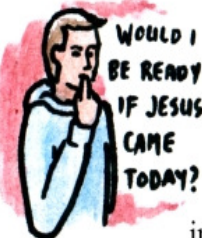


Advent is Here!

Today is the beginning of Advent, the time when we prepare for Christmas.



The word "advent" comes from the Latin word that means "coming". In Advent we are preparing for Jesus' coming. We look forward to Christmas, which is the celebration of His first coming and we also look forward to His second coming.



Did you know that the most important thing to have ready for Christmas is a clean soul?

During Advent you can try extra hard to be good. It is also a very good idea to go to confession before Christmas so that your soul will be good and clean when Jesus comes!



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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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

OFFERINGS & DONATIONS

We advise that your Offerings and Donations to the Parish can be made via Sure Pay. When visiting the SurePay payment desk please note the following:

1. Ensure you communicate clearly that the payment is for the St. Joseph The Worker Parish
2. You will be given a number for each community (see below). Please choose the one required.

Gros Islet – 01

Grande Riviere – 02

Monchy – 03

Payments can be made in person or online. For any clarification please contact the Parish Office. We appreciate your support.

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.



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Our liberation is at hand.

Every Advent, the Liturgy of the Word gives our sense of time a reorientation. There's a deliberate tension in the next four weeks' readings between promise and fulfillment, expectation and deliverance, between looking forward and looking back.

In today's First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah focuses our gaze on the promise God made to David, some 1,000 years before Christ. God says through the prophet that He will fulfill this promise by raising up a "virtuous Branch," a righteous offspring of David, who will rule Israel in justice. The Psalm, too, sounds the theme of Israel's ancient expectation: "Make me walk in your truth and teach me: for you are God my saviour." We look back on Israel's desire and anticipation knowing that God has already made good on those promises by sending His only Son into the world. Jesus is the "virtuous Branch," the God and Saviour for whom Israel was waiting. Knowing that He is a God who keeps His promises lends grave urgency to the words of Jesus in the Gospel.

Urging us to keep watch for His return in glory, He draws on Old Testament images of chaos and instability, turmoil in the heavens, roaring seas, distress among the nations and terrified people. He evokes the prophet Daniel's image of the Son of Man coming on a cloud of glory to describe His return as a theophany, a manifestation of God.

Many will cower and be literally scared to death. But Jesus says we should greet the end-times with heads raised high, confident that God keeps His promises, that our "liberation is near at hand," that the kingdom of God is near.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Jer.33:14-16

Second Reading

1Thes.3:12-4:2

Gospel

Lk.21:25-28,34-36

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

12:30 & 6:00 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

7:00 a.m.: Gros Islet



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

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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

Nellie Hall
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Denis Augustin
Bentley Jn. Baptiste

DECEASED

Magdalene Charles
Arthur Baptiste Sr.
Thomas M. Jean
Michael Gustave
Pauline Francois
James Prudent

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Is.2:1-5
Mt.8:5-11
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TUESDAY
Rom.10:9-18
Mt.4:18-22
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WEDNESDAY
Is.25:6-10
Mt.15:29-37
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THURSDAY
Is.26:1-6
Mt.7:21,24-27
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FRIDAY
Is.29:17-24
Mt.9:27-31
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SATURDAY
Is.30:19-21,23-26
Mt.9:35-10:1,5-8
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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT -YEAR C		
Sat Nov 27- 6:00 p.m.		Healing: Andrea Duval B'day: Mary Lucien Anthea Bousquet, Anthony Leonce
Sun Nov 28 - 8:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Olaf Fontenelle, Anthony Louis
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Nov 29 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. David Popo Rev. Herald Wilson Rev. Gerard Calderon	B'day: Ashley Boxill Guid: Ayinde Popo Int: Gregory Celestine
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: James T. Prudent, Eldon Mathurin Members of the Remy & Chong families
Tue Nov 30 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i>	Rev. Peter Fevrier Rev. Winston Taylor Sr. Margaret Maynard	Dc'd: Ambrosine Philip Joseph Alexander, James Nicholls
Wed Dec 1- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cleophus Joseph Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Sr. Marie Therese Clement	Int: Jonathan Khodra Thks: Francis & Andre Delice
12:30 p.m.		Int: Cecil Graham Anthony Robinson & family
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m		Parishioners
Thu Dec 2 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Akande Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo Fr. Philomin Zacharias	Dc'd: Etienne Auguste
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Darwin Louis, Armani Modeste
Monchy- 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Dec 3 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Stephen Quinlan	Sacred Heart: Perlin Verdant & family
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Charmaine Blanchard-Johnson Healing: Virginia d'Auvergne & children
Sat Dec 4 - 6.30 a.m.	Fr. Arthur Zalewski Fr. Vinoth Santhappan	Dc'd: Fr. Raymond Laurent