

Who Will Lead You to God?



Today's Gospel reading tells us about Saint John the Baptist, who prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. At first people thought that he might be the saviour they were all waiting for, but he was very clear when he told them that he wasn't- there was one coming after him Who would be the truly great One.

Sometimes we hear about great or important people. We know about movie stars and singers and government leaders. Who are some important people you know of?



Do those people that you've thought about help to bring you closer to God? Do they teach you well and give good example? Or do they lead people away from God by doing wrong things or making fun of God's truth?



We can know which people are really great by thinking about whether they lead us closer to God, like Saint John the Baptist did, or further away from Him. Which sort of people do you want to follow?



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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.

♦ Offerings and donations for the Parish can now be made via Sure Pay. Please specify that the payment is for **St. Joseph the Worker Parish**, and you will be given a choice of the different communities, 01 for Gros Islet, 02 for Grande Riviere and 03 for Monchy. Payments can be made in person at the Sure Pay counters or online. Please contact the Parish Office if you require further information about the online payments.

♦The parish began collecting offerings of non perishable food items for those in need this week, and this will continue throughout the Advent Season. Donations can be brought to Mass or to the parish office. Please be generous.

♦ **A second collection** will be taken up at all Masses next weekend for Vocations. It costs the Archdiocese approx \$70,000.00 to support our seminarian Bro. Festus who is presently in Jamaica. Please be generous in your giving.

♦ Mass on Monday Dec 14th is at **6:00 a.m.**

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

God of Power and might, we thank and praise You for Your goodness and mercy. Have mercy upon us, behold us and show us the light of Your mercies. Send Your fear upon our nation that we may know that there is no God besides You. Lift up Your hands over St. Lucia that we may see Your power. Heal the hurts of our nation. Sanctify and purify our actions and way of life that we may be a holy nation Give wisdom and fortitude to our leaders that they may guide our nation in Your precepts. Give love, patience and hope to our youth and strengthen our families. We make this prayer in the name of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen



Waiting with joy.

The mysterious figure of John the Baptist, introduced in last week's readings, comes into sharper focus today. Who he is, we see in today's Gospel, is best understood by who he isn't.

He is not Elijah returned from the heavens, although like him he dresses in the prophet's attire and preaches repentance and judgment. Not Elijah in the flesh, John is nonetheless sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to fulfill his mission. Neither is John the prophet Moses foretold, although he is a kinsman and speaks God's word. Nor is John the Messiah, though he has been anointed by the Spirit since he was in the womb .

John prepares the way for the Lord. The baptism he performs is symbolic, not sacramental. It is a sign given to stir our hearts to repentance. John shows us the One upon whom the Spirit remains, the One who fulfills the promise we hear in the First Reading. Jesus' bath of rebirth and the Spirit opens a fountain that purifies Israel and gives to all a new heart and a new Spirit.

John comes to us in the Advent readings to show us the light, that we might believe in the One who comes at Christmas. As we sing in today's Responsorial, the Mighty One has come to lift each of us up, to fill our hunger with bread from heaven . And as Paul exhorts in the Epistle, we should rejoice, give thanks, and pray without ceasing that God will make us perfectly holy in spirit, soul, and body, that we may be blameless when our Lord comes.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Is.61:1-2,10-11
Second Reading
1Thes.5:16-24
Gospel
Jn.1:6-8,19-28

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
✠
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
7:00 a.m.: **Gros Islet**
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CONFESSIONS

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

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St. Lucy, Feast Day December 13th

Lucy's history has been lost and all we really know for certain is that this brave woman who was born in Syracuse, Sicily in about 283 A.D., lost her life during the persecution of Christians in the early 4th century.

Her veneration spread to Rome so that by the 6th century the whole Church recognized her courage in defense of the faith.

Because people wanted to shed light on Lucy's bravery, legends began to crop up. The one that has passed the test of time tells the story of a young Christian woman who vowed to live her life in service of Christ. Her father died when she was young, leaving Lucy and her mother wealthy but without a protector. Her mother, herself ill, was fearful for Lucy's future and arranged her marriage to a young man belonging to a wealthy pagan family. Trying to convince her mother that Christ was a better partner for life, she began to visit the tomb of St. Agatha to pray. After several prayers at the tomb, St. Agatha told Lucy in a dream that her mother's illness would be cured through faith. Lucy used this to persuade her mother to give the dowry money to the poor and to allow Lucy to commit her life to God.

The rejected bridegroom was deeply angered and betrayed Lucy's faith to the governor, Paschasius, who attempted to force her into a brothel, but the guards who came to take her away were unable to move her, even after hitching her to a team of oxen. The guards heaped bundles of wood around her but they wouldn't burn. Finally Lucy's neck was pierced by a sword and she died.

Lucy's legend did not end with her death. According to later accounts, Lucy had warned Paschasius he would be punished. When the governor heard this he ordered the guards to gouge out her eyes. In another telling, it was Lucy who removed her eyes in an attempt to discourage a persistent suitor who greatly admired them. Lucy, "the saint without eyes", thus became the patron saint of the blind.

Lucy's Latin name "Lucia" comes from the Latin word for light, and around the world a number of traditions on her feast day bear witness to the symbolic meaning her name as the bearer of light in the darkness. St. Lucy is the patroness of Syracuse in Sicily, Olon in Ecuador and our own island of St. Lucia.

(excerpt: wikipedia.com)
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

- Iris Macauldy
- Priscillia Henry
- Priscillia St. Martin
- Martha Mason
- Rosna Joseph
- Nellie Hall
- Mary Roach

DECEASED

- Emmanuel St. Omer
- Moyse Philip
- Melvin Remy
- Lucita Lucien

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Num. 24:2-7,15-17
Mt.21:23-27



TUESDAY

Zep.3:1-2,9-13
Mt.21:28-32



WEDNESDAY

Is.45:6-8,18,21-25
Lk.7:19-23



THURSDAY

Gen.49:2,8-10
Mt.1:1-17



FRIDAY

Jer.23:5-8
Mt.1:18-24



SATURDAY

Jgs.13:2-7,24-25
Lk.1:5-25



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY / RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

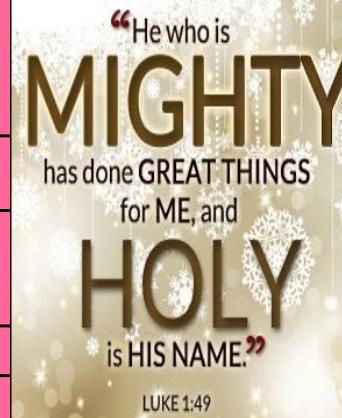
Sat. Dec 12 -6:00 p.m.

Sun. Dec 13 -7:30 a.m.
Feast of St. Lucy

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere

Monchy



Thks: Nadia Raymond
Wedd Ann: Ralph & Delia Frederick
B'day: Algitha Richelieu, Xachery Felix
Angelique George, Anaiah Bousquet

MISSA PRO POPULO

B'day: Noel Robinson
Thks: Marcia Haywood & family
Aleksie & Shari Mayer

Eucharistic Service

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Dec 14 - 6:00 a.m.
St. John of the Cross

Sr. Mary Dungdung
Sr. Mercy Masaka

B'day: Carrell Moise
Thks: Diane Palton & family

Tues Dec 15 - 5:30 a.m.
Christmas Novena

Rev. Jeremy Joseph
Sr. Marie Joseph

Healing: Mary Roach
B'day: Alison & Samal Clarke
Thks: Roy, Tilor & Leya Roach

6:00 p.m.
Christmas Novena

Parishioners

Wed Dec 16 - 5:30 a.m.
Christmas Novena

Rev. Errol Frederick
Sr. Rosemarie Minj

B'day: Anthony Roach

6:00 p.m.
Christmas Novena

Dc'd: Vera Lawrence
Milford & Bellot Alexander

Thu Dec 17 - 5:30 a.m.
Christmas Novena

Fr. Yvon Tremont

Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace
Epiphane & Josephine Verdant

6:00 p.m.
Christmas Novena

B'day: Stennett Bent
Thks: Charmaine & Maurice Johnson

Fri Dec 18 - 5:30 a.m.
Christmas Novena

Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy
Sr. Bernadette Peter

B'day: Meuris Raymond
Ashika Brinkley, Kerde Severin Jr.

6:00 p.m.
Christmas Novena

B'day: Chari Verneuil
Danny Jn Baptiste

Sat Dec 19 - 6.30 a.m.
Christmas Novena

Fr. Lambert St. Rose

B'day: Luciana Charles
Wedd Ann: Vimla & Kingsley St. Hill