

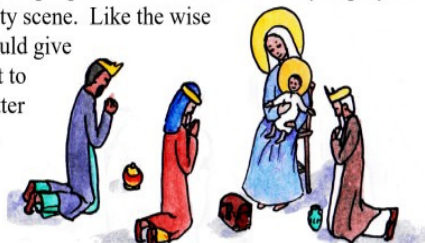
The Magi Come to Worship Jesus



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, which is when the Magi, or wise men, of the East came to find and worship Baby Jesus. They travelled for many weeks across harsh country to find the new King, bringing their best treasures to give to Him.

Where did these men find the baby King? Not in Jerusalem in the palace, with riches and servants! They found Him in a little town, in a house with just His mother, Mary. But they still knew Who the Baby was, so they bowed down to Him and gave Him their treasures.

The wise men teach us that we can honour God in all sorts of places. Jesus is there when you help ordinary people and poor people. He is honoured when you pray at a little nativity scene. Like the wise men, we should give our very best to Jesus no matter where He is.



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"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."
Charles Dickens



Nativity Prayer

Let the just rejoice, for their Justifier is born.

Let the sick and infirm rejoice, for their Saviour is born.

Let the captives rejoice, for their Redeemer is born.

Let slaves rejoice, for their Master is born.

Let free men rejoice, for their Liberator is born.

Let all Christians rejoice, for Jesus Christ is born!

St. Augustine of Hippo, AD 354-440



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.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.



Epiphany of the Lord - 5th Jan 2025 - Year C

The Newborn King.

Today, the child born on Christmas is revealed to be the long-awaited king of the Jews. As the priests and scribes interpret the prophecies in the Gospel, He is the ruler expected from the line of King David, whose greatness is to reach to the ends of the earth.

Jesus is found with His mother, as David's son, Solomon, was enthroned alongside his Queen Mother. The magi come to pay Him tribute, as once kings and queens came to Solomon. His coming evokes promises that extend back to Israel's beginnings.

Centuries before, an evil king seeking to destroy Moses and the Israelites had summoned Balaam, who came from the East with two servants. But Balaam refused to curse Israel, and instead prophesied that a star and royal staff would arise out of Israel and be exalted above all the nations. This is the star the three magi follow, and like Balaam, they too refuse to be tangled in an evil king's scheme. Their pilgrimage is a sign that the prophecies in the First Reading and Psalm are being fulfilled. They come from afar, guided by God's light and bearing the wealth of nations, to praise Israel's God.

We celebrate today our own entrance into the family of God, and the fulfillment of God's plan that all nations be united with Israel as co-heirs to His Fatherly blessings, as Paul reveals in the Epistle. We too must be guided by the root of David, the bright morning star, and the light of the world.

As the magi adored Him in the manger, let us renew our vow to serve Him, placing our gifts - our intentions and talents - on the altar in this Eucharist. We must offer to Him our very lives in thanksgiving. No lesser gift will suffice for this newborn King.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

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Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy*

CONFESSIONS
Every Saturday

*9.00 - 10.00a.m
&
by appointment*

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Is.60:1-6

Second Reading
Eph.3:2-3,5-6

Gospel
Matt.2:1-12

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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
6:00 a.m./12:30 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

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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
Variable

The Blessing of Homes on Epiphany.

The blessing of homes on Epiphany is a very old Catholic custom, and Catholics are encouraged to perform this rite every year.

When the Wise men or Magi became an important focus in the celebration of the Epiphany, the blessing of homes was a natural conclusion: the Wise Men came to bring gifts to honor the King of Kings, but when they entered the home at Bethlehem, they were blessed by Him whom they came to bless. We, too, are always blessed by those whom we go to bless - to give is to receive.

The Church teaches that a “temple” is not only a building in which we worship, but that *we* are temples of the Holy Spirit, that the Body of Christ is not only that of which we partake at the Divine Liturgy, but that *we* are the Body of Christ. And just as the Gifts of the Eucharist are treated with reverence and kept in sanctified vessels, so should every Christian’s life be full of reverence and sanctity even outside the physical walls of the church.

The Church teaches us to sanctify everything: dwellings, places of work, all our pursuits, and the fruits of our labor. And just as a Church and sacred vessels, once sanctified and set aside for sacred use, can no longer be used for anything profane, in the same way a Christian washed in baptismal waters, and his home, and all his works, can no longer be the dwelling of sin and the works of satan, but only and always, the temple of the Holy Spirit.

The annual blessing of homes is not as elaborate as the blessing of a new dwelling, but it should not be overlooked, for it is a way that the grace of God is extended to rid a home of every evil and to fill it with every blessing. What a wonderful way to begin the New Year!

(excerpt: frser-gei.wordpress.com)



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Iris Macauldy
Patsy Crafton
Martha Mason
Teresa Huntley

DECEASED

Vera Xavier
Gabriel Alfred
Gregor Richelieu
Margaret Alcindor

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

1Jn.3:22-4:6
Mt.4:12-17, 23-25



TUESDAY

1Jn.4:7-10
Mk.6:34-44



WEDNESDAY

1Jn.4:11-18
Mk.6:45-52



THURSDAY

1Jn.4:19-5:4
Lk.4:14-22



FRIDAY

1Jn.5:5-13
Lk.5:12-16



SATURDAY

1Jn.5:14-21
Jn.3:22-30

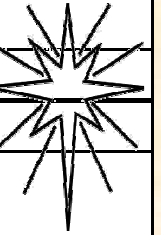


MASS INTENTIONS

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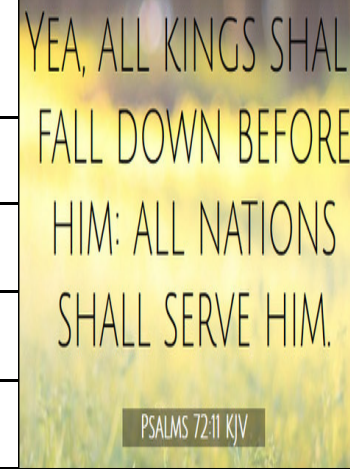
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INTENTIONS



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR C

Sat Jan 4- 6:00 p.m.



Thks: The Destang family
Guid: Augusta Toussaint
Int: Perlin Verdant & family

Sun Jan 5 - 7:30 a.m.
Epiphany of the Lord

MISSA PRO POPULO

10:00 a.m.

Thks: Edith Eudoxie

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

B'day: Juliet Joseph
Wedd Ann: Sophia & Hildreth Johny

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

B'day: Agatha Charles
Holy Spirit: Cuthbert & Sharon Elizee

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Jan 6 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Albert Smith
Mother Rosaria Joseph
Sr. Christine Alphonse

Thks: Bernadette Pamphile

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Michael Wellington

Tues Jan 7 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Amalraj
Fr. Cezar Herrera
Sr. Giovanna Mabunda

Holy Spirit: Anthony Robinson

Wed Jan 8 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Joseph Xavier
Rev. Andrew Edward
Sr. Ramona George

Dc'd: Clementine & Charles Edward

12:30 p.m.

Thks: Thomas Louis

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Thu Jan 9- 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Barnabas Iorgilim
Sr. Benedicta Chanda
Sr. Petronilla Banda

Dc'd: Wilbert & Andrew Edward

12:30 p.m.

Thks: Auto Masters
B'day: Michael Auguste

Fri Jan 10- 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Festus Iwuagwu
Rev. Wilfred Harris
Rev. Marcellus Serieux

Dc'd: Teresa Huntley

12:30 p.m.

Thks: Renoir d' Auvergne

Sat Jan 11 - 6.30 a.m.

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

Dc'd: Etheline Lawrence
Adolph Edward
Jn. Baptiste Lionel