Kids Bulletin

Mk.13:33-37

Advent is Here!
Jesus is coming!



Advent is here! It's time to begin preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Jesus came the first time long ago in Bethlehem. Now He comes to us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. But we celebrate Jesus' coming in a special way at Christmas time.



Advent is the time to get ready for Christmas. We get our houses ready by cleaning and decorating. We get our souls ready by cleaning out our sins when we go to confession, and by learning and thinking about Jesus.

Here are some things that will help you get ready for Christmas:

~ Light a candle on an advent wreath when you say your prayers every day.

~ Read a book about Advent or Christmas.



~ Go to Confession before Christmas.

~ Do nice things for people. Remember that anything you do for some-one else you do for Jesus!

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HEAVEN	SON	WATCH	ANGELS	CROWS
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DAY	TIME	SLEEPING	SERVANTS	KNOW

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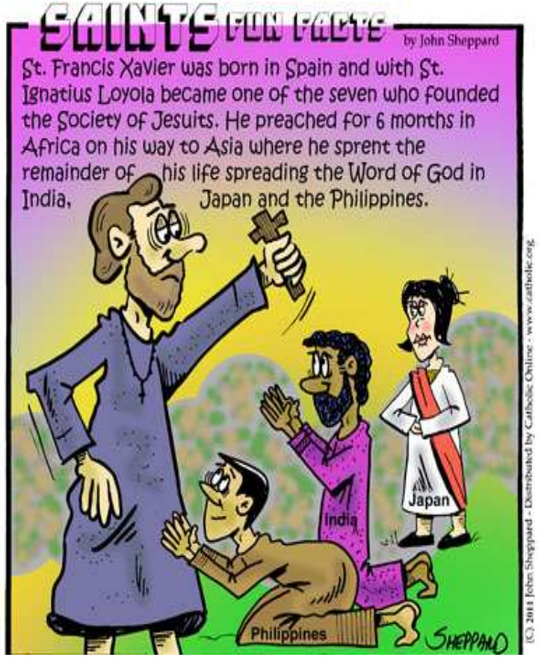

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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 the latest by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.



Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Participation/Mission

1ST SUNDAY Of ADVENT-29TH NOVEMBER 2026 - YEAR B

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

Come, Lord Jesus!

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in the First Reading. In the Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne, to save and shepherd His people.

Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and message are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves.

In this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, don't we, too, often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him? God is faithful, Paul reminds us in the Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake, and for ours, to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love.

In Jesus, we have seen the Father. The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him.

As Paul says, He has given us every spiritual gift - especially the Eucharist and penance - to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end if we let Him.

So in this season of repentance we should heed the warning, repeated three times by our Lord in the Gospel, to be watchful for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Is.63:16-17-64:1,3-8
Second Reading
1Cor.1:3-9
Gospel
Mk.13:33-37

MASS TIMES

Gros Islet
Morning Prayers:
Mon -Fri
5:45 a.m.

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MONDAY
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.
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TUESDAY 6:00 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.
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THURSDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
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FRIDAY
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY
6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.
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SUNDAY
Gros Islet/G. Riviere
7:30 a.m.
Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.
✞
HOLIDAY
Variable
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CONFESSIONS
Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
&
by appointment

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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 29th marks the First Sunday of Advent.

(excerpt: catholicism.about.com)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Claudia Joseph
Iris Macauldy

DECEASED

Nigel Louis
Miley Delice
Valerie Louis
Arthusa Simei
Gregory Cadet
Louisa Anthony
Agatha McDonald
Mary Evans-Charles

WEEKDAY READINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
1ST SUNDAY Of ADVENT - YEAR B		
Sat Nov 28 - 6:00 p.m.		**B'day:** Anthea Bousquet **Thks:** Laura Stanislaus & family
Sun Nov 29 - 7:30 a.m.		**MISSA PRO POPULO**
10:00 a.m.		**B'day:** Ashley Boxill **Thks:** Fayola Lubin, Cordelia Albert **Thks & Cont'd Success:** Ethan Glasgow **16th Ann:** Gros Islet Hospitality Team
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		**Thks:** St. John Vianney Voices Choir
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: The Jacob family Berthilde Miset & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Nov 30 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Akande Sr. Margaret Maynard Sr. Marie Therese Clement	**Dc'd:** Marie Magdalene Charles Siblings of David & Mary Popo Joyce Auguste, Margaret Hippolyte
12:30 p.m.		**Holy Spirit:** Henri & Gianna Theobalds
Tue Dec 1 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Fr. Cleophus Joseph	**Sp. Int:** Mikaela Elliott, Laura Stecy **Guid & Success:** Sven Fevrier
Wed Dec 2 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Stephen Quinlan Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo	**Dc'd:** Etienne Auguste Holy Souls in Purgatory
Grande Riviere – 6:00 p.m.		**Parishioners**
Thu Dec 3 - 6:00 a.m. *St. Francis Xavier, Priest*	Arch. Gabriel Malzaire Msgr. Michel Francis	**Thks:** Mgmt. & Staff Glace Motors Ltd. Shanta King & family
12:30 p.m.		**Dc'd:** Rosa & Antoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang Elizabeth Clerville, Betsy Jn Francois
Fri Dec 4 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vinoth Santhappan Fr. John Wilson	**Int:** Bernadette Pamphile
12:30 p.m.		**B'day:** Teferi Trotman
Sat Dec 5 - 6:30 a.m. *Mass at the Shrine*	Fr. Joseph Raj Fr. Angus Evumude Sr. Mary Lee Cox	**Dc'd:** Cyril Matthew Holy Souls in Purgatory