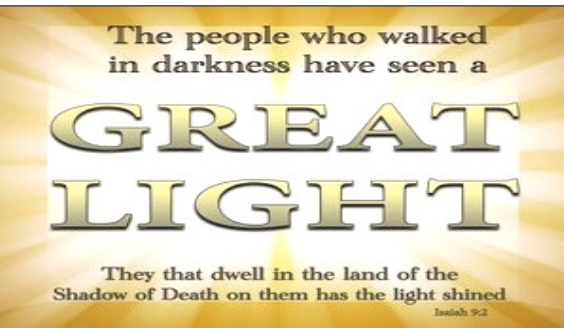


**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

- ◆ Parishioners are advised that because of a Conference of the Diocesan Clergy of the Archdiocese of Castries, there will only be 6:00 a.m. Masses in the Parish this week, January 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be no 12:30 p.m. Masses at Gros Islet this week, nor 6:00 p.m. Mass at Grande Riviere on Wednesday. Please be guided accordingly.
- ◆ At the Archdiocesan Rally on December 4th, Archbishop Malzaire called for all of us to join in Prayerful war against crime & violence in our country. He invited the entire nation to 4 Pontifical Masses at the Cardinal Points on the island. **The 2<sup>nd</sup> of these Pontifical Masses takes place on Thursday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Parish of the Assumption of the BVM, Vieux Fort, from 5:00 p.m.** Please make a special effort to attend.



**Eucharistic Adoration**

Weekdays: 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
 Saturdays: 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Sundays: 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
 Holidays: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

**Jesus Tells us to Repent**

Today we hear about Jesus beginning His mission of preaching and healing the sick. The very first thing He tells the people is that they should repent from their sins.

Why do we need to repent of our sins? Why don't we just stop thinking about the bad things we did and start trying to be good?

Well, pretend your soul is like a garden. When you sin, it's like making a big hole in the ground. You can't grow flowers in a hole, and someone might trip on it and make the hole bigger. That's what can happen with sins too- little sins can cause bigger ones.

When you are sorry for your sins and go to confession it's like filling in the holes and planting flowers where they used to be. Keep your soul like a good garden and make sure you don't have any holes in it!



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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.



**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 22ND JAN 2023 - YEAR A**

*A Great Light.*

Today's Liturgy gives us a lesson in ancient Israelite geography and history. Isaiah's prophecy in the First Reading is quoted by Matthew in the Gospel. Both intend to recall the apparent fall of the everlasting kingdom promised to David. Eight centuries before Christ, that part of the kingdom where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali lived was attacked by the Assyrians, and the tribes were hauled off into captivity. It marked the beginning of the kingdom's end. The Davidic empire finally crumbled in the sixth century BC, when Jerusalem was seized by Babylon and the remaining tribes were driven into exile. Isaiah prophesied that Zebulun and Naphtali, the lands first to be degraded, would be the first to see the light of God's salvation. Jesus today fulfills that prophecy - announcing the restoration of David's kingdom at precisely the spot where the kingdom began to fall.

His gospel of the Kingdom includes not only the twelve tribes of Israel but all the nations, symbolized by the "Galilee of the Nations." Calling His first disciples, two fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, He appoints them to be "fishers of men," gathering people from the ends of the earth. They are to preach the gospel, Paul says in the Epistle, to unite all peoples in the same mind and in the same purpose, in a worldwide kingdom of God. By their preaching, Isaiah's promise has been delivered. A world in darkness has seen the light. The yoke of slavery and sin, borne by humanity since time began, has been smashed. We are able now, as we sing in the Psalm, to dwell in the house of the Lord, and to worship Him in the land of the living.

(excerpt: sstpaulcenter.com)

**SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading**  
Is.8:23--9:3

**Second Reading**  
1Cor.1:10-13,17

**Gospel**  
Mt.4:12-23

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

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

**CONFESSIONS**

Every Saturday  
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

&  
by appointment

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**The Conversion of St. Paul: January 25th**

The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul is unlike other feasts, for Paul’s conversion marks a milestone, not only in his own life, but in the life of God’s people.

Once a persecutor of Christ, he became the Lord’s preacher. Once an impediment to the Gospel, he became its great champion. Once a guardian of Israel as an ethnic preserve of holiness, Paul came to serve as a father in the worldwide (literally, catholic) Church that included both Jews and Gentiles.

Paul is not just a patron to those who change religious affiliation. St. Paul is everyone’s patron because we’re all called to conversion, and we’re always called to conversion, even if we’ve been Catholics since the cradle and attending Mass daily for decades.

Jesus said: “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven”. This turning is at the root of all our Christian terms and notions about conversion. Conversion is a turning toward God. It is a turning away from sin and from attachment to worldly things and worldly cares.

This is the work of a lifetime. It’s not the matter of a moment. It’s not just “once and done.” Unless we turn - unless we become “converts” - we’re not Christian. Unless we make a habit of repentance, we’re not disciples of Jesus Christ. We must convert again and again.

We celebrate our conversions whenever we go to Confession. We celebrate our conversions, in fact, whenever we resist distraction and turn to our Father God in prayer. St. Paul should be our model for conversion. His conversion was ongoing, lifelong, never easy, but always joyful. “Rejoice in the Lord always,” he said in his Letter to the Philippians, “Again I will say, rejoice.”

Paul is joyful not because of how good things are getting, but how good God is. That is the fruit of true conversion.

(excerpt: salvationhistory.com)

**2 Corinthians 5:17**  
**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**THE SICK**

Carmen Lord  
 Iris Macauldy  
 Martha Mason  
 Patsy Crafton  
 Theresa Huntley

**DECEASED**

Eulalie Duval  
 Marie Louison  
 Mary Alexander  
 Joseph Degazon  
 William Louison  
 Antoine Marshall  
 Zacherie Aimable  
 Pierre Richardson

**WEEKDAY READINGS**



**MONDAY**

Heb.9:15,24-28  
 Mk.3:22-30



**TUESDAY**

Heb.10:1-10  
 Mk.3:31-35



**WEDNESDAY**

Acts.22:3-16  
 Mk.16:15-18



**THURSDAY**

2Tim.1:1-8  
 Mk.4:21-25



**FRIDAY**

Heb.10:32-39  
 Mk.4:26-34



**SATURDAY**

Heb.11:1-2,8-19  
 Mk.4:35-41



**MASS INTENTIONS**

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
<b>3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A</b>		
<b>Sat Jan 21 - 6:00 p.m.</b>		<b>B'day:</b> Agnes Actie <b>Int:</b> Perlin Verdant & family <b>Sp. Int:</b> Ike Blanchard & family
<b>Sun Jan 22 - 7:30 a.m.</b>		<b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>		<b>B'day:</b> Russell Myers, Ariel David <b>Thks:</b> Claudius & Alvin Edward & families
<b>Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.</b>		<b>Thks:</b> Philip Wells
<b>Monchy - 10:00 a.m.</b>		<b>B'day:</b> Prisca Delice <b>Deliv:</b> Alex Reinette & family
<b>WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b>		
<b>Mon Jan 23 - 6:00 a.m.</b>	Msgr. Theophilus Joseph Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	<b>Dc'd:</b> Teresa Willie Priscillia Henry, Leon Prescod
<b>Tue Jan 24 - 6:00 a.m.</b> <i>St. Francis de Sales Bishop &amp; Doctor</i>	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	<b>B'day:</b> Denzel Roberts Anne Marie Charles <b>Deliv:</b> Marie-Georges Arnaud & children
<b>Wed Jan 25 - 6:00 a.m.</b> <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>	Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav Fr. Henry Nmor	<b>Dc'd:</b> Pauline Francois, Martha Pierre Foster & Pauline Benjamin
<b>Thu Jan 26 - 6:00 a.m.</b> <i>Sts. Timothy &amp; Titus, Bishops</i>	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephanina Banda	<b>Healing:</b> Alexander B. Blanchard <b>Wedd. Ann:</b> William & Denise Edward Valentine & Frances Edwin
<b>Fri Jan 27 - 6:00 a.m.</b>	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	<b>Dc'd:</b> Josephine Altenor Joseph, Philomene & Annetta Sidoine
<b>Sat Jan 28 - 6:30 a.m.</b> <i>St. Thomas Aquinas Priest &amp; Doctor</i>	Fr. John Milton	<b>Dc'd:</b> Teresa Willie