

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 11, 2026 - Lectionary Year A

The theme for this year:

Baptized to bear witness to Jesus & minister in His name

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

O.T Lesson

Isaiah 42: 1-9 Edwin Wint

Psalm 29

Refrain: (All sit) " **Ascribe to the Lord the glory
due His name. Alleluia**"

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Acts 10:34 - 43 Jennifer Goodison

N. T Lesson

Matthew 3: 13 - 17

Gospel

Matthew 3: 13 - 17

Baptismal Renewal

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8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

(Corporate for the Mother's Union)

Processional

632 Awake, awake, fling off the night

O. T. Lesson

Isaiah 42: 1-9 Dorothy Britton-McKenzie

Psalm 29

BCP page 502 Chanted: (All stand)

N. T. Lesson

Acts 10:34 - 43 Akira Peart

Gradual

633 Baptized in water *(Children leave for S.S)*

Gospel

Matthew 3: 13 - 17

Sermon

Rev. Canon Sirrano Kitson

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Offertory Hymn

104 Songs of thankfulness and praise

During Communion

299, 597, 449

Recessional

400 We have a gospel to proclaim

5:00 p.m.

Evening Song and Praise

Prayer for Renewal & Mission

Lord of the harvest, we thank You for the awesome privilege and responsibility You have given to us, to partner with You in Your Mission, the Mission of the Church. Equip and empower us by Your Holy Spirit, so that as we live and work we share Jesus with others in our own homes, our work places, on the streets, by telephone, on the internet - whenever and wherever the opportunity arises - so that lives might be touched and transformed, and souls won for Your Kingdom. We ask You to bless and strengthen the members of the church and awaken us to the new and abundant life that Jesus came to give us. Help us all to share our experience of this new life with others in your name 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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Today is the first Sunday after Epiphany. On this day the church celebrates the baptism of our Lord. Today is also known as renewal Sunday, as it presents an opportunity to renew our baptismal or marriage covenant. The Collect for today is a plea for God to fill us with boldness to continually proclaim that Jesus is Lord of all.

In the first reading, a servant of the Lord is chosen to bring God's justice to the nations. The servant is charged to bring the blind and freedom to the captives. The Lord also told to the servant that the name of the Lord is stamped on it, therefore all that the Lord declared will be accomplished.

In the second reading, Peter shares with the Gentiles his understanding of the coming of Christ. He made it clear that God is not partial which is why Jesus came for all people. Jesus went forth into all regions to proclaim the good news of Salvation. All who believe this message and accept Jesus as the Holy One sent from God would receive the gift that Christ brings.

In the gospel reading, Jesus goes to John to be baptized. He charges the prophet to baptize Him as a sign of humility. After he was baptized the Holy Spirit shone upon him and a voice from heaven confirmed Him as the Holy One sent from God.

Jesus journeys to Galilee, like all the others who would have come to hear and be baptized by John. When Jesus showed up and requested to be baptized, John immediately declined the request. The prophet says he was unworthy to carry out this act as he was only there to serve as the forerunner. Jesus' response acknowledged the truth of John's statement, but went on to permit him to carry out this act of God.

John acted in obedience and having baptized Jesus, the Holy Spirit came and shone on Him. The voice from heaven declared that this was the Son of God who would now show that the Kingdom of God was on earth. It showed God's approval of Jesus and the ministry He would undertake.

The baptism of Jesus was to show his humility, and that Jesus was uniting Himself with those for whom he came. Jesus consciously submitted Himself to those He came to save as an example of what the attitude should be towards God's kingdom. Through Jesus the kingdom of God would become a reality bringing the good news of forgiveness to all people.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us today, especially The Queen's School family, celebrating founder's day.

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Jacinth Wright, Hope Hinds, Malik Thompson, Michael Fennell and Yolande Whitely-Guthrie 11/1, Anthony Grodger and Huntley Watson 12/01, Rev. Delroy Coley 13/01, Rev. Seymour Blackwood, Brian Shor, Jean Jones and Karen Fitz-Ritson 14/01, Laceta Brown, Antonio Bryan and Ava Haynes 15/01, Sis. Melvorn Stewart, Cleopatra Jones-Brown 16/01, Veta Bullock and Anthony Matheson 17/01.

The 45th Annual Marian Ecumenical Service will be held at Holy Cross Church on Wednesday January 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Members are invited to join in this Ecumenical Service. Theme: Mary - Gift to the Church.

Your 2026 envelopes can be collected from the Conference room.

The Church's Annual Congregational meeting will be held on January 25, 2026, after the 8:00 a.m. service. Reports are due by the 11th.

Please remember to take your non-perishable items for the Dorcas Basket/ Tuesday charity.

We express thanks to our members who continue to give sacrificially to ensure that the ministry and mission of the church are sustained as we continue to witness and minister in these challenging times.

Electronic payment instruction JAMAICAN DOLLARS

Bank Name:	NCB - Half-Way-Tree
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ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Jan. 11 - 17

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

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR...

Percival Lynch (Priest)	Carol Lawla	Clover Chung
Franklyn Jackson (Priest)	Karl Lewin	Ruby Myrie
Jean Jones	George Levy	Sylvia Jumpp
Winnifred Johnson	Ellonia Gordon	Gwen Donaldson

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

The Season of Epiphany begins on January 6 and continues through to the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The liturgical colour for the period between the Feast of the Epiphany and Ash Wednesday is green. This period centres on the revelation and manifestation of Jesus Christ, epitomized by the Magi's visit, symbolizing his recognition as the Saviour for all. Additionally, it emphasizes the symbolism of light, portraying Christ as the illuminating force, bringing enlightenment and hope to humanity. The season underlines the Church's mission, highlighting God's inclusive love and the call to spread the gospel universally. Moreover, it focuses on individuals' witness and testimony to Christ's significance in their lives, echoing the actions of those who acknowledged Jesus' presence. Lastly, it commemorates Jesus' Baptism, marking the beginning of his ministry and affirming his divine identity as the Son of God. These intertwined themes feature prominently in liturgical practices, encouraging contemplation on Christ's revelation and its universal implications.

Quote for reflection

"Epiphany is the day and season in the church year when we patiently watch and listen as God is quietly revealed before us once again. Sometimes, even when we try hard to do so, we just don't see God in our everyday lives or in the events of our world. Epiphany gives us the time and the resources to watch, wait, listen, look, and anticipate the light, life, and truth of the Lord's presence in our midst." ~ *Norman Shawchuck & Ruben Job in A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God*

Question for reflection

- What practices or habits could I adopt to become more attentive to the quiet revelations of God in my surroundings?

Post Communion Acclamation

**Jesus Christ, Son of God, make yourself known to me;
Jesus Christ, Son of God, make yourself known through me ;
Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, speak through me to others.
Lord renew your Church beginning with me.**

**Readings for Jan. 18, 2026: Isaiah 49:1 - 7, Psalm 40: 1 - 12,
1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 9, John 1: 29 - 42.**

President: For the God who said...

President: (+) Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

President: O Christ, you have manifested yourself and enlightened the world.
Alleluia!

**All: We are baptized to proclaim your light of Salvation to all people.
Alleluia!**

President: Our Saviour is made manifest for the redemption of the world.
Alleluia!

All: All nations of the world will gather to worship you, Alleluia

President: Come let us worship the Lord who is proclaimed as the Beloved Son of God. Alleluia!

All: Christ is anointed to deliver the afflicted, emancipate the enslaved and to bind up the broken hearted. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity BCP pg 101

ALL: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open...

Gloria In Excelsis (Lisa Narcisse)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of goodwill.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks, for your great glory.

O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty,
Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You who take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You who take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer:
You who sit at the right hand of the Father: mercy on us.

For you only are Holy; You only are the Lord:

You only O Jesus Christ are most High,
together with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father, in the glory of God the Father,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord is here

All: His spirit is with us.

Celebrant: Let us pray... **Amen**

The Collect of the day

The Prayers of Intercession

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

All: Hear our prayer

President: We pray for the clergy, the nation, our leaders and the family.

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Promises

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 in God.

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

Answer: I believe and trust in God

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. Alleluia, Alleluia

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

During the sprinkling of the people with Holy Water the following shall be sung:

Wonderful Grace

1. 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.

2. 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. **R**

Refrain:

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

All: Eternal God you have declared in Christ the completion of your purpose 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

All: O Lord we commit ourselves to support the ministry of our church with our tithes and offerings, with our time and abilities and to witness to the Saving Grace of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Greeting of Peace

President: We are the body of Christ...

All: Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.