

Weekly Notices

Sunday 23rd December Sunday School at St. Francis after 6:30 am Mass
Sunday School at St. Mark's at 3:30 pm

Sunday 30th 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 30th December, 2007

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 61: 10 - 62: 3

The Epistle: Galations 3: 23-25; 4: 4-7

Intercession: Form B

- Persons are kindly asked to contact Fr. Rohim at 461-3154 for inquiries of Baptism, Weddings, or any other matters of the Parish.
- Persons are kindly asked to contact Ms. Loretta Ireland at 461-0125 or Mr. Bertrand Phillip 562-0089 for sponsorship of bulletins or flowers.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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, Mymmin Davis (England), Cynthia Dublin, Margaret Ithmay Dublin, Olga Dublin, Glenfield Francis, Eustace Gardner, 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, 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, Vivianna Williams.

St. George's Parish

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

Advent IV



RECTOR: THE REV. FR. JOHN ROHIM

DEACONS: THE REV. CATHERINE EDWARDS, THE REV. GEORGE RICHARDS
LAY MINISTERS: MR. ALSTON ISAAC, MR. AUSTIN SMITH
EUCARIST MINISTERS: MARK FRANCIS, JULIUS GORE & WALTER BERRIDGE
THE VESTRY: ALSTON ISAAC, BERTRAND PHILLIP, LORRAINE DAVIS,
LORETTA IRELAND, JULIUS GORE, AUSTIN SMITH, CAREY THOMPSON,
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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 IV 16th December, 2007

Processional Hymn	A&M 49
Lighting of the Advent Candle	A&M 268
The Introit	
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. 158 - Advent 4
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 7: 10-17
Psalms	Psalms 24 vs. 1-7 BCP pg. 496
The Epistle	Romans 1: 1-7
Gradual Hymn	A&M 46
Gospel	Matthew 1: 18-25
Hymn before the Sermon	MP 459 verses 1 & 4
The Sermon	
The Creed	BCP pg. 104
Intercessions	Penitential Order BCP pg. 215
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	
Children's Hymn	Away in a Manger
Birthday & Anniversary Blessing	
The Offertory Hymns	A&M 226, A&M 217
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	MP 107, MP 503
Blessing of the Children	MP 345
Walk Up Offertory	MP 740
Post Communion Prayer	BCP pg. 147 or pg. 148
The Blessing	
Recessional Hymn	A&M 60

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:

BIBLICAL TEXT:

MAIN IDEA OF THE SERMON:

POINT(S) TO REMEMBER:

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

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger,
No crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head

The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The poor Baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes

I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side,
'Til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray

Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And take us to heaven
To live with Thee there



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 7: 10-17

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." ¹³ And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Imman'u-el. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted. ¹⁷ The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since

the day that E'phraim departed from Judah--the king of Assyria."



The Epistle: Romans 1: 1-7

¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; ⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



The Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; ¹⁹ and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a

including VITAMIN E SELENIUM (a chemical element resembling sulfur), GLUTATHIONE (found in small quantities in active animal tissues. It takes up and gives off hydrogen and is very important in cellular respiration), CHROMIUM (contains essential nutrients involved in the metabolism of carbohydrates), and dimethyl-aminoethanol [DMAE] heavy in protein).

Recommendations:

- High vegetable proteins
- Cereals, seeds, nuts
- Avoid caffeine, fried food, saturated fats, red meats
- Processed foods, sugar.
- Limit sun exposure
- Use a cleansing cream - use olive oil and a warm wet wash cloth. Rinse with lemon juice and water
- Ginseng and green tea also good.

Caution: Please consult your doctor before using any of the above. These helpful hints are for your edification.

Do You Know!

* **AGE SPOTS** Age flat brown spots that can appear on the body as it ages. They are also called liver spots. Most age spots appear on the face, neck and hands. These brown spots are harmless, but they can be a sign of more serious underlying problems. They are a result of a build up of wastes known as LIPOFUSIN ACCUMULATION, a by-product of free radical damage in skin cells. These spots are actually signs that the cells are full of the type of accumulated wastes that slowly destroys the body cells, including brain and liver cells. In other words, they are a surface sign of free radical intoxication of the body that may affect many internal structures as well, including the heart muscle and the retina.

Factors leading to age spots include poor diet, lack of exercise, smoking, poor liver function, the ingestion of oxidized oils over a period of time, and, above all, excessive sun exposure. Exposure to the sun causes the development of the radicals that may damage the skin. Most people who have significant numbers of age spots live in sunny climates or have an excessive sun exposure.

The formation of LIPOFUCIN is associated with a deficiency of a number of important nutrients,

dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; ²¹ she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.



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.



*"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**.

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.

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.

This week we extend best wishes to Beatrice and Glentis Richardson on their 38th Wedding Anniversary on 28th December, 2007.

*"The Blessing of the Lord is upon your lives
May the one who brought your lives together
Continue to bring good things to you -
Hope to fill your days
Joy to fill your lives
Love to fill your hearts.
Happy Anniversary.!"*



*"Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun
a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."*
Philippians 1:6

We also extend best wishes to Glentis Richardson on his birthday which he celebrates on 27th December, 2007.

*May God pour His blessings
on you today.*

"There shall be showers of blessing" Ezekiel 34:26



Mr. & Mrs. Richardson will be sponsoring the flowers on the altar on Sunday 6th January, 2008 in thanksgiving for their Anniversary and birthday.

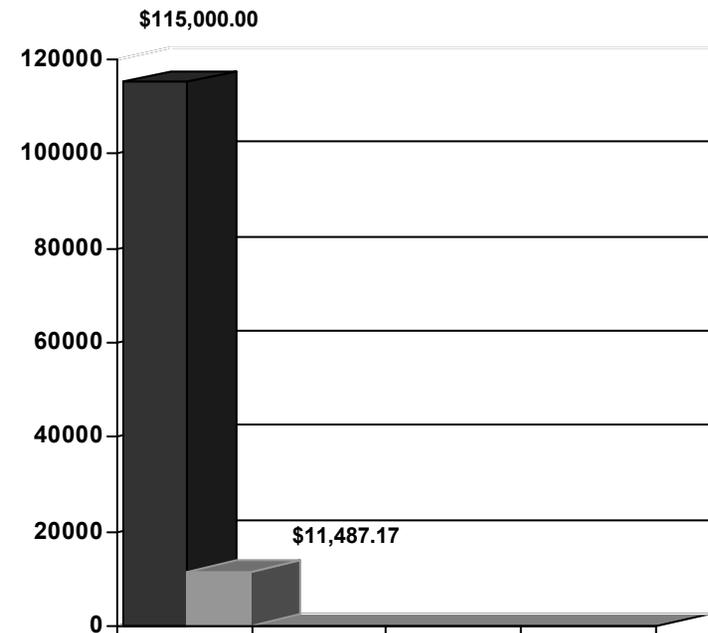
Our Walk-Up Collection goes to the Organ Fund.
Please give generously.

ORGAN FUND

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Cost of New Organ: \$115,000.00.

Amount collected to date \$ 11,487.17



Our stewardship envelopes have been ordered but are late in arriving. Parishioners are asked to use their old envelopes if this is necessary. Please be sure to put your number and date when using same.

Please be advised that No Lunch will be prepared for the Senior Citizens on Wednesday 26th December, 2007. Kindly be guided accordingly.

Treasurer's Corner

Sunday 16th 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:

Congregation	237
Communicants	78
Stewardship	\$ 1,971.00
Loose	977.86
Walk-Up	364.00
Loan	195.00
Parish Project	120.00
Contribution to Flowers	
(Mr. & Mrs. James Herbert)	150.00
Social outreach	95.00
*Others	60.00

Total church offerings for Sunday 16th December, 2007 was \$3,932.86. *Others represent:- Birthday, Harvest, Christmas, Insurance.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Leader: Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Love. We light it and the Candles of Hope and Peace again as we remember that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God's promises and bring us everlasting peace and joy.

(A person lights the Candles of Hope, Peace, and Love)

Today we light the Fourth 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 peace when they believed in him.

From hope, peace, and love grows joy.

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.

(A person lights the Fourth Candle the Candle of Joy)

Leader: Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Thank you 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 it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. **Amen.**

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.

It would be most appreciated if someone can make available to the Church a large basket to collect food items on Sundays. Parishioners are encouraged to bring non-perishables to assist in this programme.

ALL ORGANIZATIONS are asked to provide a list of their fund raising events for the year 2008. Please have the list presented to the Secretary of the Vestry by 30th December, 2007.

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS
AND OLD YEAR'S NIGHT**

MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER, 2007

ST. FRANCIS - 7:30 PM - NATIVITY MASS

TUESDAY 25TH DECEMBER, 2007

ST. GEORGE'S - 8:30 AM - NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

FRIDAY 28TH DECEMBER, 2007

**ST. GEORGE'S - 10:00 AM - HOLY INNOCENTS DAY
CHILDREN'S SERVICE**
(Children are encouraged to bring their toys for blessing.)

SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER, 2007

**ST. MARK'S - 6:30 AM - HOLY EUCHARIST
ST. FRANCIS - 6:30 AM - HOLY EUCHARIST
ST. GEORGE'S - 8:30 AM - HOLY EUCHARIST**

**MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER, 2007
(OLD YEAR'S NIGHT)**

ST. GEORGE'S - 10:30 PM - SERVICE OF REDEDICATION