

Jesus' Birthday is almost here!



Now there is less than 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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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 must contact the Parish Office to arrange 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.

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E H U S B A N D R P N G Q E X
S C O Z B D T X P A M C K R M
P L Q I N I H C H R I S T Y F
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ANGEL	IMMANUEL	AFRAID	DREAM	MARRY
NAME	SON	CHRIST	CHILD	BIRTH
MARY	JESUS	JOSEPH	VIRGIN	HUSBAND

The Joy of Christmas is Contagious.
Sunday Sermons, The Millennium Edition, Voicing Publications

The joy of Christmas is contagious, not because of gifts we will receive, but because of the spirit behind those gifts. The glory of Christmas is that a gracious God became one of us to tell us that He loves us. In their Christmas giving, genuine believers symbolize their inner desire to spread this Good News.

Today we celebrate the Incarnation! Today we rejoice! The eternal God comes into the flesh and blood of humanity. Christmas cards portray the little Babe, the manger, the Magi, the shepherds. Little children learn that today is Jesus' birthday. But these pieces of the story only touch the edge of the mysterious event which brings us together. The Good News is that the God of Mercy has come into the history of humanity to bring us perfect peace. For the peace of mind, heart and soul that the world cannot give, follow Jesus. And when you follow Jesus, do not be surprised to see others following you. After all, the spirit of Christmas is contagious. Do have a blessed Christmas.

(excerpt: applesseds.org)

VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A – 21ST DECEMBER 2025



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)

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

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 -10.00a.m
&
by
appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Is.7:10-14
Second Reading
Rom.1:1-7
Gospel
Matt.1:18-24

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
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.:
Gros Islet
6:00 p.m. G/Riviere

THURSDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.:
Gros Islet

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



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2025

Christmas 2025 is celebrated in a mood and atmosphere that feels different. The year has gone by quickly and there is a feeling of uncertainty regarding peace and security in certain neighbourhoods and among various groups. As we enter this season of **PEACE**, we are called to reflect deeply on the true meaning of the event of Christ’ birth and its relevance for us today. How have we individually and collectively been instruments of peace through our presence and interactions? The elements of anger and aggression have overcome the tolerance and patience we experienced in our communication and dealings with one another. Is there a way out of this present crisis? Yes, there is! However, we need to reflect deeply on the true meaning of the gift of Christmas and why Jesus came into the world.

Jesus brought **Hope** to a world that longed for His coming for centuries. His birth was proclaimed by **Angels** who announced the Good News to **Shepherds** watching their sheep. The shepherds went to the **Manger** to visit Him and did Him homage. Wise Men also came from far, showed homage to Him and shared their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with Him. The news of His birth brought Joy to the hearts of many who welcomed it with hope. People like King Herod on the other hand sought to kill Him because of fear of opposition and challenge to the leadership of God’s people.

The presence of good and evil continues to be a great challenge in our society. In the midst of this crisis, we must individually, as families and groups, ignite new **life and hope in society**. This hope must be shared with our families, groups and parish community to help alleviate the suffering, pain and struggle of the present time. It is challenging, but we can do our part. Our experience of **sharing gifts** among friends, family and co-workers calls us to an extended dimension of the sharing of **Time** with others, to understand some of their unique concerns and difficulties. Yes, we can all contribute to lessening the tension of opposition to peace and unity among us. May **Love, Peace and Joy** be the gifts we share this Christmas.

May the Peace of Christ be with you always!

Fr. Athanase Joseph
Parish Priest



**PLEASE PRAY
FORTH THE SICK**
Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Marie Joseph
Anne Marie Felicien

DECEASED
Barthelmy Felix
Desmond Etienne
Franklyn Ambrose
Christianne Dussiel

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
1Sam.1:24-28
Lk.1:46-56
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TUESDAY
Mal.3:1-4,23-24
Lk.1:57-66
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WEDNESDAY
2Sam.7:1-5,8-12,14,16
Lk1:67-79
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Vigil
Is.9:1-7
Tit.2:11-14
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THURSDAY
Is.52:7-10
Heb.1:1-6
Jn.1:1-18
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FRIDAY
Acts.6:8-10. 7:54-59
Matt.10:17-22
✠
SATURDAY
1Jn.1:1-4
Jn.20:2-8
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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT -YEAR A		
Sat Dec 20 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Vernette Brooks Thks: The Destang family The Glace, Bousquet & George families
Sun Dec 21 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Chad & Jaden Sidoine Peter Lewis, Christiana Rueppel
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Lysa Esnard & family
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: Elsa Delice & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Dec 22 – 5:30 a.m.	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	Guid: Kate Haywood B'day: Charlinn Louia-Nsima Wedd Ann: Neil & Marie–Ange Williams
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Dwight Venner Darwin Louis, Frances Andrea Duval
Tue Dec 23 – 5:30 a.m.	Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	Dc'd: Teresa Huntley Benedicta Bennette
Wed Dec 24 – 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	B'day: Darnell Boxill Thks: Christine Glace-Fevrier Health & Healing: Kateri Wells
9:00 p.m. <i>Christmas Vigil</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
Thu Dec 25- 8:00a.m. <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>		Thks: Marilyn Hyacinth & family
Grand Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Christella Louisy
Monchy –10:00 a.m.		Thks: Else Delice & family
Fri Dec 26 – 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Stephen, First Martyr</i>	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephanía Banda	Thks: Bernadette Pamphile Miguel Louisy, Ellen Regis
Sat Dec 27 – 6.30 a.m. <i>St. John, Apostle, Evangelist</i>	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	Dc'd: Janine Ernest Moulton