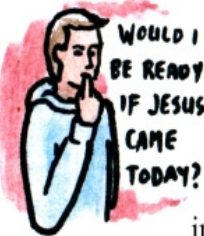


Advent is Here!

Today is the beginning of Advent, the time when we prepare for Christmas.



The word "advent" comes from the Latin word that means "coming". In Advent we are preparing for Jesus' coming. We look forward to Christmas, which is the celebration of His first coming and we also look forward to His second coming.



Did you know that the most important thing to have ready for Christmas is a clean soul?

During Advent you can try extra hard to be good. It is also a very good idea to go to confession before Christmas so that your soul will be good and clean when Jesus comes!



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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 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.



About the Advent Wreath

Advent

Symbol of the circle: The circle represents the fulfillment of time being achieved in the coming of Christ.

The Greenery: The Greenery suggests life, growth, and hope.

The candles and light: These remind us of the light Jesus brought into the world. The waiting for the four candles to be lit symbolizes the long years of waiting for a savior.

Colours of Purple and Pink: Purple is both a colour suggesting penance and fasting, perhaps, the coming of a Royal King. Pink is used as a colour of joy and expectation.

The four candles, three purple and one pink, symbolize the kind of preparation that we need to make for the coming of the child Jesus. The three purple remind us that we need to repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand, we need to re-orient our lives towards Jesus. The one pink candle is a reminder to us that through faith we can rejoice, for the coming of Christ will indeed happen.

I will make a good branch sprout from David's family. He will do what is fair and right in the land.

Jeremiah 33:15

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C - 28TH NOV 2024

Our Liberation is at Hand.

Every Advent, the Liturgy of the Word gives our sense of time a reorientation. There's a deliberate tension in the next four weeks' readings between promise and fulfillment, expectation and deliverance, between looking forward and looking back.

In today's First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah focuses our gaze on the promise God made to David, some 1,000 years before Christ. God says through the prophet that He will fulfill this promise by raising up a "virtuous Branch," a righteous offspring of David, who will rule Israel in justice. The Psalm, too, sounds the theme of Israel's ancient expectation: "Make me walk in your truth and teach me: for you are God my saviour."

We look back on Israel's desire and anticipation knowing that God has already made good on those promises by sending His only Son into the world. Jesus is the "virtuous Branch," the God and Saviour for whom Israel was waiting. Knowing that He is a God who keeps His promises lends grave urgency to the words of Jesus in the Gospel.

Urging us to keep watch for His return in glory, He draws on Old Testament images of chaos and instability, turmoil in the heavens, roaring seas, distress among the nations and terrified people. He evokes the prophet Daniel's image of the Son of Man coming on a cloud of glory to describe His return as a theophany, a manifestation of God.

Many will cower and be literally scared to death. But Jesus says we should greet the end-times with heads raised high, confident that God keeps His promises, that our "liberation is near at hand," that the kingdom of God is near.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00a.m.
&
by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Jer.33:14-16

Second Reading

1Thes.3:12-4:2

Gospel

Lk.21:25-28,34-36

MASS TIMES

Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.



MONDAY: GROS ISLET

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



TUESDAY: GROS ISLET

6:00 a.m.



WEDNESDAY

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

Gros Islet

6:00 p.m. G/Riviere



THURSDAY

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

Gros Islet



FRIDAY

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

Gros Islet



SATURDAY

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

Gros Islet



SUNDAY

7:30 a.m.:

GROS ISLET/G. RIVIERE

10:00 a.m.:

Gros Islet/Monchy



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.

(excerpt: catholicism.about.com)



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**PLEASE PRAY
FOR THE SICK**

Marie Joseph
Patsy Crafton
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Teresa Huntley

DECEASED

Muriel Farley
Marie Joseph
Sydney Charles
Thomas Richelieu
Elizabeth Swanson

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Is.2:1-5
Mt.8:5-11



TUESDAY

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



WEDNESDAY

Is.25:6-10
Mt.15:29-37



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.9:35-10:1,5-8



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT -YEAR C		
Sat Nov 30- 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Anthea Bousquet Thks: Valene Belrose 14th Anniv: Gros Islet Ushers
Sun Dec 01- 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Valerie Henry 14th Anniv: Gros Islet Ushers Thks: Valerie St. Helene-Henry & family
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Catherine Augustin & family
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Holy Spirit: Cuthbert & Sharon Elizee Sp. Int: St. Anthony Prayer Group
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Dec 02 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Stephen Quinlan Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo	B'day: Darwin K. Louis Thks: Stennett Bent & family
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Etienne Auguste, Gregory St. Helene
Tue Dec 03 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Michel Francis Fr. Arthur Zalewski	Dc'd: Elizabeth Celia Clerville
Wed Dec 04- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vinoth Santhappan	Holy Spirit: Huntley & Wells families Guid & Deliv: David & Veronica Louis Kurt & Shanta Louis
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Agnes d'Auvergne
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m		Parishioners
Thu Dec 05- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. John Wilson Fr. Joseph Raj	B'day: Roger Herman
12:30 p.m.		Guid & Deliv: David & Veronica Louis Kurt & Shanta Louis
Fri Dec 06- 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Patrick Anthony	Thks: Diane & Richard Palton Guid & Success: Sven Fevrier
12:30 p.m.		Guid & Deliv: David & Veronica Louis Kurt & Shanta Louis
Sat Dec 07 - 6.30 a.m. <i>Mass at the Shrine</i>	Arch. Robert Rivas Fr. Albert Smith	Thks: Ambrose Lake Glance Motors Ltd