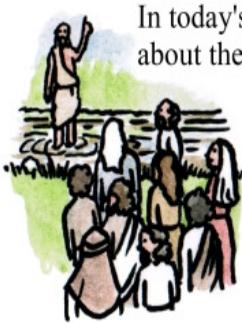
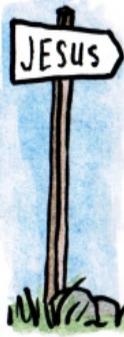
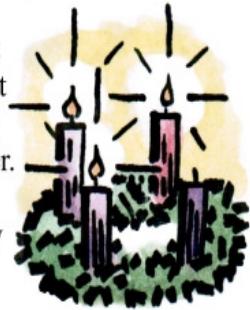


Pointing the Way to Jesus



In today's Gospel reading we hear about the people being filled with expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Saint John the Baptist told the people how to prepare for his coming- by doing good and repenting of their sins.

At first the people thought that John the Baptist might be the Messiah. But Saint John was only a messenger. We can think of him as a sign-post pointing the way to Jesus. People came to see and hear him, and he showed them the way to God.



How can you be like Saint John the Baptist and show other people the way to Jesus?

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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 parish will be collecting offerings of non perishable food items for those in need starting this week and continuing. Donations can be brought to Mass or to the parish office.
- ♦ The Christmas Novena begins this Wednesday, December 15th. The Novena will be held twice daily on weekdays, at 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., except on Saturday and Tuesday, when it will be held at 5:30 a.m. only.
- ♦ **Mass times for the Season**
Friday, Dec 24th - Vigil: G/Islet – 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec 25th - Christmas Day:
 Gros Islet -8:00 a.m. (One Mass only)
 Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.
 Monchy - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, Dec 26th - Holy Innocents:
 Gros Islet -8:00 a.m. (One Mass only)
 Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.
 Monchy - 10:00 a.m.
Friday, Dec 31st – Vigil: Gros Islet – 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan 1st - New Year's Day:
 Gros Islet -8:00 a.m. (One Mass only)
 Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.
 Monchy - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, Jan 2nd -Epiphany of the Lord :
 Gros Islet -8:00 a.m. (One Mass only)
 Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.
 Monchy - 10:00 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



Rejoice. The Lord is near!

The people in today's Gospel are "filled with expectation." They believe John the Baptist might be the messiah they've been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: "What then should we do?" The messiah's coming requires every man and woman to choose - to "repent" or not. That's John's message and it will be Jesus' too.

"Repentance" translates a Greek word, metanoia (literally, "change of mind"). In the Scriptures, repentance is presented as a twofold "turning" away from sin. This "turning" is more than attitude adjustment. It means a radical life change. It requires "good fruits as evidence of your repentance". That's why John tells the crowds, soldiers, and tax collectors they must prove their faith through works of charity, honesty, and social justice.

In today's Liturgy, each of us is being called to stand in that crowd and hear the "good news" of John's call to repentance. We should examine our lives, asking from our hearts as they did: "What should we do?" Our repentance should spring not from our fear of coming wrath but from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God.

This theme resounds through the readings: "Rejoice! The Lord is near." Have no anxiety at all, we hear in the Epistle. In the Responsorial, we hear again the call to be joyful, unafraid at the Lord's coming among us. In the First Reading, we hear echoes of the angel's Annunciation to Mary. The prophet's words are very close to the angel's greeting. Mary is the Daughter Zion, the favored one of God, told not to fear but to rejoice that the Lord is with her, a mighty Savior.

She is the cause of our joy. For in her draws near the Messiah, as John had promised: "One mightier than I is coming."

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

CONFESSIONS

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

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 12TH DECEMBER, 2021- YEAR C

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Zeph.3:14-18

Second Reading

Phil.4:4-7

Gospel

Lk.3:10-18

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

12:30 & 6:00 p.m.:

Gros Islet

6:00 p.m. **G/Riviere**



THURSDAY

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

Gros Islet

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



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**





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, fearful for Lucy's future, 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
Martha Mason
Denis Augustin
Bentley Jn. Baptiste

DECEASED

Joseph Felix
Morrison Thomas
Francis Christophe
Magdalene Charles
Pauline Francois

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

Is. 54:1-10
Lk.7:24-30



FRIDAY

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



SATURDAY

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



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C		
Sat. Dec 11 -6:00 p.m.	<i>"With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." (Isaiah 12:3; NIV)</i>	Wedd Ann: Cletus & Bernadette Springer B'day: Xachery Felix, Algitha Richelieu Angelique George, Anaiah Bousquet
Sun. Dec 12 -7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Vanda Lena St. Rose Thks: Ralph Frederick & family The Haywood family, Nadia Raymond
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Dec 13 - 6:30 a.m. <i>St. Lucy, Virgin National Day</i>	Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	B'day: Cecilia Nelson Thks: Mary Baptiste & family Holy Spirit: Catherine Alexis & family
Tues Dec 14- 6:00 a.m. <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph	B'day: Carrell Moise Thks: David & Mary Popo & family St. Anthony: Catherine Alexis & family
Wed Dec 15- 5:30 a.m. <i>Christmas Novena</i>	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	De'd: Susan Rosemond, James Prudent
6:00 p.m. <i>Christmas Novena</i>		Thks: Anthony Louis Althea & Ellen Regis
Thu Dec 16 - 5:30 a.m. <i>Christmas Novena</i>	Fr. Yvon Tremont	Precious Blood: Catherine Alexis & family
6:00 p.m. <i>Christmas Novena</i>		Wedd Ann: Eugenie & Peter Dalson Thks: Diane & Richard Palton & family
Fri Dec 17 - 5:30 a.m. <i>Christmas Novena</i>	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	B'day: Meuris Raymond, Stennett Bent
6:00 p.m. <i>Christmas Novena</i>		Thks: Cecil Graham Charmaine & Maurice Johnson
Sat Dec 18 - 5.30 a.m. <i>Christmas Novena</i>	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	B'day: Chari Verneuil Luciana & Kadisha Charles Thks: Shanta King & family Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Catherine Alexis & family