

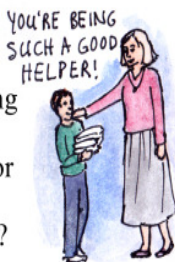
Prepare the Way of the Lord!



The readings in today's Mass remind us that we are preparing for the coming of Jesus. The first reading says, "A voice cries out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord!'" Saint Paul, in the second reading, tells us to conduct ourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for the day of the Lord.

In the Gospel reading we hear about Saint John the Baptist preparing the people for the coming of Christ.

What can we do to prepare for the coming of Jesus, which we remember especially at Christmas?



First, we should try to be holy like Saint Paul says. We should pray and do good. Then, we should make sure that we have repented of all our

sins, like Saint John the Baptist taught the people. Finally, we should tell people about Jesus! The first reading tells us, "Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God!"



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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 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.



*Our Lady
of
Guadeloupe,
Pray for us.*

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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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B - 6TH DEC 2020



Making our paths straight.

Our God is coming. The time of exile - the long separation of humankind from God due to sin - is about to end. This is the good news proclaimed in today's liturgy.

Isaiah in the First Reading promises Israel's future release and return from captivity and exile. But as the Gospel shows, Israel's historic deliverance was meant to herald an even greater saving act by God: the coming of Jesus to set Israel and all nations free from bondage to sin, to gather them up and carry them back to God.

God sent an angel before Israel to lead them in their exodus towards the promised land, and He promised to send a messenger of the covenant, Elijah, to purify the people and turn their hearts to the Father before the day of the Lord. John the Baptist quotes these, as well as Isaiah's prophecy, to show that all of Israel's history looks forward to the revelation of Jesus. In Jesus, God has filled in the valley that divided sinful humanity from Himself. He has reached down from heaven and made His glory to dwell on earth, as we sing in the Psalm. He has done all this not for humanity in the abstract, but for each of us.

The long history of salvation has led us to this Eucharist, in which our God again comes and our salvation is near. And each of us must hear in today's readings a personal call. Here is your God, Isaiah says. He has been patient with you, Peter says in the Epistle. Like Jerusalem's inhabitants in the Gospel, we have to go out to Him, repenting our sins, all the laziness and self-indulgence that make our lives a spiritual wasteland. We have to straighten out our lives so that everything we do leads us to Him.

Today, let us hear the beginning of the Gospel and again commit ourselves to lives of holiness and devotion.

(excerpt :stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Is.40:1-5,9-11

Second Reading

2Pet.3:8-14

Gospel

Mk.1:1-8

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**



CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday

9.00 - 10.00a.m.

6.00 - 6.45p.m.

&

by appointment

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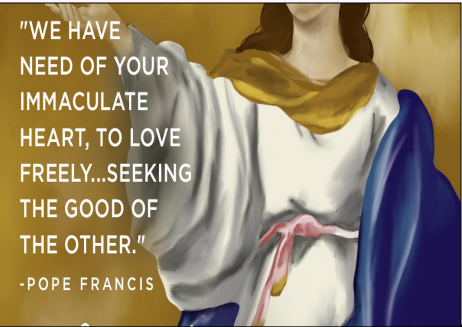
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

According to the teaching of the Church, the conception of the Mary in her mother's womb was free from original sin. This means that Mary was conceived by normal biological means, but her soul was kept immaculate by God at the time of her conception.

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception (Mary being conceived free from original sin) is not to be confused with the virginal conception of her son Jesus. Roman Catholic dogma states "that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

Being always free from original sin, from her conception Mary received the sanctifying grace that would normally come with baptism after birth. The Church holds that Mary was also sinless personally - "free from all sin, original or personal". But her immaculate conception did not remove her need for redemption by Christ; rather it was the result of a more perfect redemption granted her because of her special role in salvation history. Indeed, Mary herself proclaims in Luke 1:47: "My spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour." The Immaculate Conception represents Christ's saving grace operating in Mary in anticipation of His redemption of man and in God's foreknowledge of Mary's acceptance of His Will for her. In other words, the Immaculate Conception was not a precondition for Christ's act of redemption but the result of it. It is the concrete expression of God's love for Mary, who gave herself fully, completely, and without hesitation to His service. This is referred to as Mary's pre-redemption by Christ.

The belief that Mary was sinless and conceived immaculate has been widely held since Late Antiquity, and the doctrine was dogmatically defined in 1854 by Pope Pius IX in his Papal Bull “Ineffabilis Deus”.



(excerpt: catholicismabout.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	
✠✠ MONDAY Is.35:1-10 Lk.5:17-26 ✠	
TUESDAY Gn.3:9-15,20 Eph.1:3-6,11-12 Lk.1:26-38 ✠	
WEDNESDAY Is.40:25-31 Mt.11:28-30 ✠	
THURSDAY Is.41:13-20 Mt.11:11-15 ✠	
FRIDAY Is.48:17-19 Mt.11:16-19 ✠	
SATURDAY Zec.2:14-17 Lk.1:39-47 ✠	

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT -YEAR B		
Sat. Dec 5 -6:00 p.m.		Thks: The Destang family Algitha Richelieu & family Nathania Augier & family Guid & Protec: Andre, Ross & Melanie Downes
Sun. Dec 6 -7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere		Parishioners
Monchy		MISSA PRO POPULO
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Dec 7 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor</i>	Arch. Robert Rivas OP Fr. Albert Smith Sr. Frances Norbisch	Thks: Richard Palton & family B'day: Kareem Verneuil, Mary Jn.Baptiste
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Ambrose Lake Wedd Ann: Beth & John Baptiste Charles
Tues Dec 8 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Immaculate Conception of the BVM</i>	Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Christine Alphonse Sr. Giovanna Mabunda	B'day: Claire Robinson Frank Sidoine, Amina Sidoine Thks: Shanta King & family
Wed Dec 9 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Amalraj Penigilipadi Fr. Cezar Herrera Sr. Ramona George	Dc'd: Philipsia Charles, Justin St Ange Elizabeth Macauldy, Venita Macauldy
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Stennett Bent & family Tyrone & Stella Chong & family
Grande Riviere 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Dec 10 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Will Howard Rev. Andrew Edward Sr. Benedicta Chanda	B'day: James Chassang Thks: Sean, Tonia & Leya Lloyd
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Irene & Joseph Destang Ambrosine Philip, Lionel James Celestin Mathurin, Antoine & Rosa Glace
Fri Dec 11 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Justin Barthelmy Sr. Petronilla Banda Sr. Scholastica Felician	Dc'd: Julian & Una Raymond Cyril Modeste, Leo St Rose
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Celia Cox B'day: Cecilia Nelson Lady of Guadeloupe: Andre Johannes
Sat Dec 12 - 6.30 a.m. <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Rev. Arnold Clouden Rev. Wilfred Harris	Dc'd: Marie Lake