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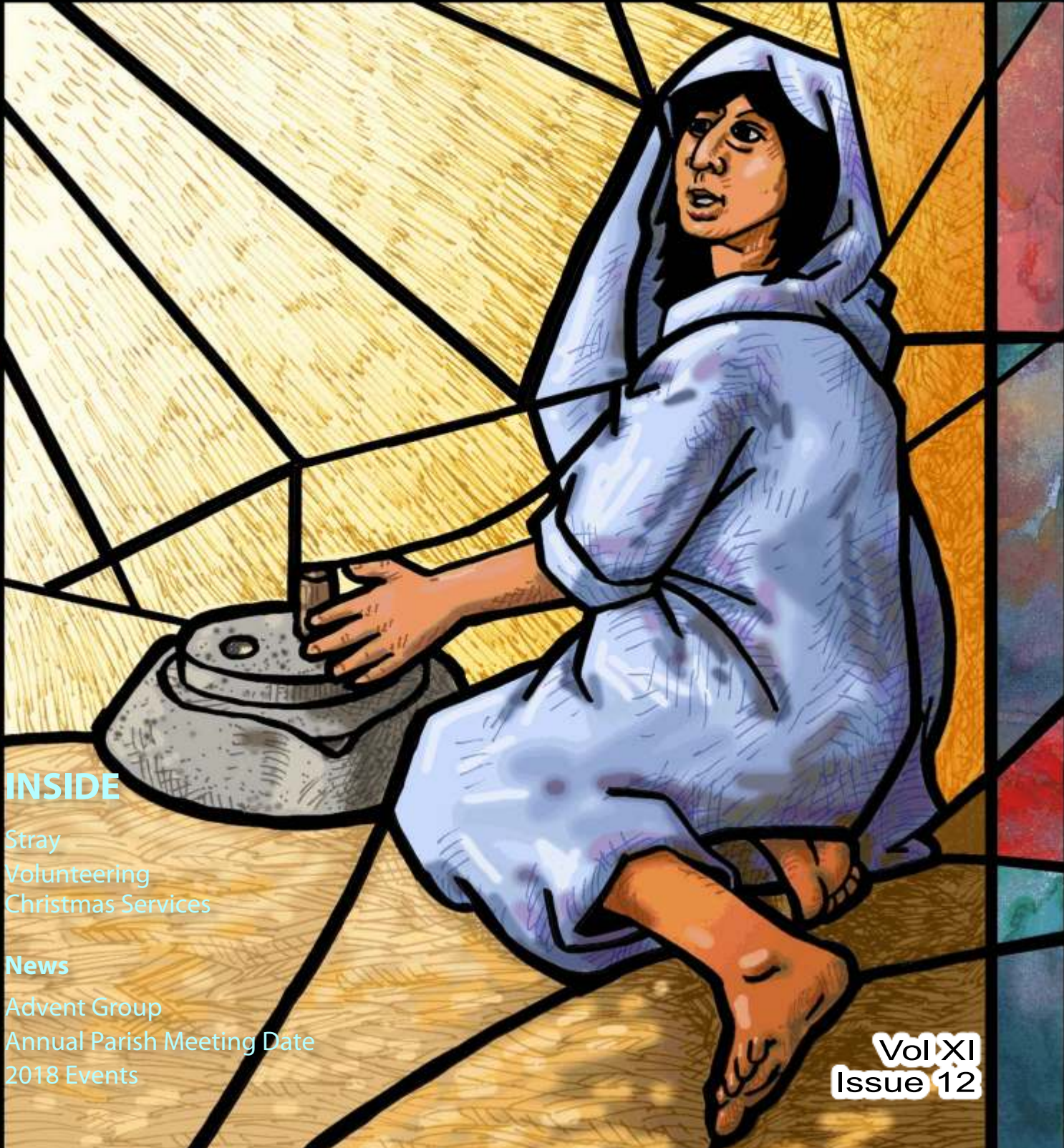
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St. Clement's Episcopal Church

Tampa's Hidden Gem

December 2017

Greetings, you who are highly favoured



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## Editorial

Although others might say otherwise, I don't consider myself to be that old. At least, I don't *feel* that old. I say this because it is within my lifetime that I can recall the change that used to take place in people's attitudes during this time of year.

One didn't need to be religious or a church-goer, but people seemed to slow down a little, take more time and be patient, take the time to acknowledge others.

The Salvation Army bell would ring outside the stores, and people would put their loose change into the box to help feed the poor. 'Happy Christmas!' would be exchanged at the cash registers (remember them?) and no one batted an eyelid. Even drivers – hasty to get home – seemed to behave better. Cars waiting in line would be let into the flow of traffic; the 'weaver bird', who weaves from lane to lane, seemed to have 'gone south' for the winter; pedestrians no longer had to bet with their lives when trying to cross a road.

This is so much different than today's experience. Tempos get shorter – as the lines get longer. No one gives an inch, whether it be on the road or in the checkout line. Weaver birds flock together as the roads become people's 'own private NASCAR' tracks. *Nothing* is said to other people – in fact, others are *not even acknowledged*, as smartphones are either glued to ears or are anxiously scanned for social media replies. Meanwhile, violence erupts if the season's 'must have' toy goes out of stock, or if two parents spy the last of the stock and claim it as their own.

As for being religious or a church-goer: study after study shows that there is *zero* difference in the lives and activities of church-goers compared with non-church-goers. And as if to prove the point, many churches do not even bother holding a Service on Christmas Day. Too many pastors agree that Christmas is 'about the family' or 'for the children' and so neglect to prick the consciences of their congregation by reminding them that Christmas is a HOLY DAY. And for those churches that DO hold a Service on that day, the numbers are small, and children are mostly absent.

And then there is the *muzak* – the canned noise that terrorizes one's ears in shopping malls and on the radio. 'Dreaming of a white Christmas' becomes a nightmare reality for many in northern climes, while Carols play on short rotation, because only a very few are actually known. Then there's that horrific song that tries to hit so many bases at once – of course, I am writing about the British 'Band Aid' song from 1984, 'Do They Know It's

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*Christmas?*", which contains that amazingly insulting and clueless chorus:

*And there won't be snow in Africa this Christmas time  
The greatest gift they'll get this year is life  
Where nothing ever grows  
No rain or rivers flow  
Do they know it's Christmas time at all?*

Of course, the main point of that song was to raise money in order to help ensure that second line: 'The greatest gift they'll get this year is life'. But trying to achieve that goal by indulging in stereotypes, and by being resolutely clueless to the size, geography, and natural wealth and beauty of Africa, does the African peoples no favors.

But, perhaps, we like that – we like misdirecting reality if it can make us feel a little better, even if only for a short while. We enjoy those soupy adverts that make Christmas such a wistful experience: the perfect family, the log fire, the well-behaved dog, and the 'ho-ho-ing' chap who dispenses expensive presents to all. The *sentimental* inside the *capitalist*; the *nostalgic* inside the 'must-have'; the 'cost is no object' if it makes *those who can't afford it* happy inside.

Do I sound cynical? Do I need Winston to find and display my 'BAH HUMBUG' cup mat again?

This time of the year *scares* me. It scares me because one of my favorite religious holidays has been hijacked, and has been distorted, in order to serve mammon – or, more precisely, to serve the profits of the retail industry.

This time of year scares me because we lose the opportunity to find and celebrate the truth as to what this season is *really* about. Sadly, even for most Christians, it *isn't* about Jesus; for some churches it *isn't* about Jesus; for *too many* people – who may *think* they know that it is about Jesus – it *isn't* about Jesus, because, in their minds, Jesus is nothing more than an *infantilized* prop from a Nativity Play.

The truth is that Jesus will never be 'the reason for the season' until Christians make Him their *sole reason* for the season.

*Happy Holidays,*  
Fr. Andrew.



*...no I don't think you're the real Father Christmas!  
I think you're up there pinching lead off my roof!!*

**Camels.**

In a little girl's Christmas drawing, two of the camels were approaching the inn, over which was pictured a huge star.

The third camel and its rider were going directly away from it.

'Why is the third man going in a different direction?' her mother asked.

She replied, 'Oh, he's looking for a place to park.'

**Wiped Out.**

Just got home and found all the windows and doors open and everything has gone.

What kind of sick twisted person does that to someone's Advent calendar?

**Angels, Explained By Children.**

I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold. - Gregory, aged 5

Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it. - Olive, aged 9

**Virgin Mother.**

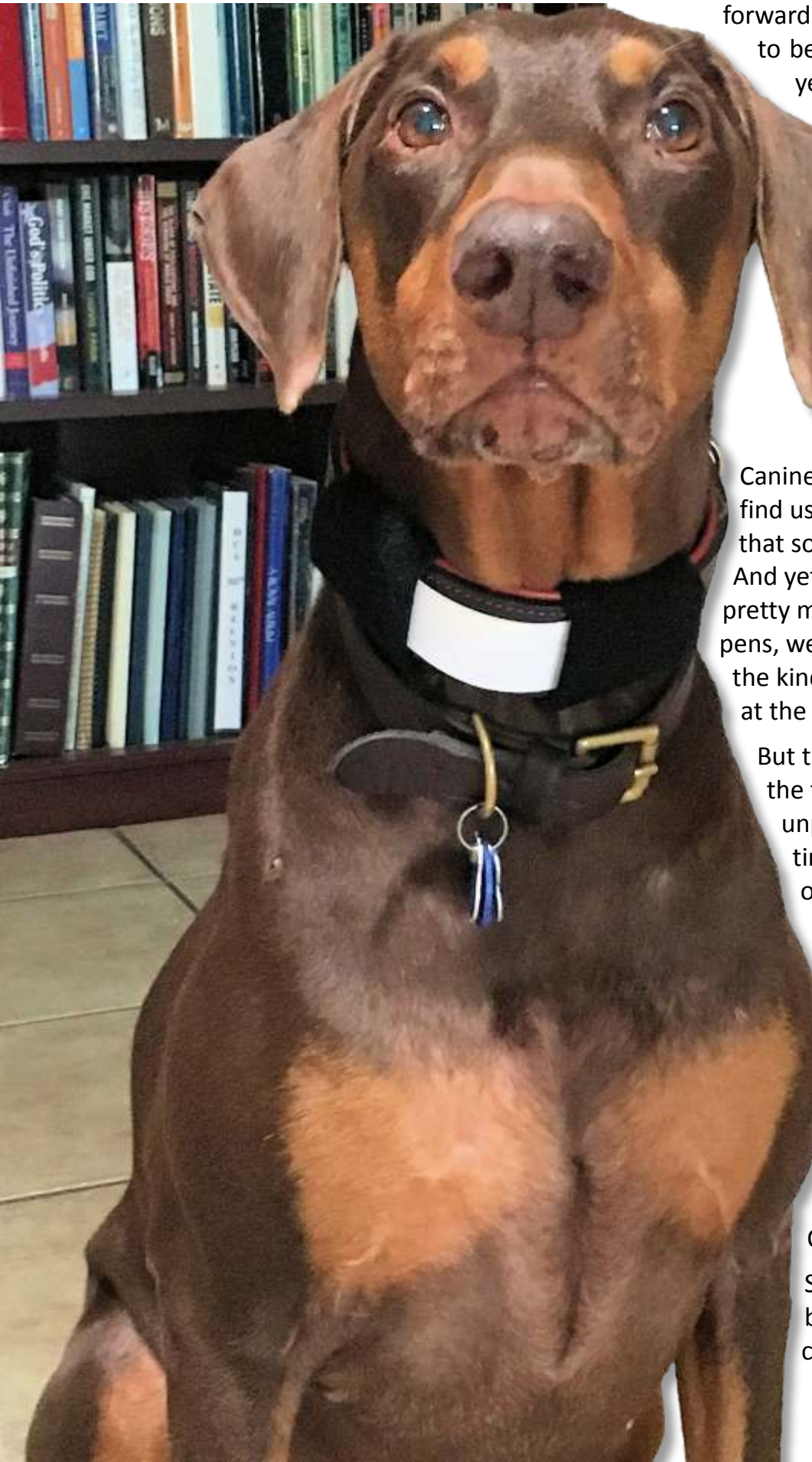
A ten-year old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then one day she floored her grandmother by asking, 'Which Virgin was the mother of Jesus? The Virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?'



*The Church roof was a matter  
of urgent concern*

**Christmas Presents.**

Catching her in the act, I confronted our three-year-old granddaughter. 'Are you opening your little sister's presents?' I demanded. 'No,' she innocently replied, 'I'm just helping her learn to share.'



Hey Peeps!

I hope you all are doing great, and are looking forward to the Season that is the Reason to be jolly! I'm really *feelin' it* this year, but I had to go through something of an introspective moment to get there.

You see, there are just too many adverts on TV that are trying to get you peeps to stop buying puppies, and to adopt a rescue canine. And, unfortunately, there are too many good reasons for that.

Canines are all over the place – you'll find us in every country, and you'll find that sometimes we are treated badly. And yet a canine's experience remains pretty much the same. Whatever happens, we remember all the good times – the kind voice, the soft hand; the place at the table, the times of plenty.

But then we recall the ugly times – the times when you peeps became unpredictable, or ill, or old; the times when we became too much of a burden to bother about, or became too expensive to care for or, sometimes, too precious not to be looked after properly.

Some canines end up in the pounds – many of them kill-mills where '*put to sleep*' is the kind euphemism for '*euthanasia*'. Some end up in shelters where they find hope. Others end up like me.

Straying canines belong to nobody, and few peeps care. You can wander around and do what

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you like, but hunger soon becomes the main driving force in your life.

You think of nothing but food.

Perhaps worse than being hungry is that you realize you are *in the world*, but you are *not a part of it*. You are *seen*, but you are not *wanted*; you are *'shooed'* away, excluded from *everything*; cast out as a nuisance, as an irritant, as a reminder of something *'other'*.

Each canine gets to that point where he says to himself *'well, yeah – I don't need you'*, but the truth is, we still spend time looking in from the outside; spend time watching the sleek, clean coats of the well-fed canines we pretend to hate.

We hear of *'forever homes'*, but we're like *'forever – whatever'* as we go about our own pointless rituals.

Secretly, we all want a *'forever home'*; we all want to be *accepted, cared for*.

Those two words – *'forever home'* – begin to burn inside you; they carry so much weight because they represent the *impossible* – the *miracle* that can never, won't ever happen.

But, for some, *it does happen*. However it may come about, your experience of peeps changes from one of pain to one of *heaven*. It's not that you *'find'* a *'forever home'*; it's that a *'forever home'* finds you. *IT FINDS YOU!*

From being invisible, finding a *'forever home'* means that you are now *seen* – you are now *included*. Finding food is no longer the focus of your thoughts; getting through the day with no

new scars to show for it is no longer a mark of a successful one. Food is put in its proper place, and a new feeling takes over: you now know you are *loved*.

Your *forever parents* treat you like you're the *best thing ever*, perhaps because that is *really* how they see you! They may sometimes think about your past – who brought you up, why you have the quirks you do, why thunder makes you quake, why you cannot catch a ball – but they see those things as *wounds to be healed*, not *reasons for rejection*.

Canines get a space, not only in their peeps' beds, but also in their hearts. How else to explain the sorrowful love and tears of *forever parents* bringing an empty collar or a casket of ashes to be blessed? A final, longing, lingering, act of love for a canine gone across that Rainbow Bridge.

I marvel at it all. I think about asking my dads *'why?'* but all I need to do is look into their goofy faces, and I know that they love me *'just because'*. I don't ask for that love, and I certainly don't deserve it, but it is there – it is there when I fall asleep, and it is there when I wake up. It is beyond me and beside me – and it always was, and it always will be.

I know that. Now.

But there are millions upon millions who don't know. They are the same as I once was. They are no better or worse than me, but they all feel the rejection I once knew, the isolation I once knew; the invisibility I once knew. And they all *long* for their *'forever home'*.

What they need is a light to come among them; they need to be rescued. They need their fear and their hunger to be turned into companionship and love; they need their pasts redeeming.

And this is what God did when Jesus came into the world.

*Keepin' it a Merry Christmas,  
Winston.*





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We hope that you will take advantage of this new way of aiding your church.

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# Advent: What Are We Waiting For?

When I was a small child, the time from Thanksgiving until Christmas seemed to be interminable; the days moved at a snail's pace, and as the days got closer to Christmas the passage of time seemed to stop completely. I thought that the celebration of Christmas would never arrive. It seemed that we would never celebrate the birth of Jesus and thereby usher in the real meaning of the season for a child: the visit of Santa, the piles of wrapped presents, and the holiday meal with turkey, dressing, pumpkin pie, and coconut cake.

As I grew in my knowledge of Christian faith, the birth of Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem all those years ago became the main focus of my attention; the presents and holiday meal were important, but the most important thing became the Baby in a manger. Advent became the time to wait for the celebration of the Birth in Bethlehem on Christmas Day. Advent became a countdown to Christmas.

The Advent scripture lessons for the Eucharist this year, however, present us with a very different focus. The lessons for the first Sunday of Advent point us to the final day when the Son of Man will come and gather the People of God; the second and third Sundays recount the ministry of John the Baptizer as he prepared for the advent of Jesus' public ministry; the fourth Sunday is the first reference in the Advent lessons to the Incarnation, the story of the Annunciation to Mary by the angel Gabriel.

This year, we hear the story of Gabriel and Mary in the morning of the fourth Sunday of Advent and that evening, at the vigil Mass for Christmas, we pray:

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ:

Grant that we,  
who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer,  
*may with sure confidence*  
*behold him when he comes to be our Judge;*  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. Amen.

Our celebration of Advent, as well as Christmas, draws our attention to three different periods of history; the past, the present, and the future. As in the collect for the Vigil of Christmas, we look to the past, the birth of the long expected Messiah in Bethlehem—Come Thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free (Hymn #66); the present, receiving Jesus in hearts as our Redeemer—Hark! the glad sound, . . . let every heart prepare a throne (Hymn #72); and the future, when Jesus comes to be our judge—And when as Judge, thou drawest nigh (Hymn #63).

For many months past, during Eucharistic Prayer A, we have proclaimed the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. That mystery is with us in every season of the Church, in every day as we walk in faith: we remember the great things God has done in Jesus Christ, we bring the importance of those events into our present lives, and we look with hope to the final fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

What are we waiting for? The consummation of the Kingdom that broke into human history at the Birth in Bethlehem.

“Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus.”

Fr. Lewis



**St.  
Francis  
Garden**



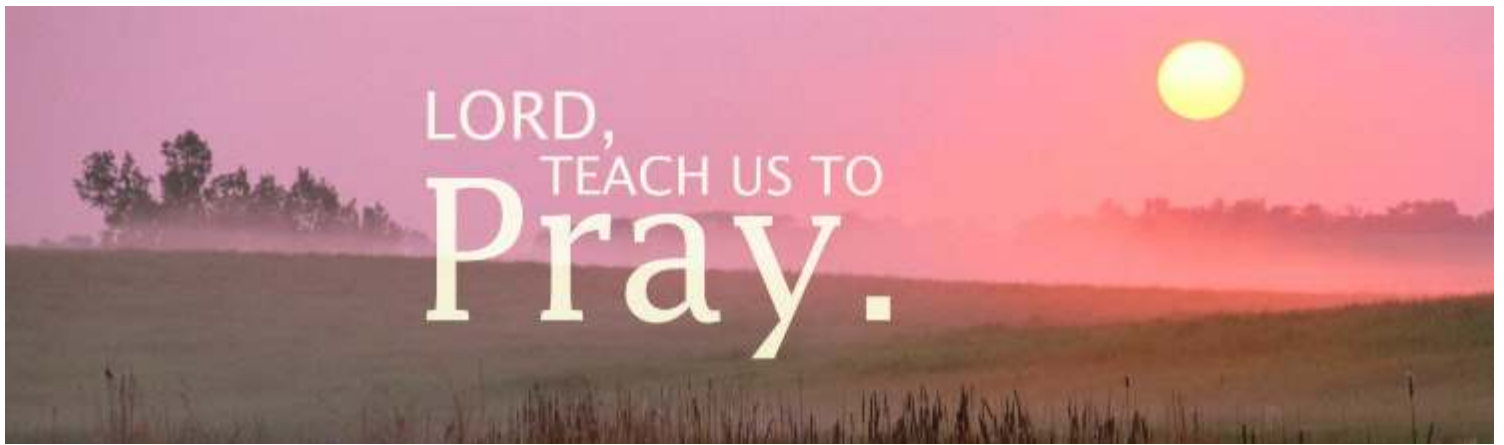
## Bishop's Visit

## Veterans Day

### St. Clement's.

Whether becoming a new member through Confirmation or reception, or getting stuck into volunteer work, or remembering all who serve; St. C's welcomes all to join us.





## ADVENT @ ST. CLEMENT'S 2017

Beginning Tuesday, December, 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be looking at various methods and ways of deepening our prayer lives. We will explore the corporate prayer of the church - the Daily Office - and the personal prayer of individual Christians.

Led by Frs. Andrew and Lewis

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup> "How Many Books Do We Need for This?"**

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Via Negativa**

**Dec 19<sup>th</sup> "Iggy, What D'you Really Mean?"**

Coffee & donuts to be served at the morning sessions

Soup & bread to be served at the evening sessions

Groups meet in the Church.

All meetings begin at either

10.00 a.m.

Or

7.00 p.m. Prompt.





# Not A Real Band

The Not A Real Band will be playing a 'Maybe Concert' some time in the New Year, once the renovations are complete. They will play as part of the celebrations for our newly refreshed buildings. Watch this space.



*Creating a legacy of understanding*

**Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup> 6.00 p.m.**

We have been invited to share our faith with Muslim members of the Atlantic institute.

The rough content of the program is as follows:

Traditional Turkish dinner will be served (including a veggie option)

After dinner, we give an introduction of Episcopal 101 (introducing our faith, basic tenets, history etc.)

They will introduce their organization, Social Movement which they follow, and if needed, they will talk about Islam.

A QA session is possible.

The main purpose is to get together, focus on commonalities, share the moment, and promote friendship.

A number of between 10 to 20 of us is requested. Please let Fr. Andrew know if you would like to attend.

*Please mark your calendars.*



Sunday, December 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. Happy New Year!

Tuesdays, December 5, 12, 19 and 26 – Advent Group: "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" – 10.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.

Sunday, December 10 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Safety & Security Committee Meeting - 9.00 a.m.

Sunday, December 24 – **Christmas Eve:** Morning Service – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – 9.30 a.m.  
Evening Service – Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord  
Christmas Carols & Music - 10.30 p.m.  
Rite II Eucharist - 11.00 p.m.

Monday, December 25 – **Christmas Day:** The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ – 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 26 – Vestry Meeting – 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, December 30 – Service at Trinity Café – 8.15 a.m.

Saturday, January 6 – Feast of the Epiphany: Rite II Eucharist - 7.00 p.m.

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23 – Wine & Divine – 7.00 p.m.

Saturday, January 20 – Dedication of St. Francis Garden: Pet Memorial Service 2.00 p.m.



# Vestry Snippets

*Taken from the  
November 28 Vestry Meeting*

**StC Choir:** The robes & surplices have arrived! The choir will debut them on the First Sunday of Advent.

**Safety & Security Committee:** The first meeting of this committee – dedicated to ensuring a safe & secure environment at StC – will be after the 8 AM service on Sunday, December 9.

**Advent Groups:** “Lord, Teach Us to Pray” will be the topic of this year’s groups, at 10 AM & 7 PM on Tuesdays during Advent. Johnette Robinson is organizing Soup & Bread suppers for the evening meetings.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** will be January 28, 2018.

**December & January Events:** The Vestry worked out the schedule of events for December and January. Please see Coming Up ..., in this issue, for details.

**Vestry Nominations:** Vestry positions will be open in 2018. Those interested can contact one of the outgoing Vestry members: Donna Chandler, Kevin Frankenberg, Kit Ingalls, Teresa Mack, and David Robinson. Nominee commitment forms must be submitted to Fr. Andrew by Sunday, January 13.

## **Estate Tithe**

**Distribution:** The Vestry has made progress in identifying and contacting possible recipients – in Puerto Rico, as well as a local organization aiding recovery in Puerto Rico. Fr. Andrew will pursue further contacts in the coming month.

## **Parish Hall/CE Building Renovation:**

The renovation project continues to move forward but at a much slower pace than originally hoped for. The new office entry is taking shape and has been opened up to reveal what the space is going to look like. Currently about 80% of the electrical and plumbing rough-in work is completed and the HVAC contractor is beginning to run the new ductwork for the air conditioning systems. Also there is some framing that needs to be completed in the admin and kitchen areas. The contractor is waiting on the Fire Marshall to review the plans and give his stamp of approval. Once we get his signature they will be able to start closing in the walls.





# São Paulo Mercy Ministry

**Remember to Save the Date  
Fr. Stephen and Mary Dass  
will be visiting St. Clement's on  
Sunday January 21st, 2018, at both services!**

SÃO PAULO MERCY MINISTRY: Fr. Stephen and Mary are busy preparing for their month-long visit to Florida in January but not too busy for Fr. Stephen to continue with his frequent blogs. Below is a link to one of his latest ones. Meanwhile, in preparation for their visit to St. Clement's on January 20th and 21st, we will soon have a sign-up sheet of the items that they have suggested we could collect for them to take back to Brazil for the youngsters. The items they have suggested are so expensive in Brazil (if they are actually available there) that it is a great benefit to get them in the USA. Being able to provide these small items for Fr. Stephen and Mary for their ministry is part of St. Clement's outreach ministry.

Dear Friends,

We hope that everyone concerned had a wonderful Thanksgiving. It is one of my favorite American holidays. We don't celebrate it here in Brazil but they have the Black Friday signs displayed all over the city.

Our latest post is about a conversation I had with Felipe about an evangelistic tract someone had given him. It disturbed me for a few days because the text spoke more about hell than the gospel. Then I realized that it used the same biblical text as the reading for this Sunday. This reflection is on this week's gospel. I hope it adds to your reflection on this parable. God bless.

<http://spmercyministry.com/2017/11/24/the-gracious-judge/>

Yours in Christ,  
Stephen.



## TRINITY CAFÉ NEWS

Only three of us were able to go in November, due to several of our volunteers coming down with colds and the 'flu at the last minute. However, with the other volunteers from various organizations we were able to serve 200 guests a hearty and nutritious breakfast, washed down by hot coffee, hot chocolate or iced tea. There were quite a few young children among the 200 and they, in particular, were very appreciative of the hot chocolate!

The next volunteering opportunity, and the last for 2017 (where has this year gone?) will be Saturday December 30th. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please contact me, Jenny Manley, at 813-383-8673 or e-mail me at [lyonhall@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:lyonhall@tampabay.rr.com). The more people who sign up, the less drastic it becomes if a couple of people cannot make it at the last minute due to illness or other emergencies, so "the more the merrier" certainly is our motto!



The Gospel reading for Sunday November 26th, Matt. 25:31-46 is relevant. In part it reads: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of My family, you did it to Me."







# Notice of Annual Parish Meeting

**Sunday, January 28, 2018**

**11:00 a.m.**

(After the one and only service at 9:30 a.m.)

The purpose of the Meeting is to elect members of the Vestry, to receive reports of officers, committees and organizations of the parish, and to consider such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Qualified Electors entitled to vote at the Annual Parish Meeting are:

- (1) Enrolled in the register of the parish
- (2) Conform to and obey the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Episcopal Church in the U.S.A., the Diocese of Southwest Florida, and the Articles of Incorporation and by-laws of the parish
- (3) Eighteen years of age and over, regular in attendance upon Services, and make stated contributions of record to the general support of the parish (except that 16 and 17 year old persons shall have seat, voice and vote in annual Parish elections, provided they have satisfied other requirements of an Elector, except as to age).

## **VESTRY NOMINATIONS**

Nominations of members for the Vestry will be accepted through January 13<sup>th</sup>. Nominees must be communicants of St. Clement's who have been members for at least six months prior to the Annual Meeting, at least 18 years of age, regular in their attendance and make stated contributions of record to the general support of the parish. The qualifications for nominees as well as Nomination Committee members and their telephone numbers are posted on bulletin board in the Parish Hall. There are 5 vacancies to fill our 12 member Vestry.

The Vestry meets once monthly, currently on the last Tuesday of the month. Terms are for 3 years, unless the person has accepted a vestry position of one who has resigned.

If you are interested in serving on the Vestry, or would like to recommend someone (please speak with them first for their permission) and then contact either the Parish Office or any Vestry Nominating Committee Member with the details.



**Thanksgiving for:** All who volunteer, Bryan, Improved health, Mike & Jennifer, Our Church Family, Our Vestry, Progress, Regina & Greg, safety, The Incarnation, Wanda.

**Healing:** Amelita, Catherine, Dave, Donna, Dorothy, Elaine, Eric, Eva, Fr. Lewis, Fr. Victor, Jane, Jean, Jim, Joel, Jorge, Karen, Kevin, Lashaunda, Louis, Marie, Marilyn, Martha, Maxine, Megan, Melvin, Mike & Jennifer, Ron, Rose, Vern, Vicky, Walter, Wanda.

**Safety & Protection:** Bryan, Dorothy, Ed, Fr. Dass and Mary, Frs. Alex, Andrew, Bill, Ian, Jeffrey, John, Lewis, Richard, and Victor, Jim, Karen, Marianne, Marilyn, Truckers, Walter, Wanda.

**Blessings & Guidance:** Fr. Dass and Mary, Frs. Alex, Andrew, Bill, Ian, Jeffrey, John, Lewis, Richard, and Victor, Marianne, Mike & Jennifer, Vilma, Wanda.

**With Child:** Miranda.

**Comfort:** Karen, Marianne & Family, Maxine, Pam and family.

**Travel:** Bryan, Pam and family, Rolf.

**Financial:** Jade, Mary Beth.

**Employment:** Jade, Wayne.

**The Recently Departed:** Bess Bussell, Don & Martha Kuhlman, Don Whitlock.

**Year's Mind:** 1<sup>st</sup> Laura Tabor, Clarence Willabus; 5<sup>th</sup> Keith Moody; 6<sup>th</sup> Clayton Johnson; 7<sup>th</sup> Frances Frank, Madeline Frank; 8<sup>th</sup> Adelaide Alexander, Dave Piecuch; 9<sup>th</sup> Sylvia Brewster; 19<sup>th</sup> Samuel Bennett; 21<sup>st</sup> Sharon Barnard; 22<sup>nd</sup> John Henderson; 23<sup>rd</sup> Susan Hawk; 24<sup>th</sup> Alberta Dzwonczyk.





DATE	OCCASION	READINGS
Sun 3rd 8.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	<b>1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Rite I Eucharist Rite II Eucharist	<a href="#">Isaiah 64:1-9</a> <a href="#">Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18</a> <a href="#">1 Corinthians 1:3-9</a> <a href="#">Mark 13:24-37</a>
Sun 10th 8.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Rite I Eucharist Rite II Eucharist	<a href="#">Isaiah 40:1-11</a> <a href="#">Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13</a> <a href="#">2 Peter 3:8-15a</a> <a href="#">Mark 1:1-8</a>
Sun 17th 8.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Rite I Eucharist Rite II Eucharist	<a href="#">Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11</a> <a href="#">Canticle 15</a> <a href="#">1 Thessalonians 5:16-24</a> <a href="#">John 1:6-8, 19-28</a>
Sun 24th 9.30 a.m.	<b>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Rite II Eucharist	<a href="#">2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16</a> <a href="#">Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26</a> <a href="#">Romans 16:25-27</a> <a href="#">Luke 1:26-38</a>
Sun 24th 10.30 p.m. 11.00 p.m.	<b>VIGIL MASS OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b> Christmas Carols & Music Rite II Eucharist	<a href="#">Isaiah 9:2-7</a> <a href="#">Psalm 96</a> <a href="#">Titus 2:11-14</a> <a href="#">Luke 2:1-20</a>
Mon 25th 10.00 a.m.	<b>THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</b> Rite II Eucharist	<a href="#">Isaiah 62:6-12</a> <a href="#">Psalm 97</a> <a href="#">Titus 3:4-7</a> <a href="#">Luke 2:1-20</a>
Sun 31st 8.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	<b>1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</b> Rite I Eucharist Rite II Eucharist	<a href="#">Isaiah 61:10-62:3</a> <a href="#">Psalm 147:13-21</a> <a href="#">Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7</a> <a href="#">John 1:1-18</a>
Sat 6th 7.00 p.m.	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD</b> Rite II Eucharist	<a href="#">Isaiah 60:1-6</a> <a href="#">Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14</a> <a href="#">Ephesians 3:1-12</a> <a href="#">Matthew 2:1-12</a>
Sun 7th 8.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> Rite I Eucharist Rite II Eucharist	<a href="#">Genesis 1:1-5</a> <a href="#">Psalm 29</a> <a href="#">Acts 19:1-7</a> <a href="#">Mark 1:4-11</a>

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***Please note that there will be no Wednesday Eucharist or Bible Studies during the refurbishing project.***