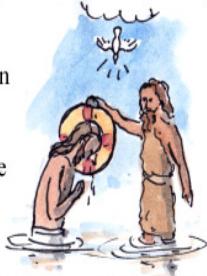


**Kids Column**

*Baptism*

Today we celebrate the baptism of Our Lord. After Jesus had prayed and fasted in the desert for forty days He went to where Saint John the Baptist was baptizing people in the Jordan river. People were coming to Saint John, confessing their sins, and he was baptizing them with water. Saint John told the people that he only baptized with water, but One would come after him Who would baptize them with the Holy Spirit. He was talking about Jesus.

When Jesus came to him, Saint John did not want to baptize Him- he said that Jesus should baptize him instead! But Jesus wanted Saint John to baptize Him so that He could be an example for all of us.



The baptism that Saint John was giving was only a sign of people being sorry for their sins. The baptism that Jesus gave us really takes away our sins. It makes us members of Jesus' Church and takes away both original sin and any actual sins we have done. We still have the effects of original sin, which are pain and death and a tendency to sin, but our souls are made perfectly clean when we are baptized. If we sin after our baptism we can be forgiven in the sacrament of confession.



Today ask your parents about your baptism, and thank God for letting you become part of His family, the Church.

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

**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**

- ◆ There will be a meeting for the parents or guardians of Confirmation students (all 3 years) from all three communities at the Gros Islet Church on Monday Jan 18th from 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ There will be a meeting for the parents or guardians of First Communion students (both years) from all three communities at the Gros Islet Church on Monday Jan 25th from 6:30 p.m.



This week the Tabernacle Candles are lit for the intentions of Scholastica Michel and family

**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**

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR B - 10TH JAN 2021**



*The Anointing.*

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He passes through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new exodus, the opening up of the promised land of heaven. Jesus is the chosen servant, anointed with the Spirit to make things right on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to confirm Him as "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations, the One long expected in Israel, "anointed...with the Holy Spirit and power."

Here the sacrament of Christian baptism is instituted, different and greater than the baptism of John. Immediately after coming out of the water, the Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove. (Another sacrament is now instituted by Christ, the sacrament of Confirmation). As the Spirit descends upon Jesus, the Father announces from heaven that this is His beloved Son, a revelation of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Jesus is the Word made flesh, full of the Spirit, and savior of Israel from the moment of His conception. But on this day, the Spirit anoints His human nature in a new way, empowering and equipping Him for His mission to destroy the oppressive powers of sin, Satan, and death, and to lead His people into freedom. He is anointed or "christened", not just as savior-king, but as perfect prophet who speaks God's final word, and perfect priest who offers the perfect sacrifice taking away all sin.

We receive the Spirit in baptism and receive Christ bodily in the Eucharist. At Confirmation, we receive our mission and the power to carry it out. It is about sharing in Christ's anointing to transform the world.

That is why we are called "Christians" or anointed ones.

(excerpt: salvationhistory.com)  
(excerpt: catholicmom.com/mdambrosio)

**CONFESSIONS**

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

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**SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading**  
**Is.55:1-11**  
**Second Reading**  
**1Jn.5:1-9**  
**Gospel**  
**Mk.1:7-11**

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

## What does Baptism do for us?

Baptism is the primal Sacrament of Initiation into God's life, a rite of inauguration or initiation in which and through which we enter into a way of living and sharing life with others and with God. It removes both the guilt and punishment due to Original sin.

Baptism gives us a new identity. We have a name in the family of God, the name given to us when we are baptized. God calls us by name and uniquely identifies us. We become children in His family.

*Baptism, then, isn't just a pretty ceremony that is a part of our family's tradition. We don't bring our newborns to church and have them baptized simply to please our parents and our grandparents.* Nor is it something that is of a momentary character, as if everything happens when we're baptized.

Baptism is an inauguration into a *lifetime* adventure in which we try to live with God and with others in specific ways.

God our Father in heaven wants us to be intimate with Him. He wants us to know Him, to love Him, and to be close to Him. He wants us to work with Him to bring His creation into completion, to overcome all that is dislocated and chaotic in life and bring His peace, His order and His harmony into the world around us.

The Baptized are to follow Jesus in loving service, self-sacrifice and final victory. Baptism puts us forever in the love of God.

(catholicweb.com/frcharlesirvin)

## And Confirmation?

There is a close relationship between the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. While Confirmation is a distinct and complete sacrament, it perfects in us that which was begun in Baptism.

We are born spiritually in the sacrament of Baptism. We become sharers in the divine life of the most Blessed Trinity. As we practice the virtues of faith, hope and love and as we unite with Christ in His Church in offering worship to God, we also grow in grace and goodness.

Then we are Confirmed. We receive a special grace by which our faith is deepened and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, so that it will be strong enough not only for our own needs but for the needs of others with whom we shall try to share it. The confirmed Christian, strong in his faith and with an ardent love for souls which stems from his love for Christ, feels a continual concern for others. His words and his actions proclaim to those around him: "Christ lives, and He lives for you."

The grace of Confirmation comes to our aid, if we will let it, and pushes back the urgings of self-will, helps us to preserve our sense of values, and keeps us on an even keel so that faith may triumph.

(excerpt: beginningcatholic.com)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Iris Macauldy  
Priscillia Henry  
Martha Mason  
Rosna Joseph  
Nellie Hall

## DECEASED

Nathaniel Actie  
Brent Dorville  
Lucita Lucien  
Anne Auguste  
Marie Christophe

## WEEKDAY READINGS



### MONDAY

Heb.1:1-6  
Mk.1:14-20



### TUESDAY

Heb.2:5-12  
Mk.1:21-28



### WEDNESDAY

Heb.2:14-18  
Mk.1:29-39



### THURSDAY

Heb.3:7-14  
Mk.1:40-45



### FRIDAY

Heb.4:1-5,11  
Mk.2:1-12



### SATURDAY

Heb.4:12-16  
Mk.2:13-17



## MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY / RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR B

Sat. Jan 9 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Jan 10 - 7:30 a.m.  
*Baptism of the Lord*

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.



**Thks:** Perlin Verdant  
**Int:** Lorraine Williams  
**B'day:** Michael Auguste  
Byron & Kimberly Geoffrey

MISSA PRO POPULO

**B'day:** Joshua Duncan  
Hygenia Roachford

Eucharistic Service

Eucharistic Service

### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Jan 11 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tues Jan 12 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed Jan 13 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Jan 14 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Monchy - 6:00 p.m.

Fri Jan 15 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat Jan 16 - 6.30 a.m.  
*BVM*

Rev. Arnold Clouden  
Sr. Scholastica Felician

Rev. Wilfred Harris  
Rev. Marcellus Serieux

Rev. Vincent Norbert  
Rev. Anthony Pierre  
Rev. Madison Stanislaus

Msgr. Justin Barthelmy  
Sr. Mary Dungdung  
Sr. Mercy Masaka

Rev. Jeremy Joseph  
Sr. Marie Joseph

Rev. Errol Frederick  
Sr. Rosemarie Minj

**Dc'd:** Kevin Haywood

**B'day:** Zahra La Force

**Thks:** Tronai Louis  
Monica Prospere

**Int:** Bernadette Pamphile

**Dc'd:** Bennett Best  
**Rest of the Soul of:** Robert Harsh

Parishioners

**Thks:** Anthony Robinson & family  
Diane & Richard Palton & family

**Wedd Ann:** James & Elizabeth Prudent

Parishioners

**Thks:** Jean Frederick & family  
Bernitha Clery & family

**Int:** Marva Wellington  
**Thks:** Mary Wellington & family

**Thks:** Members of the Hyacinth family