

Kids Column

Mt.1:18-24

Jesus' Birthday is almost here!



Now there is only a week left until Christmas!

In today's Gospel reading God gave St. Joseph a special job. He told him to take care of Mary and the baby Jesus. St. Joseph thought he was just an ordinary person and didn't expect to have such an important responsibility, but he did what God asked.



God has given us a responsibility too. We have to love Jesus as much as we can. How can you love and honour Jesus at Christmas time? If your family has a nativity scene you can pray to Jesus while you look at it. Right now you have a few days left to get ready for Jesus' birthday. Ask St. Joseph to help you prepare for Jesus' coming.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mass Times for the Season:

Christmas Vigil - December 24th - 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - December 25th :

Gros Islet - 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve - December 31st -7:00 p.m.

New Year's Day - January 1st :

Gros Islet - 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

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NAME	SON	CHRIST	CHILD	BIRTH
MARY	JESUS	JOSEPH	VIRGIN	HUSBAND

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 18TH DECEMBER 2022 - YEAR A

God-with-us.

The mystery kept secret for long ages, promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, is today revealed. This is the "Gospel of God" that Paul celebrates in the Epistle, the good news that "God is with us" in Jesus Christ.

The sign promised to the House of David in the First Reading is given in the Gospel. In the virgin found with child, God Himself has brought to Israel a savior from David's royal line. Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit, and by the power of Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God's right hand in the heavens. He is the "King of Glory" we sing of in the Psalm. The earth in its fullness has been given to Him, and as God swore long ago to David, His Kingdom will have no end.

In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord. In Him, we are saved from our sins, and now called "the beloved of God." All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the House of David and kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race, a royal people that seeks for the face of the God of Jacob. He has made our hearts clean; He has made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him.

In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child - God with us - continues until the end of the age.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Is.7:10-14

Second Reading

Rom.1:1-7

Gospel

Mt.1:18-24

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
 5:45 a.m.



MONDAY:

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



TUESDAY:

6:00 a.m.



WEDNESDAY:

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

G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.



THURSDAY:

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

Monchy: 6:00 p.m.



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



CONFESSIONS

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

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 Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

Advent Reflection: Behold the Handmaid of the Lord.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent belongs to Mary. This is so because the celebration of the birth of Jesus of necessity involves the motherhood of Mary. Saluted as "full of grace" by the angel, she freely chooses to cooperate with God's plan, such that our Savior was "conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit."

David sought to build a dwelling place, a temple for the Lord. Instead, it is the Lord who promises to establish a house, a legacy for him. It is Mary's yes that brings that legacy to its culmination, the birth of the Savior from the House of David. It is she who gives a home to the Son of God in her womb. God chooses to occupy the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary in order to achieve His purposes, namely our salvation.

Jesus has been made known, Paul says, to bring all nations to the obedience of faith. We are called with Mary to marvel at all that the Lord has done throughout the ages for our salvation. And we too must respond to this annunciation with humble obedience that His will be done, that our lives be lived according to His word.

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MAGNIFICAT

Lk. 1:46-55

My soul glorifies the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on His servant in her nothingness;
Henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy is His name! His mercy is from age to age,
On those who fear Him.

He puts forth His arm in strength
And scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones,
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, His servant,
remembering His mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons forever.

**PLEASE PRAY
FOR THE SICK**

Coleta Henry
Carmen Lord
Iris Macauldy
Patsy Crafton
Martha Mason
Teresa Huntley
Mary Alexander

DECEASED

Alberta Daniel
Helene Poyotte
Francis Marshall
Norbert Williams
Anne Marie Alcide
Rosanna McDowe

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

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



TUESDAY

Is.7:10-14
Lk.1:26-38



WEDNESDAY

Sgs..2:8-14
Lk.1:39-45



THURSDAY

1Sam.1:24-28
Lk.1:46-56



FRIDAY

Mal.3:1-4,23-24
Lk.1:57-66



SATURDAY

2Sam.7:1-5,8-12,14-16
Lk.1:67-79



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY / RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

Sat Dec 17- 6:00 p.m.



Thks: Laurencia Cadette
Sashla St. Omer, Zoey Hinkson
Wedd Ann: William & Suzette Dussiel

Sun Dec 18- 7:00 a.m.

MISSA PRO POPULO

10:00 a.m.

B'day: Eleanor Alexis
Clinton Charles, Meuris Raymond

Grande Riviere - 7:00 a.m.

Thks: Kaiesha Henry

Monchy- 10:00 a.m.

Thks: Gene Norley & family

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Dec 19 - 5:30 a.m.
Christmas Novena

Fr. Lambert St. Rose

Wedd Ann: Vimla & Kingsley St. Hill
Sp. Int: Jeannine Blanchard & family

6:00 p.m.
Christmas Novena

Dc'd: Darwyn Louis

Tue Dec 20 - 5:30 a.m.
Christmas Novena

Fr. Paul Vu

81 st B'day: Edna Hill
Guid: Kateri Haywood
B'day: Luciana & Kadisha Charles

Wed Dec 21- 5:30 a.m.
Christmas Novena

Rev. Anthony Louis
Rev. John Douglas
Rev. Robert Harvey

B'day: Noah Lesmond, Fidele Raphael
Chad & Jaden Sidoine, Peter Lewis

6:00 p.m.
Christmas Novena

B'day: Vernetta Brooks
Sp. Int: Simone Blanchard
Wedd Ann: Marcia & Larry Hill

Thu Dec 22 - 5:30 a.m.
Christmas Novena

Fr. Cecil Goodman
Rev. Thomas Alexander

Guid: Kate Haywood
B'day: Charlinn Louis
Healing: Andria Duval
Wedd Ann: Neil & Marie-Ange Williams

6:00 p.m.
Christmas Novena

Dc'd: Dwight Venner
Jacinta Clement, Jeanette Knights

Fri Dec 23 - 5:30 a.m.
Christmas Novena

Msgr. Theophilus Joseph
Fr. Linus Clovis
Sr. Adinase Mumba

Thks: Angela Hodges & family
The Nicholas family

6:00 p.m.
Christmas Novena

Dc'd: Irvine & Alexander Blanchard
Charmaine Blanchard Johnson

Sat Dec 24 - 6.30 a.m.

Fr. Vincent Arulanandam
Rev. Girard Glace

B'day: Darnell Boxill
Thks: Christine Glace-Fevrier

Sat Dec 24 - 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Vigil

MISSA PRO POPULO