

## Kids Column

### God's Mother and Our Mother

Today, on the very first day of the new year, we celebrate the feast of the greatest saint in Heaven! Before He even made the world, God knew that He would make Mary to be His mother. When the time came that Jesus should come into the world He sent His angel Gabriel to tell Mary that God wanted her to be His mother. Because Mary was obedient and loved God she said "Yes" to Him.



God gives us mothers to look after us and feed and teach us. He chose Mary, who was the most perfect woman, to look after His Son, Jesus. She loved Him with all her heart and took the best care of Him that any mother ever did for her children.

When Jesus was dying on the cross He gave His mother to us. So now we have His holy mother Mary for our mother in Heaven! Today we thank God for His holy mother. Can you remember to pray to Mary today and every day this year? She loves us because she is our mother and wants to help us every day!

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### RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are completely free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them totally from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and smallness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past. Have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, kindness, prayer, meditation, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing! Don't do it), and one well-selected resolution.

Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a sprinkling of play, a cupful of good humor and a heaping cupful of prayer.

**Have A Happy New Year!**



For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.  
JEREMIAH 29:11

## Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Participation/Mission

### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - 1ST JANUARY 2023- YEAR A



*Blessed among women.*

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, as Paul tells us in the Epistle.

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, 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. We have been made adopted sons and daughters by Baptism, which is the circumcision of Christ, the true circumcision. As children of God, Paul says, 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 today 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)

### SUNDAY READINGS

#### First Reading

Num.6:22-27

#### Second Reading

Gal.4:4-7

#### Gospel

Lk.2:16-21

### 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 - 10.00 a.m.  
&  
by appointment

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## THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS

Long after the angels disappear into the heavens, the shepherds return to their flocks, the Magi journey home and the great star sets, Jesus remains. Then the work of Christmas truly begins:

to find the lost,  
to heal those broken in spirit,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the oppressed,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among all peoples,  
to make a little music with the heart...

and to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and say.

The Child in whom we rediscover God's great love for humanity becomes the adult Redeemer who challenges us to imitate His selflessness and compassion in order that we might transform our world in love.

May we allow the miracle of Christmas to continue long after the holiday trappings have been packed away.

May we welcome the adult Messiah and His challenging Gospel to recreate our lives, making the peace, justice and hope of this holy season a reality in every season of the new year.

Let the work of Christmas begin, and let it begin with us.

(excerpt: H. Thurman/Connections/appleseeds.org)

### A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR!

*Come, Holy Spirit,  
Spirit of God, Spirit of the Risen Christ,  
Be with us today and always.  
Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.  
Be our Strength, our Courage,  
And our Sanctifier.*

*May this new year be a time  
Of deep spiritual growth for us,  
A time for welcoming Your graces and gifts,  
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,  
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.*

*Come, Holy Spirit,  
Be with us today and always.  
Amen.*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Carmen Lord  
Iris Macauldy  
Patsy Crafton  
Martha Mason  
Teresa Huntley

## DECEASED

Junia Etienne  
Eulalie Duval  
Marie Louison  
Antoine Marshall  
Zacherie Aimable  
Madeline Louison

## WEEKDAY READINGS



### MONDAY

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



### TUESDAY

1Jn.2:29-3:6  
Jn.1:29-34



### WEDNESDAY

1Jn.3:7-10  
Jn.1:35-42



### THURSDAY

1Jn.3:11-21  
Jn.1:43-51



### FRIDAY

1Jn.5:5-13  
Mk.1:6-11



### SATURDAY

1Jn.5:14-21  
Jn.2:1-11



## MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY / RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - YEAR A

Sat Dec 31- 7:00 p.m.  
Vigil

Sun Jan 1 - 7:30 a.m.  
Mary, Mother of God

10:00 a.m

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.



MISSA PRO POPULO

Thks: Catherine Alexis & family

Thks: The Bosso family  
B'day: Jacintha St. Helene  
100th B'day: Anne Venita Charles

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

30th Wedd Ann:  
Joseph & Andrea Norley

### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Jan 2 - 7:00 a.m.  
Sts. Basil the Great,  
Gregory Nazianzen  
Bishops & Doctors

Fr. Athanase Joseph  
Fr. Philomin Zacharias  
Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo

De'd: Kevin Haywood

Tues Jan 3 - 7:00 a.m.

Msgr. Michel Francis  
Fr. Stephen Quinlan  
Fr. Arthur Zalewski

B'day: Janice Jules  
Holy Spirit: Tronai Louis  
Conversion: For lapsed Catholics

Wed Jan 4 - 6:00 a.m.  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Fr. John Wilson  
Fr. Vinoth Santhappan

B'day: Zoey & Carver Williams

12:30 p.m.

De'd: Nellie Hall, Veronica Aurelien  
Peter & Ledwin Moise  
Ann & Eddie Felicien

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thks: Lysa Esnard & family

Thu Jan 5 - 6:00 a.m.  
St. John Neumann, Bishop

Fr. Joseph Raj  
Sr. Mary Lee Cox  
Sr. Mary Mutwiwa

IHO Our Lady: The Charles family

12:30 p.m.

Int: Lucy Jn. Louis  
Deliv: Lawrence Jn. Louis  
Thks: Stennett Bent & family

Fri Jan 6 - 6:00 a.m.

Msgr. Patrick Anthony  
Deacon Arnold Clouden

B'day: Mary Florius, Juliette Joseph  
Precious Blood: Rovana Adjodha

12:30 p.m.

Thks: Glace Motors Ltd.  
Holy Spirit: Maurice Oculien

Sat Jan 7 - 6:30 a.m.

Sr. Frances Nosbisch

De'd: Mary Roach