

*It's Time to get Ready for Christmas!*

Advent is here! In a few weeks it will be Christmas, so it's time to start getting ready!



During Advent we remember Jesus' first coming, and get ourselves and our homes ready to celebrate His birthday.

Lighting the candles on an Advent wreath helps us to remember that Jesus, the light of the world, is coming. We start with one candle, and every week light one more, so that the closer we get to Jesus' coming the brighter it gets.



In Advent we also think about Jesus' second coming. In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people to be prepared for that time. We must never let ourselves forget that this world and this life are only temporary and that we have something much greater to look forward to: Jesus and Heaven!



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**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please contact the Parish Office at least **6 weeks** before the baptism date.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Couples must contact the Parish Office to arrange at least **6 months** before the desired date.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

◆ The Archdiocesan Celebration to climax the Liturgical Year which is being held at the Darren Sammy Sports Stadium next Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, commences at 10:00 a.m. At this celebration, Archbishop Malzaire will present his vision for the Archdiocese including the Pastoral Plan for the coming year. The day will take the form of various presentations and end with Holy Mass at 3:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend. Please turn out in large numbers.



**PRAYER DURING THE HURRICANE SEASON**

O Lord, our God and Father, who gives rain and sunshine to your children, we ask you in this rainy season to uphold us and provide for our needs.

You try our patience and test our faith and reliance on you; forgive our sin of ingratitude. So often have we forgotten to thank you for your goodness and acts of mercy. Teach us to look up to you each day, appreciative of rain and sunshine, as you, in your wisdom, through any kind of weather do feed us all.

In your mercy, protect us against hurricanes and tropical storms. Pour out your blessings upon our nation and our people, and make us grateful for the weather we receive from your bountiful hand.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.**  
**Closed Tuesdays**



*Keeping Watch.*

Jesus exaggerates in today's Gospel when He claims not to know the day or the hour when He will come again. Christ occasionally makes such overstatements to drive home a point we might otherwise miss. His point here is that the exact "hour" is not important. What is crucial is that we not postpone our repentance, that we be ready for Him, spiritually and morally, when He comes. For He will surely come, He tells us, like a thief in the night, like the flood in the time of Noah.

In the Epistle, Paul too compares the present age to a time of advancing darkness and night. Though we sit in the darkness, overshadowed by death, we have seen arise the great light of our Lord who has come into our midst. He is the true light, the life of the world. His light continues to shine in His Church, the new Jerusalem promised by Isaiah in the First Reading. In the Church, all nations stream to the God of Jacob, to worship and seek wisdom in the House of David. From the Church goes forth His word of instruction, the light of the Lord, that all might walk in His paths toward that eternal day when night will be no more.

By our Baptism we have been made children of the light and day. It is time we start living like it: throwing off the fruitless works of darkness, rejecting the desires of the flesh, and walking by the light of His grace. The hour is late as we begin a new Advent. Let us begin again in this Eucharist.

As we sing in the Psalm, "I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's House." Let us give thanks to His name, keeping watch for His coming, knowing that our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

**CONFESSIONS**

*Every Saturday*  
9.00 - 10.00a.m  
6.00 - 6.45p.m.  
&  
*by appointment*

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**SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading**

Is.2:1-5

**Second Reading**

Rom.13:11-14

**Gospel**

Mt.24:37-44

**MASS TIMES**

**GROS ISLET**

Morning Prayers:  
5:45 a.m.



**MONDAY:**

6:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.



**TUESDAY:**

6:00 a.m.



**WEDNESDAY:**

6:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

**G/Riviere:** 6:00 p.m.



**THURSDAY:**

6:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

**Monchy:** 6:00 p.m.



**FRIDAY:**

6:00 a.m./& 12:30 p.m.



**SATURDAY:**

6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p. m.



**SUNDAY**

**GROS ISLET/G.RIVIERE**  
7:30 a.m.

**GROS ISLET/MONCHY**

10:00 a.m.



**HOLIDAY**

Variable



**Advent: A Time of Preparation.**

Advent is a period of preparation for the Church, extending over four Sundays before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin advenio, meaning "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas, and secondly, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and finally, to His Second Coming at the end of time.

Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily. That is why Advent has traditionally been known as "little Lent." The Church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As in Lent, Advent should be marked by increased prayer, fasting, and good works; priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, when priests can wear rose-colored vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

Perhaps the best-known of all Advent symbols is the Advent wreath, a custom which originated among German Lutherans but was soon adopted by Catholics. Consisting of four candles (three purple and one pink) arranged in a circle with evergreen boughs, and sometimes a fifth, white candle in the centre, the Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle is used on Gaudete Sunday. The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.

November 27th marks the First Sunday of Advent.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Coleta Henry  
Carmen Lord  
Iris Macauldy  
Patsy Crafton  
Martha Mason  
Teresa Huntley  
Mary Alexander

**DECEASED**

Emma Cyril  
Anne Richard  
George Roland  
Kenty Whitfield  
Helene Poyotte  
Samuel Charmond  
Rosanna McDowele

**WEEKDAY READINGS**



**MONDAY**

Is.4:2-6  
Mt.8:5-11



**TUESDAY**

Rom.11:1-10  
Lk.10:21-24



**WEDNESDAY**

Rom.10:9-18  
Mt.4:18-22



**THURSDAY**

Is.26:1-6  
Mt.7:21,24-27



**FRIDAY**

Is.29:17-24  
Mt.9:27-31



**SATURDAY**

Is.30:19-21,23-26  
Mt.9:35-10:1,5,6-8



**MASS INTENTIONS**

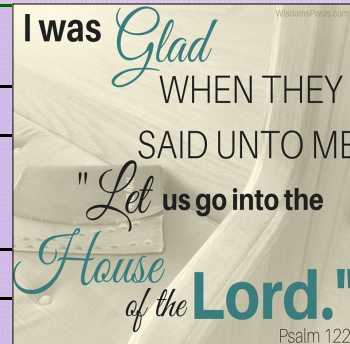
**GROS ISLET**

**CLERGY / RELIGIOUS**

**INTENTIONS**

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT -YEAR A**

**Sat Nov 26- 6:00 p.m.**



**B'day:** Candy Eudoxie Leon  
**Healing:** Alexander Berkeley Blanchard

**Sun Nov 27 - 8:00 a.m.**

**MISSA PRO POPULO**

**10:00 a.m**

**Thks:** Rory Biscette  
Philomene Auguste & family  
**B'day:** Anthony Leonce, Gene Mary Jules

**Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.**

**Parishioners**

**Monchy - 10:00 a.m.**

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**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon Nov 28 - 6:00 a.m.**

Fr. John Milton  
Fr. Festus Iwuagwu  
Rev. David Popo

**Dc'd:** Raymond family, Nesta Reid  
Christiana Charles, Ignatius Felicien

**12:30 p.m.**

**B'day:** Ursula Lucien  
**Guid:** Henri Theobalds  
**Thks:** Angela Alphonse

**Tue Nov 29 - 6:00 a.m.**

Rev. Gerard Calderon  
Rev. Herald Wilson  
Rev. Peter Fevrier

**B'day:** Merlin Alexander  
Ashley Boxill  
**Thks:** Thomas Louis & family

**Wed Nov 30- 6:00 a.m.**  
*St. Andrew, Apostle*

Fr. Barnabas Iorgilim  
Sr. Margaret Maynard

**80th B'day:** Rev. Winston Taylor

**12:30 p.m.**

**Dc'd:** Mona & Kenneth James, Nellie Hall  
Lucy Regobert, Catherine Hinkson

**Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m**

**Parishioners**

**Thu Dec 1 - 6:00 a.m.**

Fr. Cleophus Joseph  
Fr. Ignatius Cetoute  
Sr. Marie Therese Clement

**Thks:** Glace Motors Ltd

**12:30 p.m.**

**Dc'd:** Etienne Auguste, Moses Smith

**Fri Dec 2 - 6:00 a.m.**

Fr. Joseph Akande  
Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo  
Fr. Philomin Zacharias

**B'day:** Darwin Phil Louis  
**Sacred Heart:** Perlin Verdant & family  
**Int:** Sacred Heart Confraternity

**12:30 p.m.**

**Guid & Protec:** Marva Wellington  
Virginia d'Auvergne & family  
**Thks:** Mary Wellington & family

**Sat Dec 3 - 6.30 a.m.**  
*St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

Msgr. Michel Francis  
Fr. Athanase Joseph  
Fr. Stephen Quinlan

**Thks:** Shanta King & family  
**B'day:** Liezl, Nacheem & Nicholas Charles