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The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan, II, Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
The Rev. David B. Powell, Rector, St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church



FROM THE RECTOR:

A friend told me the other day that Advent was her favorite season of the year. That declaration has found its way into that place where my mind turns things over. Advent, the favorite season of the year. Hmm. Why not spring...or fall...even winter? As a child summer was my favorite season, for, even though it was hot, we were out of school.

The story is still told in Brewton—a wonderful small town in Lower Alabama, many of whose citizens are geared to the outdoor activities of fishing and hunting—of the answer a second-grader gave to the teacher's question: "What are the four seasons of the year?" Up shot the boy's hand. "Dove, deer, turkey, and fishing," he confidently announced. The young man was a member of my parish and now makes his living as a guide and outdoor writer.

Advent, more often than not, is a mixed blessing for me. It makes me wait. It makes me think about waiting. It makes me preach about waiting. I think I don't wait very well. Especially in a busy season. Yet in waiting is implied a measure of trust—trust that something beyond our control is going to happen. Advent waiting is trust that God's redeeming love is present and active in the world and in our lives...that despite setbacks and disappointments, God's purposes will not be thwarted and, while the way forward is not always clear, ultimately that is of far less significance than remaining faithful, expectant, and joyful.

It was gratifying to hear someone say Advent was her favorite season of the year because it was an indication that the rhythm of the liturgical year had become her rhythm, but even more gratifying was the reminder to wait. Faithfully.

David+

A Blessed Advent
and
A Merry Christmas
from the Rector,
Vestry, & Staff
of St. Andrew's.

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See page 8 for details
about our Christmas
Parade fund-raiser.

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See page 4 for a
detailed schedule of
Christmas Services.

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See page 5 for
information about our
Christmas Day dinner.

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Remember that the
parish office will be closed
Dec. 24 & 25, 29 - 31,
and Jan. 1.

(We will check phone messages.)

USUAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

Holy Eucharist 8:00 am
Christian Education..... 9:00 am
Holy Eucharist 10:30 am
Fellowship Time 11:45 am

Mondays

Morning Prayer 8:15 am

Tuesdays

Morning Prayer 8:15 am

Wednesdays

Morning Prayer 8:15 am
Holy Eucharist..... 11:00 am
Cursillo Reunion Group . 11:40 am

Thursdays

Cursillo Reunion Group ... 7:45 am
Motley Crew 11:00 am
Morning Prayer 8:15 am

REGULARLY-SCHEDULED MEETINGS & EVENTS

No Parish Breakfast

(usually the second Saturday)

or **Church Work Day**

in December: come help with our Destin Christmas fundraiser—see page 8

Vestry Meeting

(usually the second Tuesday)

December 9 6:00 pm

Worship Committee Meeting

(usually the second Thursday)

December 11..... 5:00 pm

Pot Luck Dinner

(usually the third Wednesday)

December 17..... 5:30 pm

The Sea Net is generally published monthly (except for January) and welcomes and encourages submissions from St. Andrew's one and all...prayers, poems, artwork, photos, quotations, little stories, longer stories, meditations, book reviews, ideas for articles.

The deadline for submitting material is the 15th of each month.

EDITOR: The Rev. David B. Powell

PRAYERS FOR ADVENT

Almighty Father

your Son came to us in humility as our saviour
and at the last day he will come again in glory

as our judge:

give us grace to turn away from darkness
to the light of Christ

that we may be ready to welcome him
and to enter into his kingdom;

where he lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit

one God, for ever and ever.

Collect for the First Sunday in Advent, from *An Anglican Prayer Book 1989* of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa.



God of the watching ones,
the waiting ones,
the slow and suffering ones,
and of the angels in heaven,
and of the child in the womb,
give us Your benediction,
Your good word for our souls,
that we might rest and rise
in the kindness of Your company.

Prayer at the lighting of the Advent candles, from *Celtic Daily Prayer: Prayers and Readings from the Northumbria Community* (New York: HarperOne, 2002).

Source for both prayers: www.episcopalcafe.com

Artist: **Miranda Hassett**—Part of a series of clip art designs commissioned by the Episcopal Church in 2007 from four Episcopal artists. You will see some of these designs from time to time in our bulletins and newsletters.

A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

*Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawning singeth all night long;
And then, they say, no spirit dare stir abroad,
The nights are wholesome, then no planets strike,
No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm,
So hallowed and so gracious is the time.*
(*Hamlet*, I, ii, 157)

So hallowed and so gracious is the time—these lines from the first scene of *Hamlet* in a sense say it all. We tend to think of time as progression, as moment following moment, day following day, in relentless flow, the kind of time a clock or calendar can measure. But we experience time also as depth, as having quality as well as quantity—a good time, a dangerous time, an auspicious time, a time we mark not by its duration but by its content.

On the dark battlements of Elsinore, Marcellus speaks to his companions of the time of Jesus' birth. It is a *hallowed* time he says, a holy time, a time in which life grows still like the surface of a river so that we can look down into it and see glimmering there in its depths something timeless, precious, other. And a *gracious* time, Marcellus says—a time that we cannot bring about as we can bring about a happy time or a sad time but a time that comes upon us as grace, as a free and unbidden gift. Marcellus explains that Christmas is a time of such holiness that the cock crows the whole night through as though it is perpetually dawn, and thus for once, even the powers of darkness are powerless.

Horatio's answer is equally instructive. "So have I heard and do in part believe," he says to Marcellus, thus speaking, one feels, not just for himself but for Shakespeare and for us. *In part* believe it. At Christmas time it is hard even for the unbeliever not to believe in something if not in everything. Peace on earth, good will to men; a dream of innocence that is good to hold on to even if it is only a dream; the mystery of being a child; the possibility of hope—not even the canned carols piped out over the shopping center parking plaza from Thanksgiving on can drown it out completely.

For a moment or two, the darkness of disenchantment, cynicism, doubt, draw back at least a little, and all the usual worldly witcheries lose something of their power to charm. Maybe we cannot manage to believe with all our hearts. But as long as the moments last, we can believe that this is of all things the thing most worth believing. And that may not be as far as it sounds from what belief is. For as long as the moment lasts, that hallowed, gracious time.

~ From *The Faces of Jesus* by Frederick Buechner (Harper and Row, 1989)

Source: www.episcopalcafe.com

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
PART ONE

At Part One of our Annual Parish Meeting this past Sunday, November 30, we:

- elected Rick Boyer and Becky Chidsey to three-year terms on the Vestry
- elected Jerry McGee, Joyce Waters-Smith, and Pittman Watson as Delegates to Diocesan Convention at All Saints', Mobile, February 5-7, 2009—and by Murphy's Law, these delegates' partners/spouses have been proclaimed Alternate Delegates!
- heard a Stewardship report from Jerry McGee
- participated in a discussion led by Kefrin Woodham, Senior Warden, on the current financial situation of St. Andrew's

Kate Driggers,
Secretary for Annual Meeting, Part One

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Mark your calendar for Part Two of our Annual Parish Meeting at Noon on Sunday, January 18. Reports for 2008 and the 2009 budget will be presented.

ST. ANDREW'S BY-THE-SEA
VISION STATEMENT

St. Andrew's By-the-Sea
is a dynamic Episcopal church,
intentionally diverse,
sustained by sacramental worship,
serving the community in Christ's name
both within and beyond our walls.



ST. ANDREW'S IS...
SERVICE / SOCIAL JUSTICE

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.

For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.

For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.

For beautiful hair,
let a child run his/her fingers through it once a day.

For poise,
walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.

People, even more than things, have to be
restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed,
and redeemed; never throw out anyone.

Remember, if you ever need a helping hand,
you will find one at the end of each of your arms.

As you grow older, you will discover
that you have two hands:
one for helping yourself,
and the other for helping others.

Christmas dinner—We will be serving Christmas dinner again this year. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Last year we had too much food, primarily because people who had not signed up brought additional food. Duane St. John took our leftovers to the Fire Department so they were not wasted, but if you want to contribute, please sign up on the parish hall sheet.



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SERVICE / SOCIAL JUSTICE ..

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Food Pantry—The pantry is a popular place right now and empties very quickly. Please try to make it a regular part of your stewardship to include food items in your weekly offering to church. Always especially needed are main dish items (meat, chili, canned pasta, etc.) and canned fruits.



Jennifer Lee
Vestry Person for Service

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY SUMMARY—10/08

Service	Total for Oct.	Previous Month (09/08)	YTD (through 10/08)	Total for 2007
Monday lunches: # served	44	70	577	627
1/2 gal homemade soup: # donations received	13	4	169	161
Lunch Bags: # recipients	68	66	721	966
Food Pantry: # families helped	50	47	436	334
Gas Coupons: # families helped	12	14	66	57
Bicycles: # bikes given out	11	6	33	5357 # days loaned
Showers: # towels used	45	77	638	826

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY SUMMARY—11/08

Service	Total for Nov..	Previous Month (10/08)	YTD (through 11/08)	Total for 2007
Monday lunches: # served	59	44	636	627
1/2 gal homemade soup: # donations received	22	13	191	161
Lunch Bags: # recipients	51	68	772	966
Food Pantry: # families helped	47	50	483	334
Gas Coupons: # families helped	3	12	69	57
Bicycles: # bikes given out	14	11	47	5357 # days loaned
Showers: # towels used	82	45	720	826

UNITED THANK OFFERING 2008

Three hundred and thirty five dollars and fifty cents (\$335.50); that's the total amount you gave for both the Spring and Fall UTO ingatherings. Thank you for your generous giving. Our monies will now be combined with all other congregations in this Diocese. A special committee will review UTO grant applications from our Diocese and, with the Bishop's endorsement, will get sent to National Church headquarters in New York. UTO offerings collected world-wide will get awarded via grants world wide. See, your coins in the little blue box do make a difference!

Kathy McGee, Parish UTO Coordinator



ST. ANDREW'S IS...

WORSHIP

LITURGICAL CHANGES FOR ADVENT
(FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT [NOV. 30])
THROUGH CHRISTMAS EVE)

LITURGICAL COLOR: **purple** instead of the green of the season after Pentecost.

SERVICE & MUSIC CHANGES:

- We'll continue using Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, Eucharistic Prayer B, and the salutation "Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. / *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*"
- Instead of "Glory to God in the highest", we'll sing Hymnal S-102, a setting of the *Trisagion*:
*Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.*
- We'll use Prayers of the People Form IV.
- The "Holy, holy, holy" setting we'll use is by Robert Powell (Hymnal S-129).
- At the Breaking of the Bread, we'll sing a new Fraction Anthem (setting by David Hurd): "We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. / *We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.*"



LIVING THE GOSPEL OF MARK

We are in Year B of our lectionary cycle, and the Gospel of Mark is featured in our Sunday readings. This fascinating and revolutionary gospel bears a careful look.

Dr. Ray Pickett, the leader of our last diocesan clergy conference, described his presentations on Mark to us in this way:

In these presentations on Mark we will be discussing how the Gospel was designed to engender agency on the part of hearers and empower them to a new way of living in community. We will be focusing on the twin themes of resurrection and power, which are threaded throughout Mark from beginning to end. In particular, we will be considering how resurrection in Mark is not just something that happens to Jesus, but rather a counter-cultural experience and practice of divine power that is always and forever bringing life out of death.

Since that conference I see Mark in a new light and would very much like to read/study this gospel in a group.

Beginning Wednesday, January 7, and running each Wednesday through February 18, I will offer a class/forum for us to engage, and be engaged by, this dramatic gospel.

Hope you can join us. We will meet at noon.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

Christian Education for All Ages continues at 9:00 am in the Education Building on each of the Sundays of Advent. The Advent-into-Christmas theme will include a discussion of the book *Unplug the Christmas Machine: A Complete Guide to Putting Love and Joy Back into the Season* by Jo Robinson and Jean C. Staeheli.

On December 21, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Fr. David will facilitate the wrap-up discussion for adults.

Everyone is welcome to join these classes at any time. Please note that there will be **no** Christian Education classes on December 28 or January 4. The regular schedule will resume on January 11 at 9:00 am in the Education Building.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

November 2008

Transferred in:

Greg & Jeanette McKeown

*Confirmed November 16
at St. Andrew's:*

Suzanne Bocchino

Jeanie Noel

Stan Scott

Jeff Vires

Penny Vires

*Received November 16
at St. Andrew's:*

Michele Fry

*Reaffirmed baptismal vows
November 16 at St. Andrew's:*

Andrea Scott



ST. ANDREW'S ON THE ROAD

Visiting other churches while on vacation or otherwise away? Why not bring the bulletins or newsletters back, **put your name on them**, bring them by the parish office or put them in the offering plate, mail them in, or give them to Fr. David? We like to see other churches' bulletins and this is a good way for our parish family to keep in touch with one another.

Thanks to the following persons for bringing in items from where they have worshipped:

- **Dick & June Cunneen**—a bulletin from Church of the Savior (Lutheran), Paramus, New Jersey
- **Art & Kate Driggers**—a bulletin from St. James' Episcopal, Eufaula, Alabama
- **Kate Driggers**—a bulletin from the Thanksgiving Eve service at Holy Trinity Lutheran, Fort Walton Beach, Florida
- **Peter & Susan Evans**—bulletins from the Anglican Church of St. John the Evangelist, Strathroy, Ontario
- **Tom & Laretta Hanlin**—bulletins from the Episcopal Church of Saint Clement in Alexandria, Virginia
- **Eileen Jenkins**—the parish newsletter from St. John's Episcopal, Grand Haven, Michigan
- **William & Jennifer Lee**—a colorful card for a Blessing of the Animals service from the Episcopal Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, Massachusetts
- **Chet & Connie Tanski**—a bulletin from First Baptist, Barnwell, South Carolina
- **Joyce Waters-Smith**—a brochure from St. John the Evangelist Episcopal, Robertsedale, Alabama

Happy traveling!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES

If your birthday or anniversary is not included—or if it's incorrect—please be sure to let us know.

BIRTHDAYS

December 3	Pittman Watson
December 3	Mike Woodham
December 4	Alex Scott
December 5	Melvin Douglas
December 6	Ray Fowler
December 6	Linda Kinser
December 9	Cameron Bolden
December 9	Fred Fenn
December 13	Sebastian Clark
December 13	Wynn Newbery
December 18	William Lee
December 21	Eric Clark
December 25	Dotty Bingham
December 26	Ken Bolden
December 26	Blair Morgan
December 27	James Druetta
December 29	Barb Marlow

ANNIVERSARIES

December 2	Dick & June Cunneen
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CHRISTMAS PARADE BARBEQUE



Join us at St. Andrew's By-the-Sea for fantastic barbeque at the conclusion of the Destin Christmas parade on Saturday, December 13!

Eat on-site or take it home. Fresh barbequed pork cooked on-site and served with traditional sides and drinks.

- Sandwich and sides \$7.00
- Sandwich, sides and a drink \$8.00
- Cookie packets \$1.00 each
- Coffee and a sausage biscuit \$1.50

Plan to help continue St. Andrew's long-standing parade hospitality (as the only church on the parade route) as well as to support our fund-raising barbeque. Sign-up sheets are in the parish hall.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS —
CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

November 30th was the First Sunday in Advent. Already, Christmas decorations are highly visible and advertisers are urging us to shop, shop, shop; spend, spend, spend. Here is some food for thought.

There is a great book, *Unplug the Christmas Machine: A Complete Guide to Putting Love and Joy Back in the Holiday Season*. Check it out on www.amazon.com. It's available new for \$10.36; used for as little as \$4.00. It may just become a family treasure.

Some ideas for Christmas giving:

- Explore the website www.cafepress.com/saintandrewsdestin. Here you will find a nice selection of gifts, all with the new St. Andrew's cross logo. Every time you make a purchase, we receive a portion of the money you spent.
- EGR (Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation)—<http://www.e4gr.org> — Donations/gifts help the work of the Episcopal Church world wide.
- Gifts for life offered by the ERD (Episcopal Relief and Development). ERD has provided relief to hurricane victims and has helped with the rebuilding of St. Mary's, Coden. The ERD website: <http://www.er-d.org>

And, let us not forget the best gift you can give, the gift of yourself. A simple phone call to someone who lives alone, a ride to the doctor's, help with grocery shopping, you get the idea.

As we prepare to celebrate and rejoice in the birth of our Savior, let us be ever mindful of his gift to us.

Walk in peace and love,
Kathy McGee
Vestry Person for Pastoral Care

God of good news,
today you begin again to reshape our lives and communities.
You do not start from the outside, but from within.
You begin in the hidden place.
Behind the inn. Before the marriage. At the wrong time.
You invite a handful of guests into your company.
Shepherds. Local children perhaps. Maybe some animals.
You join the community of the invisible ones.
The homeless and hopeless. Refugees, fleeing a tyrant king.
Later, you find fisherfolk. And a tax collector. More children.
The small. The unimportant. The forgotten. The frightened.
These are the people you choose,
as little by little you start sharing
the secrets of a kingdom that will change the whole world.
From within. From the hidden place.

God of good news:
as we celebrate worldwide the tidings of your birth,
as we set the heavens echoing with angel songs,
as we contemplate a new year and pray for peace on earth. . .
remind us of the hidden places, of the forgotten people,
of the starting-points and the time it takes,
of the pace of the slowest and the dreams of the children
and the human scale and the soul of our towns
and the freedom to create secret dens.
Remind us that the great joy promised to the whole people
starts with those who need it most, in places where they hide.
Remind us, with all our seasonal cheer and tinsel,
that some people are left out in the cold;
that it is there, with them, that you are being born into the world again;
that it is there, through them, that you will change the world.

God of good news,
help us to find you again
in the hidden place.
Amen.

From *Advent Readings from Iona* by Brian Woodcock and
Jan Sutch Pickard (Wild Goose Publications, 2000).

UPCOMING PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2008

Date	Time	Place	Description
Wednesday, Dec. 3	11:00 am	St. Andrew's—Church	Holy Eucharist
Sunday, Dec. 7 2nd Sunday of Advent	8:00 am + + + + + + 9 am to 10 am + + + + + + 10:30 am	St. Andrew's—Church + + + + + +. St. Andrew's—Ed. Bldg. + + + + + +. St. Andrew's—Church	Holy Eucharist + + + + + + Christian Education for All Ages + + + + + + Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel
Tuesday, Dec. 9	6:00 pm	St. Andrew's—Library	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 10	11:00 am	St. Andrew's—Church	Holy Eucharist
Thursday, Dec. 11	1:00 pm + + + + + + 5:00 pm	St. Andrew's—Parish Hall + + + + + + St. Andrew's—Library	Cookie Bagging for Christmas Parade + + + + + + Worship Committee Meeting
Saturday, Dec. 13	From 8:00 am	St. Andrew's—Parish Hall and Front Parking Lot	Destin Christmas Parade— Hospitality & Fund-raiser
Sunday, Dec. 14 3rd Sunday of Advent	8:00 am + + + + + + 9 am to 10 am + + + + + + 10:30 am	St. Andrew's—Church + + + + + +. St. Andrew's—Ed. Bldg. + + + + + +. St. Andrew's—Church	Holy Eucharist + + + + + + Christian Education for All Ages + + + + + + Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel
Wednesday, Dec. 17	11:00 am + + + + + + 5:30 pm	St. Andrew's—Church + + + + + + St. Andrew's—Parish Hall	Holy Eucharist + + + + + + Parish Potluck Supper: gathering at 5:30 pm, blessing 6:15 pm
Sunday, Dec. 21 4th Sunday of Advent	8:00 am + + + + + + 9 am to 10 am + + + + + + 10:30 am	St. Andrew's—Church + + + + + +. St. Andrew's—Ed. Bldg. + + + + + +. St. Andrew's—Church	Holy Eucharist + + + + + + Christian Education for All Ages + + + + + + Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel
Wednesday, Dec. 24	7:00 pm	St. Andrew's—Church	Choral Christmas Eve Eucharist— special prelude music begins at 6:45 pm Parish Office Closed / no 11:00 am Eucharist / no MP
Thursday, Dec. 25	10:00 am	St. Andrew's—Church	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist; Parish Office Closed / no Morning Prayer
Sunday, Dec. 28 1st Sunday after Christmas	8:00 am + + + + + + 10:30 am	St. Andrew's—Church + + + + + +. St. Andrew's—Church	Holy Eucharist + + + + + + Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel no 9:00 am Christian Education
Monday thru Wednesday, Dec. 29 -31	n/a	n/a	Parish Office Closed (We will check messages.) no Morning Prayer no 11:00 am Eucharist on 12/31

UPCOMING PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2009

As is our custom, there will not be an issue of *The Sea Net* published in January 2009.

Date	Time	Place	Description
Thursday, Jan 1	n/a	n/a	Parish Office Closed for New Year's Day no Morning Prayer
Sunday, Jan. 4 2nd Sunday after Christmas	8:00 am + + + + + + + 10:30 am	St. Andrew's—Church + + + + + + +. St. Andrew's—Church	Holy Eucharist + + + + + + + Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel no 9:00 am Christian Education
Wednesday, Jan. 7	11:00 am + + + + + + + 12:00 Noon	St. Andrew's—Church + + + + + + + St. Andrew's—Library	Holy Eucharist + + + + + + + Living the Gospel of Mark forum
Thursday, Jan. 8	5:00 pm	St. Andrew's—Library	Worship Committee Meeting
Saturday, Jan. 10	8:00 am + + + + + + + 9:30 am to noon	St. Andrew's—Parish Hall + + + + + + + Buildings & Grounds	Parish Breakfast: coffee at 8, blessing at 8:30 am + + + + + + + Church Work Day
Sunday, Jan. 11 1st Sunday after the Epiphany	8:00 am + + + + + + + 9 am to 10 am + + + + + + + 10:30 am	St. Andrew's—Church + + + + + + +. St. Andrew's—Ed. Bldg. + + + + + + +. St. Andrew's—Church	Holy Eucharist + + + + + + + Christian Education for All Ages resumes + + + + + + + Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel
Tuesday, Jan. 13	6:00 pm	St. Andrew's—Library	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 14	11:00 am + + + + + + + 12:00 Noon	St. Andrew's—Church + + + + + + + St. Andrew's—Library	Holy Eucharist + + + + + + + Living the Gospel of Mark forum
Sunday, Jan. 18 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	8:00 am + + + + + + + 9 am to 10 am + + + + + + + 10:30 am + + + + + + + 12:00 Noon	St. Andrew's—Church + + + + + + +. St. Andrew's—Ed. Bldg. + + + + + + +. St. Andrew's—Church + + + + + + +. St. Andrew's—Church	Holy Eucharist + + + + + + + Christian Education for All Ages + + + + + + + Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel + + + + + + + Annual Parish Meeting—Part Two
Wednesday, Jan. 21	11:00 am + + + + + + + 12:00 Noon + + + + + + + 5:30 pm	St. Andrew's—Church + + + + + + + St. Andrew's—Library + + + + + + + St. Andrew's—Parish Hall	Holy Eucharist + + + + + + + Living the Gospel of Mark forum + + + + + + + Parish Potluck Supper: gathering at 5:30 pm, blessing 6:15 pm
Sunday, Jan. 25 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany	8:00 am + + + + + + + 9 am to 10 am + + + + + + + 10:30 am	St. Andrew's—Church + + + + + + +. St. Andrew's—Ed. Bldg. + + + + + + +. St. Andrew's—Church	Holy Eucharist + + + + + + + Christian Education for All Ages + + + + + + + Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel
Wednesday, Jan. 28	11:00 am + + + + + + + 12:00 Noon	St. Andrew's—Church + + + + + + + St. Andrew's—Library	Holy Eucharist + + + + + + + Living the Gospel of Mark forum

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A blessed Advent
and
a merry Christmas
to you all
from
St. Andrew's By-the-Sea

The Child we seek
doesn't need our gold.
On love, on love alone
he will build his kingdom.
His piercé hand will hold no scepter,
his haloed head will wear no crown;
his might will not be built
on your toil.
Swifter than lightning
he will soon walk among us.
He will bring us new life
and receive our death,
and the keys to his city
belong to the poor.

Amahl and the Night Visitors by Gian Carlo Menotti (G. Schirmer, 1950).
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