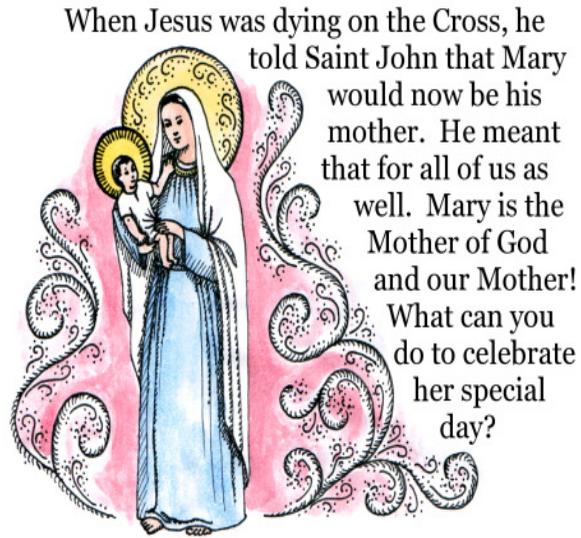


**Kids Column**

*Mary the Mother of God*  
January 1

On the first day of the year we celebrate the feast day of Mary, the Mother of God.

If you didn't have a mother and God let you design your own mother, what would she be like? Well, God did get to make His own Mother! Can you even imagine how perfect she was?



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**

♦ Offerings and donations for the Parish can now be made via Sure Pay. Please specify that the payment is for **St. Joseph the Worker Parish**. Payments can be made in person at the Sure Pay counters or online. Please contact the Parish Office if you require further information about the online payments.

♦ **Masses for New Year's Day are as follows:**

Thu Dec 31st : Gros Islet only -Vigil - 6:30 p.m.  
Mass - 7:00 p.m.

Fri Jan 1st: Gros Islet - 8:00 a.m.  
Grande Riviere - 8:00 a.m.  
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.



**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.**



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

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

**VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION**

**The Solemnity of the Holy Family - 27th December 2020 - Year B**

*The Family of God.*

**W**hy did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church.

In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved," as the First Reading puts it. The family advice we hear in today's readings - for mothers, fathers, and children - is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in the Psalm, but the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth. Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called "his parents" and are referred to separately as his "mother" and "father." The emphasis is all on their familial ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God.

In what Jesus calls "My Father's house," every family finds its true meaning and purpose. The Temple we read about in the Gospel is God's house, His dwelling. But it's also an image of the family of God, the Church.

In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God, until He reveals His new dwelling among us and says of every person: "I shall be his God and he will be My son"

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

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**SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading**  
**Gen.15:1-6, 21:1-13**  
**Second Reading**  
**Heb.11:8,11-12,**  
17-19  
**Gospel**  
**Lk.2:22-40**

**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**  
12:30 & 6:00 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**  
6:00 p.m.: **Monchy**  
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**FRIDAY**  
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.:  
**Gros Islet**  
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**SATURDAY**  
6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.:  
**Gros Islet**  
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**SUNDAY**  
7:30 a.m.:  
**GROS ISLET/G. RIVIERE**  
10:00 a.m.:  
**Gros Islet/Monchy**  
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**HOLIDAY**  
7:00 a.m.: **Gros Islet**  
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**The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Jan 1st**

Today we give thanks to Mary, the Mother of God. Her response to the angel, born of a humble heart, brought us life and salvation in the Child conceived in her womb.

From before all ages, God had destined her for this decisive role in salvation history. She was to be the woman who in the fullness of time would bear God's only Son. Thus, when we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human.

In times past, God spoke to His chosen people, the Israelites, through prophets, and imparted His blessings upon them through His priests. But now, He has sent His Son to reveal His glory and His kingdom and to make His way of salvation known to all nations. In the Infant lying in the manger, God has shone His face upon us.

Jesus is made a child of Israel, an heir of God's covenant with Abraham, by His circumcision. And we have been made adopted sons and daughters by Baptism, which is the circumcision of Christ, the true circumcision. As children of God, we are heirs of the Father's blessings, which He promised to bestow on all peoples through the descendants of Abraham. This is the blessing which Aaron imparted to Israel, the people descended from Abraham. And this blessing comes to us through Mary and the Child.

This is the good news of great joy that the shepherds make known in Bethlehem. Like the shepherds, we too should make haste to find Jesus with Mary and Joseph, and to glorify God for His blessings. And like Mary, we should keep His word and reflect upon it, letting it dwell richly in our hearts.

(excerpt: salvationhistory.com)

“Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?.....Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled”. Lk.1:43-44

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Iris Macauldy  
Priscillia Henry  
Martha Mason  
Rosna Joseph  
Nellie Hall

**DECEASED**

Moyse Philip  
Melvin Remi  
Lucita Lucien  
Anne Auguste

**WEEKDAY READINGS**



**MONDAY**

1Jn.1:5-2:2  
Mt.2:13-18



**TUESDAY**

1Jn.2:3-11  
Lk.2:22-35



**WEDNESDAY**

1Jn.2:12-17  
Lk.2:36-40



**THURSDAY**

1Jn.2:18-21  
Jn.1:1-18



**FRIDAY**

Nm.6:22-27  
Gal.4:4-7  
Lk.2:16-21



**SATURDAY**

1Jn.2:22-28  
Jn.1:19-28



**MASS INTENTIONS**

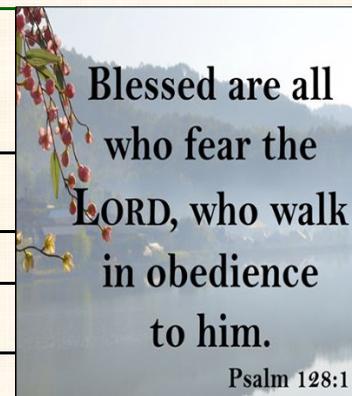
**GROS ISLET**

**CLERGY / RELIGIOUS**

**INTENTIONS**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY -YEAR B**

**Sat. Dec 26 -6:00 p.m.**



**B'day:** Pearl Joseph  
**Int:** Lorraine Williams  
**Thks:** Perlin Verdant & family  
Holy Family Children's Home

**Sun. Dec 27 -7:30 a.m.**  
*Solemnity of the Holy Family*

**Eucharistic Service**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Eucharistic Service**

**Grande Riviere 7:30 a.m.**

**Thks:** Jn Marie family

**Monchy 10:00 a.m.**

Psalm 128:1

**MISSA PRO POPULO**

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon Dec 28 - 6:00 a.m.**  
*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

Fr. John Milton  
Rev. Gerard Calderon

**B'day:** Leah & Eric Gaspard  
Sian Odlum, Dilly Severin  
**Thks:** Anton Robinson & family

**12:30 p.m.**

**Thks:** Anthony Jean  
James, Elizabeth & Lew Prudent

**Tues Dec 29 - 6:00 a.m.**

Rev. David Popo  
Rev. Herald Wilson  
Rev. Peter Fevrier

**Dc'd:** Felicite Clery

**Wed Dec 30 - 6:00 a.m.**

Rev. Winston Taylor  
Sr. Margaret Maynard  
Sr. Mary Mumba

**Int:** Davis & Noelina Louisy  
**B'day:** Kadisha Charles,  
Caroline Felix - Auguste

**12:30 p.m.**

**Parishioners**

**Thu Dec 31 - 6:00 a.m.**

Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo  
Fr. Philomin Zacharias  
Sr. Marie Therese Clement

**Thks:** Lucretia James, Merlyn Raymond  
Claude & Mary Severin & family

**6:30 p.m.**  
*Vigil*

**Parishioners**

**Fri Jan 1 - 8:00 a.m.**  
*Solemnity of Mary  
Mother of God*

**"YOU CROWN THE  
YEAR WITH YOUR  
GOODNESS AND  
YOUR PATHS DRIP  
WITH ABUNDANCE"**  
PSALM 65:11

**Parishioners**

**Grande Riviere 8:00 a.m.**

**Parishioners**

**Monchy 10:00 a.m.**

**Parishioners**

**Sat Jan 2 - 6.30 a.m.**

Fr. Athanase Joseph  
Fr. Stephen Quinlan

**Dc'd:** Kevin Haywood