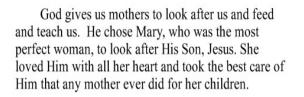
Kids Column God's Mother and Our Mother

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.



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!



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.

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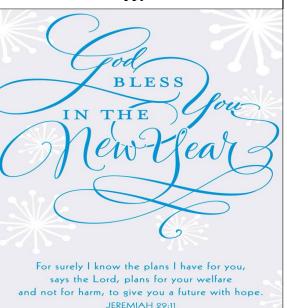
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Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, kindness, prayer, meditation, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing! 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!



Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Particpation/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 Monchy 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.

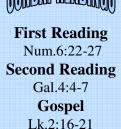
In times past, God spoke to His chosen people, the Israelites, through prophets, and imparted His blessings upon them く through His priests. But now, He has sent His Son to reveal His iviere glory and His kingdom, to make His way of salvation known to all nations. In the Infant lying in the manger, God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

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)

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GROS ISLET Morning Prayers: 5:45a.m.

MASS TIMES

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. ት SATURDAY 6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m. ት SUNDAY **Gros Islet/G.Riviere** 7:30 a.m. **Gros Islet/Monchy** 10:00 a.m.

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HOLIDAY

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	THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS	PLEASE PRAY FOR		MASS INTENTIONS		
	Long after the angels disappear into the heavens, the shepherds return to	THE SICK		GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
	their flocks, the Magi journey home and the great star sets, Jesus			MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - YEAR A		
	emains. 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,	Iris Macauldy Patsy Crafton Martha Mason Teresa Huntley DECEASED		Sat Dec 31– 7:00 p.m. Vigil	Man God	MISSA PRO POPULO
				Sun Jan 1 - 7:30 a.m. Mary, Mother of God	May UUU	Thks: Catherine Alexis & family
	to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart	Junia Etienne Eulalie Duval Maria Lauisar		10:00 a.m	be gracious to us and bless us and	Thks: The Bosso family B'day: Jacintha St. Helene 100th B'day: Anne Venita Charles
	and to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and say.	Antoine Marshall Zacherie Aimable		Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.	make his face shine on us.	B'day: Sophia Johny Wedd Ann: Sophia & Hildreth Johny
	The Child in whom we rediscover God's great love for humanity becomes the adult Redeemer who challenges us to imitate His selfless- ness and compassion in order that we might transform our world in	Madeline Louison WEEKDAY READINGS		Monchy - 10:00 a.m.	Psalm 67:1	30th Wedd Ann: Joseph & Andrea Norley
	love.	WEEKDAY KEADINGS		WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
	ay we allow the miracle of Christmas to continue long after the liday trappings have been packed away. ay we welcome the adult Messiah and His challenging Gospel to	MONDAY 1Jn.2:22-28		Mon Jan 2 - 7:00 a.m. Sts. Basil the Great, Gregory Nazianzen Bishops & Doctors	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Philomin Zacharias Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo	Dc'd: Kevin Haywood
	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.	Jn.1:19-28 ⊕ <i>TUESDAY</i> 1Jn.2:29-3:6		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
	(excerpt: H. Thurman/Connections/appleseeds.org) <u>A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR!</u>	Jn.1:29-34 ₽		Wed Jan 4 - 6:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious		B'day: Zoey & Carver Williams
	Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of God, Spirit of the Risen Christ, Be with us today and always.	WEDNESDAY 1Jn.3:7-10 Jn.1:35-42 ☆		12:30 p.m.	Fr. John Wilson Fr. Vinoth Santhappan	Dc'd: Nellie Hall, Veronica Aurelien Peter & Ledwin Moise Ann & Eddie Felicien
	Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.	THURSDAY		Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: Lysa Esnard & family
	Be our Strength, our Courage, And our Sanctifier.	1Jn.3:11-21 Jn.1:43-51 ♥ <i>FRIDAY</i> 1Jn.5:5-13		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
	May this new year be a time Of deep spiritual growth for us, A time for welcoming Your graces and gifts,			12:30 p.m.		Int: Lucy Jn. Louis Deliv: Lawrence Jn. Louis Thks: Stennett Bent & family
	A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally, A time for growing in virtue and goodness.	Mk.1:6-11 ☆ SATURDAY		Fri Jan 6 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Patrick Anthony	B'day: Mary Florius, Juliette Joseph Precious Blood: Rovana Adjodha
	Come, Holy Spirit, Be with us today and always.	1Jn.5:14-21 Jn.2:1-11		12:30 p.m.	Deacon Arnold Clouden	Thks: Glace Motors Ltd. Holy Spirit: Maurice Oculien
	Amen.	¢		Sat Jan 7 - 6:30 a.m.	Sr. Frances Nosbisch	Dc'd: Mary Roach