

## Weekly Notices

Sunday 7th December      Sunday School at St. Francis after 6:30 am Mass  
Sunday School at St. Mark's at 3:30 pm

Sunday 16th December      Mass at St. Mark's at 6:30 am  
Mass at St. Francis at 6:30 am  
Holy Eucharist at St. George's at 8:30 am

1. Readings for Sunday 16th December, 2007  
**Old Testament Lesson:** ACWA: Isaiah 35: 1-10  
**The Epistle:** Choir: James 5: 7-10  
**Intercession:** ACWA: Form H
2. Persons are kindly asked to contact Fr. Rohim at 461-3154 for inquiries of Baptism, Weddings, or any other matters of the Parish.
3. Persons are kindly asked to contact Ms. Loretta Ireland at 461-0125 or Mr. Bertrand Phillip 562-0089 for sponsorship of bulletins or flowers.
4. **Mother's Union** meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Sundays at 4:30 pm at alternate venues every month; i.e. one month at St. Mark's Chapel and the following month at St. Francis Chapel at 4:30 pm. All members please take note and be present.
5. **The Brotherhood** meets at 6:00 pm every 1st and 3rd Mondays at St. Mark's Chapel. All members are asked to please take note and be present.
6. **The Friends of St. Francis** meets at 7:30 pm every 2nd & 4th Mondays at St. Francis Chapel. All members are asked to please take note and be present.
7. **StG.Com (St. George's on the Move)** meets at 7:30 pm every Tuesday at St. Mark's Chapel. All members are asked to please take note and be present.
8. **The St. George's Choir** meets at 7:30 pm every Thursday at St. Mark's Chapel. All members are asked to please take note and be present.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS:

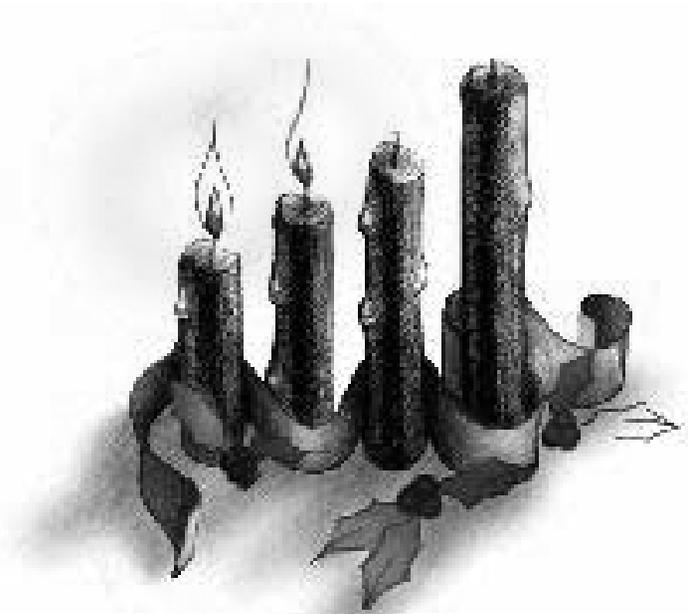


Maurice Barnes, Inez Bass (Montserrat), Ashby Benjamin, Casilda Bloodman, George Lastus Bradshaw, Carolyn Browne, Fitzroy Carr, Chanee Chalon (St. Thomas), Mildred Chiddick, Barbara Kaye Clarke-Daniel, Henry Daley, Mymin Davis (England), Cynthia Dublin, Margaret Ithmay Dublin, Olga Dublin, Glenfield Francis, Eustace Gardner, Neville Grigg, George Gloade, Carolyn Gordon (Guyana), Errol Hector, Enid Henry, Alston Isaac, Daren James, Jacqueline James (London), Rupert James, Uriel James, Eunice Jonas, Kathleen Joseph (U.S.A.), Foster King, Leonard "Reds" King, Ruth King, Viola Lawrence, Cavelle Lewis, George Lewis, Idona Lewis, Walbridge Lewis, Agatha Martin, Amanda Martin, Alfred Matthew, Enroy Matthew, Edmund Norford, Henrietta Osbourne, Kelly Paul, Enid Peters, Yvonne Peters, Charlene Phillip, Solomie Phillip, Fitzroy Ramsey (St. Maarten), Wills Richards, Doris Matthew-Robins, Frances Samuel, Mavis Samuel, Delores Solomon, Arden Thomas, Tracelyn Thomas (Canada), William Thomas, Cecilia Thompson (Blue Waters), Leona Tittle-Minette, Yvette Tomlinson, Alphonso Tonge, Gabriel Wade, Dorilyn Warner, Phyllis White, Rachel Williams, Viviana Williams.

# St. George's Parish

With St. Mark's - Pigotts, St. Francis - Judges Hill

Advent II



RECTOR: THE REV. FR. JOHN ROHIM

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PUT ON OUR ARMOUR AS SOLDIERS OF LIGHT .... LET CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF BE THE ARMOUR THAT YOU WEAR. (ROM.: 12,14)

YEAR C                                      ADVENT II                                      9th December, 2007

Processional Hymn	MP 424
Lighting of the Advent Candle	
The Introit	MP 102
Opening Sentences	BCP pg. 97 or pg. 99 or pg 100
Collect for Purity et al	BCP pg. 101
Kyrie, Gloria	BCP pg. 102
Collect	BCP pg. 157 - Advent 2
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalms	Psalms 72 vs. 1-8 BCP pg. 558
The Epistle	Romans 15: 4-13
Gradual Hymn	A&M 622
Gospel	Matthew 3: 1-12
Hymn before the Sermon	MP 459 verses 1 & 4
The Sermon	
The Creed	BCP pg. 104
Intercessions	Form F BCP pg. 115
Act of Penitence	BCP pg. 123 or pg. 124
The Absolution	BCP pg. 124
The Peace	BCP pg. 124 or pg. 125
The Welcome and Notices	
<b>Children's Hymn</b>	<b>MP 47</b>
Birthday & Anniversary Blessing	
The Offertory Hymns	A&M 219, A&M 52
Presentation of the Offerings	BCP pg. 126
Sursum Corda	BCP pg. 126
Eucharistic Prayer	BCP pg. 131 (A)
The Lord's Prayer	BCP pg. 144
Agnus Dei	BCP pg. 147
Communion Hymns	A&M 320, A&M 276, A&M 315, MP 64
Blessing of the Children	MP 539
Walk Up Offertory	MP 98
Post Communion Prayer	BCP pg. 147 or pg. 148
The Blessing	
Recessional Hymn	A&M 304

## LISTENING TO THE SERMON

Listen to the message from God's Word. Use this sheet to make some personal notes.

Keep them for the purpose of reference, study and remembrance.

SERMON TITLE:

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BIBLICAL TEXT:

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MAIN IDEA OF THE SERMON:

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POINT(S) TO REMEMBER:

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WHAT SHOULD I DO AS A RESULT OF HEARING THIS SERMON :

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## Do You Know!

\* **GREEN TEA** acts as an antioxidant and helps to protect against cancer. It lowers cholesterol levels, reduces the clotting tendency of the blood, stimulates the immune system, fights tooth decay, helps to regulate blood sugar and insulin levels and combats mental fatigue. It is possible that this tea helps to prevent enlarged prostate.

To get the full effect of the antioxidant benefits, it must be used without milk. It is said that milk may bind with the beneficial compounds making them unavailable to the body.

**CAUTION:** Green Tea contains a small amount of caffeine. It should not be used in large quantities by pregnant woman and nursing mothers. Persons with anxiety disorders or irregular heartbeat should limit their intake to no more that two cups daily.

PLEASE do not use before consulting your doctor or herbalist.



Please ensure that all electronic devices are switched off so that we can honor the spirit of reverence that prevails as we, the people of God, worship together.

“Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord.

During the Service,

let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.”

## Today's Readings



### **Old Testament: Isaiah 11: 1-10**

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup> And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist, and faithfulness the girdle of his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the

lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall feed; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious.



**The Epistle: Romans 15: 4-13**

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise thee among the,

**Church Income for Month of November, 2007**

1st Sunday	General Account	\$ 3,412.28
	Building Account	\$ 6,178.39
2nd Sunday	General Account	\$ 7,404.22
	Building Account	\$ 2,033.04
3rd Sunday	General Account	\$ 2,338.26
	Building Account	\$ 1,780.27
4th Sunday	General Account	\$ 3,036.72
	Building Account	\$ 725.36
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>\$ 26,908.54</u></b>

**Expenses for the month of November, 2007**

Personal Emoluments	\$ 6,034.84
APUA (Utilities)	\$ 2,656.58
BSS - Stationary & Copier Rental	\$ 1,309.45
Quota	\$ 3,641.08
NECA (loan)	\$ 3,000.00
Car Gasoline (2 months)	\$ 988.86
Emily's Floral (2 months)	\$ 920.00
ACB Loan #1	\$ 2,500.00
ACB Loan #2	\$ 850.00
Insurance on Church	\$ 1,333.00
Maintenance - Church & Rectory Grounds	\$ 2,031.65
Church Insurance	\$ 1,333.00
Repairs to Church Windows & Rectory Doors	\$ 1,677.50
Reimbursement (St. Boniface & StG.Com)	\$ 9,067.87
** Church Roof Repairs (1st Disbursement)	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 56,010.83</u></b>

\*\* initial Disbursement on Church Roof Repairs.

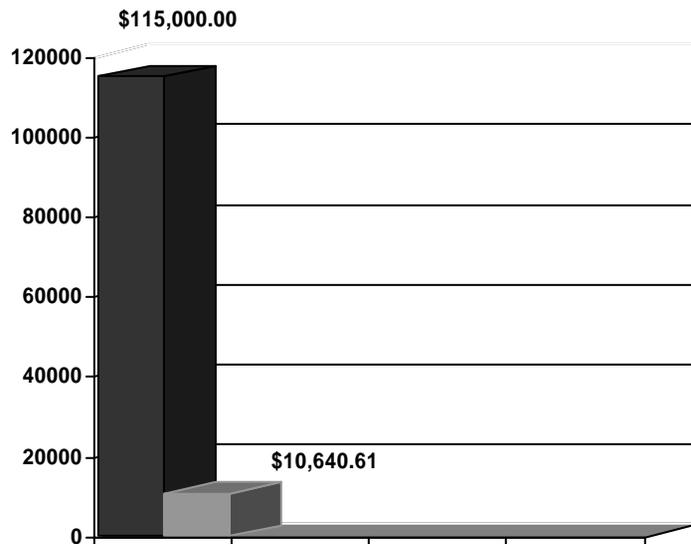
Our Walk-Up Collection goes to the Organ Fund.  
Please give generously.

**ORGAN FUND**

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

Cost of New Organ: \$115,000.00.

Amount collected to date \$ 10,640.61



Please remember that our Social Outreach Ministry continues every Wednesday. 50 persons (Senior Citizens) receive Lunch from us. The future of this Ministry is dependant upon your generous response. **PLEASE** remember to give either in cash or kind. If you wish to bring a grocery item, please note the following.

Rice / Flour / Meats / Seasoning / Vegetables / Food Boxes / Forks / Napkins / Cups. Can and bottle items are recommended.

Gentiles, and sing to thy name"; <sup>10</sup> and again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; <sup>11</sup> and again, "Praise the Lord, all Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; <sup>12</sup> and further Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, he who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles hope." <sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.



**The Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12**

<sup>1</sup> In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup> For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." <sup>4</sup> Now John wore a garment of camel's hair, and a leather girdle around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sad'ducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit that befits repentance, <sup>9</sup> and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'; for I tell

you, God is able from these stones to raise up children  
 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every  
 tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down  
 and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water  
 for repentance, but he who is coming after me is  
 mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to  
 carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with  
 fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will  
 clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the  
 granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable  
 fire."



Today we would like to extend a warm St. George's  
 welcome to all those who are visiting with us  
 for the first time or the first in a long time.



**Welcome!**

*"We embrace you all with enthusiasm,  
 with open hearts, open minds, open doors;  
 and we hope that you will enjoy sharing  
 In fellowship with us."*

If you are **curious** and have come to **see**, if you are **weary** and have come to  
 find rest, if you are **grateful** and have come to give **thanks**, if you are **hurting**  
 and have come for **solace**, if you are **listening** and have come to **pray**, if you  
 are **seeking** and have come for **answers**, **WELCOME**.

### CONGRATULATIONS

to all celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries  
 today or during the week.

*"MAY YOU HAVE ALL THE JOY YOUR HEART CAN HOLD  
 ALL THE SMILES A DAY CAN BRING .....  
 ALL THE BLESSINGS A LIFE CAN UNFOLD.  
 MAY YOU HAVE GOD'S BEST IN EVERYTHING"*



**MAY THE LORD BLESS YOUR BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY.**

On Wednesday 12th December, 2007 (this week Wednesday)  
 their will be no lunches served to the Senior Citizens of the  
 Barnes Hill, New Winthorpes, Pigotts and Carlisle Areas. All  
 are asked to take note and to inform all individuals involved in this  
 Social Outreach. Thank You very much.

### Treasurer's Corner

Sunday 2nd December, 2007

The Treasurer's Corner is designed to provide weekly information  
 on church offerings as well as attendance. It is also intended to  
 apprise parishioners of the importance of supporting the various  
 ministries within the Church.

Your generous contribution is most appreciated.

#### Attendance at St. George's Parish Church:

<b>Congregation</b>	<b>190</b>
<b>Communicants</b>	<b>70</b>
Stewardship	\$ 1,690.00
Loose	943.41
Walk-Up	468.95
Birthday	425.00
In Thanksgiving For (ITGF)	365.00
Donation from	
Family of Amos Gloade	250.00
Social Outreach	185.00
*Others	165.00

Total church offerings for Sunday 2nd December, 2007 was  
 \$4,442.36 . \*Others represent:- Parish Projects, Harvest, St.  
 Mark's Sunday School, Loan.

Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found.

*(A person lights Second Candle, the Candle of Peace)*

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All:** Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastime. We ask that as we wait for you 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 peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem.  
**Amen.**

The Friends of St. Francis will be holding it's annual Heroes Day Luncheon on Monday 10th December, 2007 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the New Winthorpes Primary School Grounds, Barnes Hill.

Please come out and give them your support. Proceeds will go towards ongoing Church Development.

Your sponsorship of the weekly Bulletins and flowers are always appreciated. This can be done on the anniversary of Marriage and Birth as a memorial gift on the anniversary of a departed relative. Please contact Bertrand Phillip at 562-0089 or Loretta Ireland at 461-0125 for further information.

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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

**All:** **Thanks be to God**

**Leader:** Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Peace.

Last Sunday we lit the First Candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs, this First Candle reminded us of our hope in Christ. We light it again as we remember our Saviour, born a king in the line of King David. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and we believe that he will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us, to rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

*(A person lights the First Candle, the Candle of Hope)*

**TODAY WE LIGHT THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT, THE CANDLE OF PEACE.** We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". They told us how he would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.

When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peace-makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again. We light the