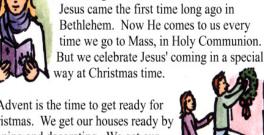
Kids Column

Mk. 13:33-37

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, and you will be given a choice of the different communities, 01 for Gros Islet, 02 for Grande Riviere and 03 for Monchy. 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.



Advent is Here!

Jesus is coming!

the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Advent is here! It's time to begin preparing for

Advent is the time to get ready for Christmas. We get our houses ready by cleaning and decorating. We get our souls ready by cleaning out our sins when we go to confession, and by learning and thinking about Jesus.

Here are some things that will help you get ready for Christmas:

~ Light a candle on an advent wreath when you say your prayers every day.

~ Read a book about Advent or Christmas. ~ Go to

Confession before Christmas. ~ Do nice things for people. Remember that anything you do for someone else you do for Jesus!

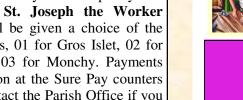
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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 your protection and peace. make arrangements at least 6 months before the Mary, comforter of the afflicted, pray for us. desired date.



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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

Amen.

VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B - 29THNOV 2020

Come, Lord Jesus!

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. **L** "Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in the First Reading. In the Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down chV from His heavenly throne, to save and shepherd His people. Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and message Mon are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves. く

In this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the e experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, don't we, Rivier too, often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him? God is faithful, Paul reminds us in the Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake, and for 0) ours, to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His Ť love.

D In Jesus, we have seen the Father. The Father has let His face U shine upon us. He is the good shepherd come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, Ġ **S** if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him. As Paul says, He has given us every spiritual gift - especially the Eucharist and penance - to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end if we let Him. U

So in this season of repentance we should heed the warning, repeated three times by our Lord in the Gospel, to be watchful for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

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Every Saturday	Deacons: Rev. Winston Taylor, Rev. Gerard Calderon	
9.00 - 10.00a.m	Rev. Anthony Louis, Rev. Madison Stanislaus	
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DAY BEADING

First Reading Is.63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8 **Second Reading** 1Cor.1:3-9 Gospel Mk.13:33-37

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. 4 WEDNESDAY 12:30 & 6:00 p.m.: **Gros** Islet 6:00 p.m. G/Riviere **A** THURSDAY 6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.: **Gros Islet** 6:00 p.m.: Monchy -**f**r 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

HOLIDAY

7:00 a.m.: Gros Islet ዮ

Advent: A Time of Preparation.

Advent is a period of preparation for the Church, extending over four Sundays before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin advenio, meaning "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas, and secondly, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and finally, to His Second Coming at the end of time.

Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily. That is why Advent has traditionally been known as "little Lent." The Church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As in Lent, Advent should be marked by increased prayer, fasting, and good works; priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, when priests can wear rose-colored vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

Perhaps the best-known of all Advent symbols is the Advent wreath, a custom which originated among German Lutherans but was soon adopted by Catholics. Consisting of four candles (three purple and one pink) arranged in a circle with evergreen boughs, and sometimes a fifth, white candle in the centre, the Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle is used on Gaudete Sunday. The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.

November 29th marks the First Sunday of Advent.

(excerpt: catholicism.about.com)



PLEASE PRAY FORTHE SICK

Iris Macauldy Priscillia Henry Priscillia St. Martin Martha Mason Rosna Joseph Nellie Hall

DECEASED

Hilton Thompson Emmanuel St. Omer Pierre Chouloutte Marie Josephine Emile Rev. Bertrand Clauzel

WEEKDAY READINGS የየ **MONDAY** Rom.10:9-18 Mt.4:18-22 ዮ **TUESDAY** Is. 11:1-10 Lk.10:21-24 ÷ **WEDNESDAY** Is.25:6-10 Mt.15:29-37 ÷ THURSDAY Is.26:1-6 Mt.7:21,24-27 ÷ FRIDAY Is.29:17-24 Mt.9:27-31 ÷ **SATURDAY** Is.30:19-21,23-26 Mt.9:35-10:1.6-8 ÷

MASS INTENTIONS				
GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS		
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT -YEAR B				
Sat. Nov 28-7:00 p.m.	Restore us, O God of hosts;	B'day: Anthea Bousquet 50th B'day: Theresa Defreitas Thks: Tarbula & Cyrille Amedee		
Sun. Nov 29-7:30 a.m.	Cause Your face to shine,	MISSA PRO POPULO		
10:00 a.m.	And we shall be saved!	B'day: Ashley Boxill Int: Gregory Celestine 9th Ann: Hospitality Ministry		
GRANDE RIVIERE		Eucharistic Service		
MONCHY	Psalms 80:7 NKJV	Eucharistic Service		
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon Nov 30 -6:00 a.m. St. Andrew, Apostle	Rev. Winston Taylor Sr. Margaret Maynard Sr. Mary Mumba	Dc'd: Ayodele Francis, Edmund O'Brian Raymond & Felicien families Moody, Gallion & Grell families		
12:30 p.m.		Holy Spirit: Tronai Louis Thks: Lucretia James, Myrna Walker		
Tues Dec 1- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Fr. Cleophus Joseph Fr. Joseph Akande	Healing: Bertram Leon Holy Spirit: Tronai Louis Thks: Marcus Joseph, Marjorie Grell		
Wed Dec 2- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo Fr. Philomin Zacharias	Dc'd: Holy Souls in Purgatory Etienne Auguste, Rev. Bertrand Clauzel		
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Darwin Louis Holy Spirit: Tronai Louis		
Thu Dec 3 - 6:00 a.m. St. Francis Xavier, Priest	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Stephen Quinlan Fr. Arthur Zalewski	Dc'd: Fr. Raymond Laurent Marcelline, Felix & Shannon Chitolie		
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Antoine & Rosa Glace Irene & Joseph Destang Patricia Allain, Charles Desir		
Fri Dec 4 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vinoth Santhappan Fr. John Wilson Sr. Mary Lee Cox	Sacred Heart: Perlin Verdant & family B'day: Nicholas, Leizl & Nachim Charles		
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Teferi Trotman		
Sat Dec 5– 6.30 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	Thks: Roger Herman BVM: Perlin Verdant & family		