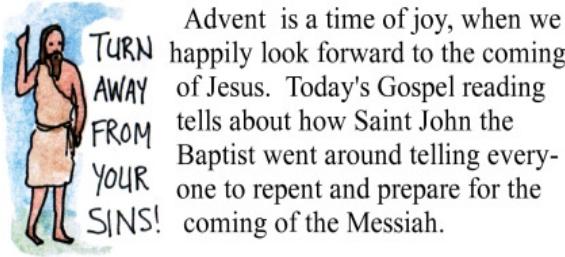
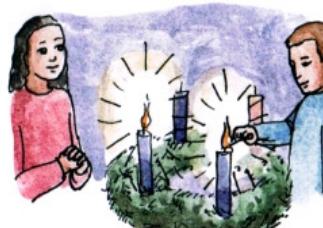


# We Joyfully Wait for Jesus

 Advent is a time of joy, when we happily look forward to the coming of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading tells about how Saint John the Baptist went around telling everyone to repent and prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

An Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of Jesus, our Light, into the world. It has three purple candles and one pink candle. One candle is lit on the first week of Advent, and one more is added every week until Christmas. Every week it gets a bit brighter because we are getting closer to Jesus' coming at Christmas.

The purple candles stand for repentance- being sorry and making up for our sins. The pink candle represents joy. It is lit on the third week of Advent because we rejoice that the waiting is half over.



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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 should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at least 6 months before the desired date.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- ◆ The Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be held at the Minor Basilica this Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be no evening Mass at Grande Riviere on that day.
- ◆ The Christmas Novena commences Wed. December 15<sup>th</sup>. The Novena will be held twice daily on weekdays, at 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.. On the Saturday & Tuesday it will be held at 5:30 a.m. only. Please be guided accordingly.

### Psalms 126:5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

#### A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages, "curing every disease and illness". At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the Coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together, and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. In your wisdom protect our country, Saint Lucia, our region and the whole world from this pandemic. Be with the doctors, nurses and researchers, and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected, and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

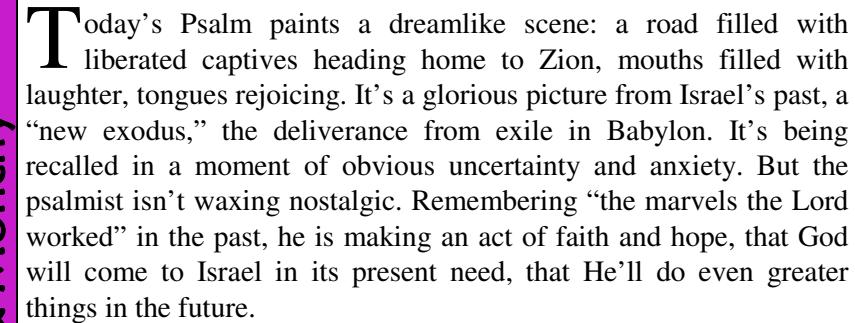
Mary, comforter of the afflicted, pray for us. Amen.



# VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C - 5TH NOVEMBER 2021

## The Road Home.

 Today's Psalm paints a dreamlike scene: a road filled with liberated captives heading home to Zion, mouths filled with laughter, tongues rejoicing. It's a glorious picture from Israel's past, a "new exodus," the deliverance from exile in Babylon. It's being recalled in a moment of obvious uncertainty and anxiety. But the psalmist isn't waxing nostalgic. Remembering "the marvels the Lord worked" in the past, he is making an act of faith and hope, that God will come to Israel in its present need, that He'll do even greater things in the future.

This is what the Advent readings are all about: we recall God's saving deeds in the history of Israel and in the coming of Jesus. Our remembrance is meant to stir our faith, to fill us with confidence that, as the Epistle puts it, "the One who began this good work in (us) will see that is finished." until He comes again in glory.

Each of us, the Liturgy teaches, is like Israel in her exile, led into captivity by our sinfulness, in need of restoration and conversion by the Word of the Holy One. The lessons of salvation history should teach us that, as God again and again delivered Israel, in His mercy He will free us from our attachments to sin if we turn to Him in repentance. That's the message of John, introduced in the Gospel as the last of the great prophets.

But John is greater than the prophets. He's preparing the way not only for a new redemption of Israel but for the salvation of "all flesh". John quotes Isaiah to tell us he's come to build a road home for us, a way out of the wilderness of sin and alienation from God. It's a road we'll follow Jesus down, a journey we'll make, as the First Reading puts it, "jubilant that God has remembered (us)."

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

## CONFESIONS

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

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## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading

Bar.5:1-9

### Second Reading

Phil.1:4-6,8-11

### Gospel

Lk.3:1-6

## MASS TIMES

Morning Prayers:  
5:45a.m.  
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**MONDAY: GROS ISLET**  
Mass: 6:00 a.m.  
12:30 p.m.  
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**TUESDAY: GROS ISLET**  
6:00 a.m.  
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### WEDNESDAY

12:30 & 6:00 p.m.:  
**Gros Islet**  
6:00 p.m. **G/Riviere**  
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### THURSDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.:  
**Gros Islet**  
6:00 p.m.: **Monchy**  
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### FRIDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.:  
**Gros Islet**  
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### SATURDAY

6:30 a.m./6:00 p.m.  
**Gros Islet**  
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### SUNDAY

7:30 a.m.:  
**GROS ISLET/G. RIVIERE**  
10:00 a.m.:  
**Gros Islet/Monchy**  
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### HOLIDAY

7:00 a.m.: **Gros Islet**  
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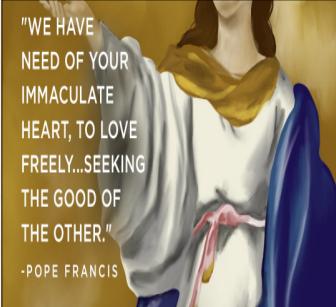
## The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

According to the teaching of the Church, the conception of the Mary in her mother's womb was free from original sin. This means that Mary was conceived by normal biological means, but her soul was kept immaculate by God at the time of her conception.

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception (Mary being conceived free from original sin) is not to be confused with the virginal conception of her son Jesus. Roman Catholic dogma states "that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

Being always free from original sin, from her conception Mary received the sanctifying grace that would normally come with baptism after birth. The Church holds that Mary was also sinless personally - "free from all sin, original or personal". But her immaculate conception did not remove her need for redemption by Christ; rather it was the result of a more perfect redemption granted her because of her special role in salvation history. Indeed, Mary herself proclaims in Luke 1:47: "My spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour." The Immaculate Conception represents Christ's saving grace operating in Mary in anticipation of His redemption of man and in God's foreknowledge of Mary's acceptance of His Will for her. In other words, the Immaculate Conception was not a precondition for Christ's act of redemption but the result of it. It is the concrete expression of God's love for Mary, who gave herself fully, completely, and without hesitation to His service. This is referred to as Mary's pre-redemption by Christ.

The belief that Mary was sinless and conceived immaculate has been widely held since Late Antiquity, and the doctrine was dogmatically defined in 1854 by Pope Pius IX in his Papal Bull "Ineffabilis Deus".



(excerpt: catholicismabout.com)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Nellie Hall  
Martha Mason  
Iris Macauldy  
Denis Augustin  
Bentley Jn. Baptiste

### DECEASED

Magdalene Charles  
Arthur Baptiste Sr.  
Francis Christophe  
Michael Gustave  
Pauline Francois  
James Prudent

### WEEKDAY READINGS

**MONDAY**  
Is.35:1-10  
Lk.5:17-26

**TUESDAY**  
Is.40:1-11  
Mt.18:12-14

**WEDNESDAY**  
Gn.3:9-15,20  
Eph.1:3-6,11-12  
Lk.1:26-38

**THURSDAY**  
Is.41:13-20  
Mt.11:11-15

**FRIDAY**  
Is.48:17-19  
Mt.11:16-19

**SATURDAY**  
Eccl.48:1-4,9-12  
Mt.17:10-13

### MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
<b>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C</b>		
Sat Dec 4 - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Guid:</b> Augusta Toussaint <b>BVM:</b> Perlin Verdant & family <b>Thks:</b> Aligtha Richelieu & family <b>B'day:</b> Nicholas Nachim, Liezl Charles
Sun Dec 5 - 7:30 a.m.		<b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b> <b>Thks:</b> The Jn. Marie family <b>B'day:</b> Teferi Trotman, Roger Herman
10:00 a.m.		<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		
<b>WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b>		
Mon Dec 6 - 6:00 a.m.	Arch Robert Rivas OP Msgr. Patrick Anthony Sr. Frances Nosbisch	<b>Deliv &amp; Health:</b> Clerina Auguste & family <b>Guid:</b> Members of the Ambrose family
12:30 p.m.		<b>Thks:</b> Cecil Graham
Tue Dec 7 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor</i>	Fr. Albert Smith Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Christine Alphonse	<b>Thks:</b> Ambrose Lake <b>B'day:</b> Kareem Verneuil
Wed Dec 8 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M</i>	Fr. Amalraj Fr. Cezar Herrera Sr. Giovanna Mabunda	<b>B'day:</b> Frank Sidoine <b>Thks:</b> Anthony Louis
12:30 p.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Ruth Lastic <b>Int:</b> Mya Norville & family Anthony Jean & brothers
Thu Dec 9 - 6:00 a.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Lucita Lucien
12:30 p.m.	Rev. Andrew Edward Sr. Ramona George	<b>B'day:</b> Mary Jn. Baptiste <b>Thks:</b> Armani Modeste Tyrone & Stella Chong & family
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Parishioners</b>
Fri Dec 10 - 6:00 a.m.	Sr. Benedicta Chanda Sr. Petronilla Banda	<b>Guid:</b> Members of the Ambrose family
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Alexander & Irvine Blanchard
Sat Dec 11 - 6:30 a.m.	Sr. Scholastica Felician	<b>Dc'd:</b> Marie Lake Julian & Euna Raymond