy Spirit. "For we don't know how to pray as we ought, but the very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." (Rom. 8: 26b-27)

Jesus said that it was not what goes into a person that defiled him; it was what came out of the heart. (Matthew 15:11) The disease at the heart of the soul is sin, not our transgressions. The medicine prescribed for the transformation of the heart is found in the need for the balm and anointing of the Holy Spirit that comes out of repentance, contrition and catharsis. Herein, the Holy Scripture helps us to discern the purposes of God for our lives, as we come to identify those transgressions that place us out of harmony with God's will. "Your word O Lord is a lantern to my feet and a light to my path."

As we live in a consumer culture, we are always bombarded by products that appeal to our senses, wants and desires which pull at the currency we have. This tempts us, to spend on ourselves and family and very often forget that the enabling source is the creator God, the maker of heaven and earth. "For all things come from you O Lord, and of thine own do we give..." Fasting/abstinence is the antidote to consumerism and have a spiritual purpose and value. "Our human cravings and desires are like a river that tends to overflow its banks; fasting helps to keep them in their proper channel". (Spiritual Discipline by Richard Foster)

Let us keep Lent faithfully with penitent hearts sustained by the grace and mercy of the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**All: O thou to whom all hearts are open, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts. O thou to whom all desires are known, purify our desires. O thou to whom no secrets are hid, make known to us our inner life. Strengthen us to grow into that divine likeness which thou didst plant in us at our creation, that our feelings may rise from love and holiness, and our thoughts be governed by truth, O creator God, redeeming Lord and sanctifying Spirit. Amen.**

**The Confession**

**Celebrant:** Seek the Lord while He will to be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**Celebrant:** Let us ask God for pardon and peace.

**All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, We have sinned against you and against our brothers and sisters, in thought, word and deed, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, Forgive us all our sins. And grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**Celebrant:** The Absolution

**The Kyrie**

**People:** Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

**Choir:** *Christe Eleison, Christe Eleison, Christe Eleison,*

**People:** Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

**THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**  
**The Second Sunday In Lent**

Leader: We pray for Christ Catholic Church and for the mission and ministry of S.A.P.C. Lord, increase our faith that we may trust in you. May we move forward knowing that you are with us and before us. Give us a vision of who we are and what we should do. Help us to move towards your promised land. May your church work for the freedom of captives, for the release of those unjustly bound, for a more caring and peaceful world. We pray for the clergy for John Archbishop, Howard Diocesan Bishop, Robert and Leon Suffragans, Sirrano, Olando, Andrea and all church workers.

Our help comes from the Lord,

***ALL: the maker of heaven and earth.***

Leader: Lord of the Nations, we pray for the leaders of the world and, for those who make decisions on our behalf; For Patrick, Governor General, Andrew, Prime Minister, Portia, leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, members of the House of Representatives and for all members of the judiciary, that they may serve justice, safeguard human rights and promote the well-being of our people.

Our help comes from the Lord,

***ALL: the maker of heaven and earth.***

Leader: Lord, teach us to love the world with the great love that you have for the world. May we care for the environment and not pollute it. Guide all leaders of the private sector, strengthen our moral virtues and lead us in ways of peace. Grant sensitivity to planners, Economic Technocrats and to all who affect our future. We pray for research workers, media practitioners and for all who influence our lives and minds that our world may be kept in goodness and in beauty as we cooperate for the common good.

Our help comes from the Lord,

***ALL: the maker of heaven and earth.***

Leader: O Lord, help us to keep the Lenten discipline of daily

prayer and fasting from practices that are toxic to our spiritual health, so that we may have a more generous and charitable heart, which equip us to witness and minister in your Holy name,  
Our help comes from the Lord,

**ALL: *the maker of heaven and earth.***

Leader: We remember all who are anxious about the future. We pray for those who are seriously or terminally ill, for all who await a doctor's diagnosis, all who await operations or treatment, and those who recently had surgery. We ask you to strengthen all who are despairing, and despondent. O Lord encourage and hearten all who have lost hope. We pray for our sick and shut-in.....

Our help comes from the Lord,

**ALL: *the maker of heaven and earth.***

Leader: We give thanks for all who have passed through death and reached the fullness of the Promised Land. We rejoice in their fellowship and their triumph.

*Silence may be kept*

**ALL: Lord God, you have created us for yourself, you have called us into being, you have offered us your love. We give ourselves, our souls and bodies, and all that we do, to you in love; through our Saviour Christ our Lord. Amen**

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

Heron Wright	Ena Dallen	Noel McConnell
Hugh Williams	Bernice Hall	Edward Zacca Sr.
Ethel Thomas	Charles Henry	Jemima Austin
Michael McCarty	Cynthia Bonner	Pearl Patterson
Millicent Williams	Daphne Goodison	Elaine Small

## Faith Formation and Christian Education

### Did you know?

To be “**born again**, means that a person is made the child of a father whose child he was not before.” In the context of Christianity, therefore, it is regarded as regeneration, through the waters of baptism, in which an individual is made a child of God (through adoption and grace), receives remission of his/her sins, and is incorporated into that family, the holy, catholic and apostolic Church, where he/she is nourished and strengthened spiritually in the faith as a living member of the faith. (*The Roman Catholic Question*, 1851).

### Quote for reflection

Sin is our refusal or failure to do God’s will, either by disobedience or by omission. In these ways we distort our relationship with God, with ourself, with other people and with all creation.

### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK (Mar. 12 - March 18)

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
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	<b>Lenten Devotion</b>
	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Church Committee
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	AYF

### **PARISH NEWS CONT'D**

Friends of the STAPC Sunday School will be having their AGM on Sunday April 9, 2017 immediately following the 8:00 a.m. service in the Old Courthouse. Members, please come prepared for elections and bring your annual dues of \$1,200.

# PARISH NEWS

Today we **welcome** members of the UTECH School of Hospitality and Tourism.

**Birthdays for this week:** Nathan West, Victoria West, Myrtle White and Minnette Mitchell 12/03, Robert Gregory 13/03, Peter Crosswell 14/03, Loyle Herdsman and Denise Gooden 15/03, Paulette Hollingsworth and Judith Stephenson 16/03, and Ruby Anderson and Denise Warren 17/03.

**Condolence** is extended to Hilary Williams and family on the passing of her aunt Pauline McNamee. Her funeral service will be at St. Margaret's at 11:00 a.m. on the 25th. To Gladstone Bascoe and family on the passing of his brother Clinton Bascoe. Also to the family of Phyllis Foster.

**Lenten Devotions** continue on Thursday March 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend. Devotional books are available, cost \$300.

**S.A.S - March is their focus month. Take-away breakfast** March 19, in the Fellowship Court, after each service. Cost \$1,000.

**Fellowship Group Silent Retreat** - Saturday, April 1, 2017, 8.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. at the Church Hall, Ellesmere Road.

Theme- **DISCIPLESHIP**. Presenters - Bishop Robert Thompson and Mrs. Marcia Hamilton. Contribution - \$1,500.00 covers refreshment/lunch. ALL ARE INVITED. Advise re attendance. Registration forms are available at the Church Office or from [joeyj@cwjamaica.com](mailto:joeyj@cwjamaica.com)

**St. Andrew Parish Foundation** presents the “University of Arkansas Inspirational Chorale and K.C Chapel Choir” in Concert on Tuesday March 21, 2017, at St. Andrew Parish Church, at 7:00 p.m. Cost \$1,500.

**Members of the March Birthday Group** are asked to attend a brief meeting in the Fellowship Court after the 8:00 a.m. service.

**St Andrew Settlement** will have 2 additional buns on sale after Church today - buns for Diabetics (\$550) and an extra-small bun (only \$100).

**Theme for Lenten Devotion: We are baptised to Witness and Minister in the name of Jesus Christ**

March 16 **The witness of the Early church**

March 23 **Witness of the Martyrs and Reformers of the church**

March 30 **Effective witnessing in this age**

April 6 **Continuing our witness...**

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2017 - Year A

**6:30 a.m.**

### HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament	Genesis 12: 1 - 4a	John Jackson
Psalms 121 (BCP page 641)	<b>Refrain:</b> (All sit) “ <i>Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth..</i> ”	
Epistle	Romans 4: 1 - 5, 13 - 17	Jennifer Goodison
Gospel	John 3: 1 - 17	
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**8:00 a.m.**

### SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional	134	
Old Testament	Genesis 12: 1 - 4a	William Reeson
Psalms 121 (BCP page 641)	<b>Chanted: (All stand)</b>	
Epistle	Romans 4: 1 - 5, 13 - 17	Carole Willis
Gradual	124	- Children leave for Sunday School
Gospel	John 3: 1 - 17	
Sermon	Andrea Chin See	
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Offertory Hymn	387	
During Communion	600, 599, 398, 612	
Sunday School	658	
Recessional	417	

**10:30 a.m.**

### CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

**6:00 p.m.**

### BETHLEHEM FELLOWSHIP GROUP

**Theme: God's Faithfulness**

The Fellowship Groups are inviting you and your families to come to the Evening Service at 6:00 p.m. today when the service will be conducted by the Bethlehem Fellowship Group