

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
DECEMBER 11, 2022 - Year A

**A Call to Intentional Discipleship,**  
**We are Baptized to Walk by Faith and Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus**

**6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST**

First Lesson	Isaiah 35: 1 - 10	Milverton Reynolds
Magnificat	Page 4	
Epistle	James 5:7 - 10	Marcia Palmer
Gospel	Matthew 11:2 - 11	
Intercession	Form B Page 107	

**8:00 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON**

Procession	54 The King shall come when morning dawns
First Lesson	Isaiah 35: 1 - 10 Frank James
Magnificat	Page 4 <b>Chanted</b> (all stand)
Epistle	James 5:7 - 10 Carol Hamilton
Gradual	520 Teach me, my God and King (Children leave for Sunday School)
Gospel	Matthew 11:2 - 11
Sermon	Rev. Canon Serrano Kitson
The Creed	Hymn 561
Intercession	Form C Page 108
Offertory	44 Lift up your heads, you mighty gates
During Communion	598, 37
Recessional	750 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

**Intentional Discipleship Prayer of the Diocese**

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have awakened Your Church to hear again, the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ to come to Him and learn from Him. Grant that as we say "Yes" to discipleship, your Holy Spirit will enable us so completely to commit all areas of our lives to His service, that in our personal, family and church lives, our work, recreational and social lives, we would act as Jesus would have acted if He were in our place; in His name and for His sake we pray. **Amen.**

**Connecting to the streaming link for 8:00 a.m. Service**

**<https://www.facebook.com/sapcjamaica>**

**The 8 a.m. service can also be viewed on YouTube.**

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**Chapel of Ease:**

**St. Thomas - Majesty Gardens 10:30 a.m. and St. Clement's - Kencot 10:30 a.m.**



**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:**

**A Call to Intentional Discipleship,**  
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**CLERGY**

Rector/Curate The Very Revd. Canon Serrano Kitson, D. Min.

Assistant Curate

Fr. Bertram Gayle

Supplementary Clergy

Fr. Claude Campbell

Church Army

Sister Andrea Taylor-Smith

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Mrs. Merle Thomas

Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Hortense James

Verger - Miss Ann Morrison

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant: Jesus says, "Surely I am Coming Soon!"

All: Amen, Come, Lord Jesus!

Celebrant: (+) Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the

Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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. The 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)

Birthdays for this week: Rev. Winston Blake and Maydene Dunn 12/12, Rev. Harold Jones and Beverly Taylor 13/12, Vivienne Jones, Lisa Campbell and Robert Williams 14/12, Clarissa Kerr and Ashley Johnson 17/12.

Wedding Anniversary - Congratulations to Delano and Juliet Fields who will be celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary on the 15th.

Our Annual Gift Days will be from December 11 - 18, 2022.

The Altar Guild is asking those who wish to donate Poinsettias for the Christmas decorations to contact the Church Office.

A congregational meeting to nominate eligible persons to the Church Committee will be held today, December 11, 2022. At this nomination meeting each eligible voter may nominate not more than two persons for election to the Church Committee.

Electronic payment instruction JAMAICAN DOLLARS

Bank Name: NCB - Half-Way-Tree
Beneficiary Name: St. Andrew Parish Church
Beneficiary Account #: 301045077
Account Type: Current Account

If you encounter any difficulties with the transfer, contact your own bank

UNITED STATES DOLLARS (Wire Instructions)

Bank Name: Bank of New York, New York
ABA Routing#: 021000018
SWIFT Code: IRVTUS3N
Account Name: National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited
A/C #: 8033407727 SWIFT Code: JNCBJMKX
For Further Credit to: St. Andrew Parish Church

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Alton Tulloch (Priest) Richard Neckles Heron Wright
Percival Lynch (Priest) Lola Neckles Myrtle Young
George Thomas (Priest) Gwen Waugh Marjorie Steele
Terri-Ann Richardson-James Stanley Thompson Linda Mahon

**Faith Formation and Christian Education**

**Did you know?**

The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The laurel (leaves) signifies victory over persecution and suffering; the prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns; the circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ, and if any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods are used to decorate the wreath, they symbolize life and resurrection. All together, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ Jesus our Lord. (*The History of the Advent Wreath*, Rev. William Saunders)

**Quote for Reflection**

The growing light of the Advent Wreath is a symbol of Christ who shatters the darkness of sin and death. Each week as the light grows stronger, we grow stronger too in our reverence for and commitment to Christ. The growing light helps us recognize Christ, not only in the historical event we celebrate at Christmas, but in our lives today and in the hope we carry as we prepare for the coming fullness of God's reign. (*The History & symbolism of the Advent Wreath*, n.d.)

**Question for Reflection**

- What joy has the risen Christ bestowed on your life, as you await his second coming in glory?

**Confirmation Class** continues on Wednesdays. Juniors at 6:30-7:30 ID:81077690144 Passcode ConfirmJu and the seniors 5:30-6:30 ID 83959923839 Passcode ConfirmAd.

**Monday Bible Study** at 5:30 p.m, Meeting ID 854 9239 9132  
Passcode 367264. Both On-line and face-to-face.

**Readings for December 18, 2022, : Isaiah 7: 10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18, Romans 1:1 - 7, Matthew 1: 18 - 25.**

*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.**

**Leader:** 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:** We thank you O 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 everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask this in the name of the One who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

**THE TRISAGION**

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

President: The Lord is here.

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

President: Let us pray.

**THE COLLECT**

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Canticle: The Magnificat (1662 bcp)**

1. My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
2. For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.
3. For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.
4. For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name
5. And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.
6. He hath showed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.
8. He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.
9. He remembering his mercy: hath holpen his servant Israel
10. As he promised to our forefathers: Abraham and his seed, for ever.

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:  
World without end. Amen**

**A Prayer for Vocation and Ministry**

Almighty God, look with compassion on the world you have redeemed by the death of Your son Jesus Christ. Move the hearts of many to offer themselves for the ministry of Your Church, strengthen us to bear witness to Christ, using the gifts received, so that by our lives and labours Your light may shine in the darkness and the coming of Your Kingdom be advanced; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour *Amen.*

**Advent III**

**Dec. 12, 2021**

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

Dec. 13th	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 14th	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 16h	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

*The Executive of the Friends of the St. Andrew Parish Church Sunday Schools wish to advise the faithful supporters of our annual Christmas Cake and Pudding Fundraiser, that unfortunately we will not be having the event this year. We regret the inconvenience, which is unavoidable. We look forward to your support when we return next year."*

**Kingston Chapel College Christmas Concert** will be held on Saturday 17th at UWI Chapel, at 5:00 p.m. Tickets \$3,000 at the Church Office.

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE  
CHRISTMAS SEASON 2022**

Dec. 11 - 18	<b>Gift Days</b>
<b>Dec. 18</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. Carol Service</b>
Dec. 21	9:00 a.m. Feast Day St. Thomas the Apostle
Dec. 25	6:30 a.m. Christmas Day - Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m. Christmas Day - Solemn Eucharist
Dec. 28	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Holy Innocents
Dec. 30	9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Dec. 31	11:00 p.m. Watch Night Service
Jan. 1	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Holy Name
	8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist - Holy Name
Jan. 6	9:00 a.m. The Epiphany
Jan. 8	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Baptism of Our Lord
	8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist - Baptism of Our Lord
Jan. 22	8:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting