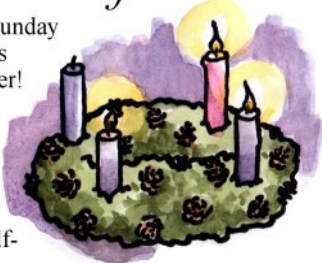


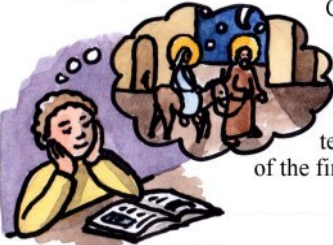
Advent is Half Over!

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. That means that half the wait is over! If you have an advent wreath, this is the week to light the pink candle. Pink is a symbol the joy we have because we're half-way to Christmas.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the people that John the Baptist was a prophet and messenger. A prophet is someone who tells the truth. In the Old Testament the prophets told God's people the truth about God. Saint John was a prophet because he told the people that the Messiah, or saviour, was coming soon, and that they needed to repent of their sins.

Saint John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repentance. You can help prepare for Christmas by thinking and talking about how Jesus came to earth on the first Christmas. Can you tell somebody the story of the first Christmas today?



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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 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

♦ Mass Times for the Season are as follows:

Christmas Vigil - December 24th - 9:00 p.m.
Christmas Day - December 25th:
Gros Islet - One Mass only: 8:30 a.m.
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

Saturday December 27 - Gros Islet - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 28 - Gros Islet: 7:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve - December 31st - 9:00 p.m.
New Year's Day - January 1st:
Gros Islet - One Mass only: 8:30 a.m.
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

Saturday January 3 - Gros Islet - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 4 - Gros Islet: 7:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 14TH DEC 2025 - YEAR A

Here is our God.

John questions Jesus from prison in today's Gospel - for his disciples' sake and for ours. He knows that Jesus is doing "the works of the Messiah," foretold in the First Reading and Psalm. But John wants his disciples - and us - to know that the Judge is at the gate, that in Jesus our God has come to save us. The Liturgy of Advent takes us out into the desert to see and hear the marvelous works and words of God - the lame leaping like a stag, the dead raised, the good news preached to the poor. The Liturgy does this to give us courage, to strengthen our feeble hands and make firm our weak knees. Our hearts can easily become frightened and weighed down by the hardships we face. We can lose patience in our sufferings as we await the coming of the Lord. As James advises in the Epistle, we should take as our example the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Jesus also points us to a prophet, holding up John as a model. John knew that life was more than food, the body more than clothing. He sought the kingdom of God first, confident that God would provide. John did not complain. He did not lose faith. Even in chains in his prison cell, he was still sending his disciples, and us, to our Savior.

We come to Him again now in the Eucharist. Already He has caused the desert to bloom, the burning sands to become springs of living water. He has opened our ears to hear the words of the sacred book, freed our tongue to fill the air with songs of thanksgiving.

Once bowed down, captives to sin and death, we have been ransomed and returned to His Kingdom, crowned with everlasting joy. Raised up, we now stand before His altar to meet the One who is to come: "Here is your God."

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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.35:1-6,10
Second Reading
Jas.5:7-10
Gospel
Matt.11:2-11

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

6:00 p.m.: Monchy

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
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What Is Gaudete Sunday?

The third Sunday of Advent is named from the first word of the Introit at Mass, *Gaudete*, i.e. *Rejoice*.

The spirit of the Liturgy throughout Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the Christmas feast as well as for the second coming of Christ. The penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are on Gaudete Sunday suspended for a while in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the promised redemption which should never be absent from the heart of the faithful.

Throughout Advent, continual reference is made to our Lord's second coming, and this is emphasized on the third Sunday by the signs of gladness permitted on that day. On Gaudete Sunday, rose coloured vestments are used instead of purple, and the Church is no longer inviting the faithful to adore, “The Lord who is to come”, but calling upon them to worship and hail with joy “The Lord who is now nigh and close at hand.”

The Epistle again incites us to rejoicing, and bids us prepare to meet the coming Saviour with prayers, supplication and thanksgiving, whilst the Gospel, in the words of John the Baptist, warns us that the Lamb of God is even now in our midst.

Gaudete Sunday makes a break about midway through the Advent season, signifying the nearness of the Lord's coming and our joy for this.

In his 2014 Gaudete Sunday homily, Pope Francis said that Gaudete Sunday is known as the “Sunday of joy,” and that instead of fretting about “all they still haven't” done to prepare for Christmas, people should “think of all the good things life has given you.”

“Grant, almighty God,
that looking forward in faith to the feast of our Lord’s birth,
we may feel all the happiness our Saviour brings
and celebrate his coming with unfailing joy.”



PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK

Iris Macauldy
Patsy Crafton
Marie Joseph
Anne Marie Felicien

DECEASED

Russel Lord
Gemma Joseph
Jennifer Gaston
Barthelmy Felix
Christiane Dussiel
Franklyn Ambrose
Valentine Alexander

WEEKDAY READINGS

✠
MONDAY
Num.24:2-7,15-17
Matt.21:23-27

✠
TUESDAY
Zep.3:1-2,9-13
Matt.21:28-32

✠
WEDNESDAY
Gen.49:2,8-10
Matt.1:1-17

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THURSDAY
Jer.23:5-8
Matt.1:18-24

✠
FRIDAY
Jdg.13:2-7,24-25
Lk.1:5-25

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SATURDAY
Is.7:10-14
Lk.1:26-38



MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A		
Sat. Dec 13 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Angelique George Algitha Richelieu Int: Girard Glace, Mikaela Elliott
Sun. Dec 14 -7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Rosha Delmar Thks: Mary Sidoine & family Gerald Sidoine & family Holy Spirit: Calixte George Jr. & family
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Zoey Hinkson Sashla St. Omer, Laurencia Cadette
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: Elsa Delice & family Kenson Casimir
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Dec 15 - 5:30 a.m. <i>Christmas Novena</i>	Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph	De'd: Mathurin Erilien, Daphne Morella James & Paulina Prudent Katherine & Oliver Biscette
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Marcia Haywood, Kenson Casimir
Tues Dec 16 - 5:30 a.m. <i>Christmas Novena</i>	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	De'd: Mary Vera Lawrence Rose, Richard & Joseph Emilien
Wed Dec 17 - 5:30 a.m. <i>Christmas Novena</i>	Fr. Yvon Tremont	Thks: Valdine Belrose Healing: Leonard Prospere
12:30 p.m.		De'd : Philomene & Leonty David Antonio Albert, Claire & Martin William
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Dec 18 - 5:30 a.m. <i>Christmas Novena</i>	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	B'day: Meuris Raymond Thks: Cyrillia & Althea Palton
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Kenson Casimir Healing: MKayla Joseph
Fri Dec 19 - 5:30 a.m. <i>Christmas Novena</i>	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	Wedd Ann: Vimla & Kingsley St. Hill
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Mary Wellington & family
Sat Dec 20 - 5:30 a.m. <i>Christmas Novena</i>	Fr. Paul Vu Sr. Adinase Mumba	B'day: Edna Hill Thks: Lew Prudent Guid: Kateri Haywood