

## Today's Gospel Reading: The Angel Visits Mary

*How well do you know the story of the Annunciation?  
See if you know which are true and which are false:*

1. God sent the angel Michael to bring His message to Our Lady. True or false?
2. When Mary saw the angel, she covered her eyes. True or false?
3. The angel told Mary, "Do not be afraid." True or false?
4. The angel told Our Lady that she would have a Son that she would name 'Jesus.' True or false?
5. Mary just said okay and the angel left right away. True or false?
6. When Mary said she didn't understand, Gabriel told her that the baby would be the Son of God. True or false?
7. Before he left, the angel told Mary that her old cousin, Elizabeth, was going to have a baby too. True or false?



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*"For unto you is born ... a Saviour,  
which is Christ the Lord."*

**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS**

*Luke 2:11*

### **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**. 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.

### ♦ Masses for Christmas are as follows:

Thu Dec 24th : Gros Islet only - Vigil - 6:30 p.m.  
Mass - 7:00 p.m.

Fri Dec 25<sup>th</sup>: Gros Islet - 8:00 a.m.  
Grande Riviere - 8:00 a.m.  
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

### **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.**



# VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B- 20TH DECEMBER**

*According to His Word.*

What is announced to Mary in today's Gospel is the revelation of all that the prophets had spoken. It is, as Paul declares in the Epistle, the mystery kept secret since before the foundation of the world.

Mary is the virgin prophesied to bear a son of the house of David, and nearly every word the angel speaks to her evokes and echoes the long history of salvation recorded in the Bible. Mary is hailed as the "daughter Jerusalem," called to rejoice that her king, the Lord God, has come into her midst as a mighty savior. The One whom Mary is to bear will be Son of "the Most High", an ancient divine title first used to describe the God of the priest-king Melchizedek, who brought out bread and wine to bless Abraham at the dawn of salvation history. He will fulfill the covenant God makes with His chosen one, David, in today's First Reading.

As we sing in the Psalm, He will reign forever as highest of the kings of the earth, and He will call God "my Father." As Daniel saw the Most High grant everlasting dominion to the Son of Man, His kingdom will have no end. He is to rule over the house of Jacob, the title God used in making His covenant with Israel at Sinai, and again used in promising that all nations would worship the God of Jacob.

Jesus has been made known, Paul says, to bring all nations to the obedience of faith. We are called with Mary today to marvel at all that the Lord has done throughout the ages for our salvation. And we too must respond to this annunciation with humble obedience that His will be done, that our lives be lived according to His word.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

### **CONFESSIONS**

*Every Saturday*  
9.00 - 10.00a.m.  
6.00 - 6.45p.m.  
&  
*by appointment*

**Parish Priests:** Msgr. Michel Francis  
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## SUNDAY READINGS

### **First Reading**

2Sam.7:1-5, 8-11,16

### **Second Reading**

Rom.16:25-27

### **Gospel**

Lk.1:26-38

### **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**





**Advent Reflection:** *Behold the Handmaid of the Lord.*

The Fourth Sunday of Advent belongs to Mary. This is so because the celebration of the birth of Jesus of necessity involves the motherhood of Mary. Saluted as "full of grace" by the angel, she freely chooses to co-operate with God's plan, and our Savior was "conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit."

David sought to build a dwelling place, a temple for the Lord. Instead, it is the Lord who promises to establish a house, a legacy for him. It is Mary's yes that brings that legacy to its culmination, the birth of the Savior from the House of David. It is she who gives a home to the Son of God in her womb. God chooses to occupy the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary in order to achieve His purposes, namely our salvation.

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(excerpt: catholicwealdstone.org)

***The Coming of the Light.***

Christmas celebrates the dawn of the Light of the World. The powers of darkness are overcome by His coming to share our life. The long reign of sin is ended and grace has been poured out upon the earth. The Sun of Justice has arisen, and evil is vanquished.

Perhaps the hardest thing to remember about Christmas is that it celebrates the incarnation, not just the nativity. We do not really celebrate Christ's *birthday*, remembering something that happened long ago. We celebrate the stupendous fact of the incarnation, God entering our world so thoroughly that nothing has been the same since.

And God continues to take flesh in our midst, in all of us who form His body today. The birth we celebrate is not just the historical event but Christ's continuing birth in us, accomplished by the power of the Spirit through the waters of baptism.

What we celebrate is our redemption in Christ and the transformation of all creation by the presence of the divine in our midst.

(excerpt: applesseds.org/liturgytrainingprogramme)

<p><b><u>PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK</u></b></p> <p>Iris Macauldy Priscillia Henry Priscillia St. Martin Martha Mason Rosna Joseph Nellie Hall</p> <p><b><u>DECEASED</u></b></p> <p>Moyse Philip Melvin Remi Lucita Lucien Emmanuel St. Omer</p>
<p><b>WEEKDAY READINGS</b></p> <p>✠✠ <b>MONDAY</b> Sg.2:8-14 Lk.1:39-45</p> <p>✠ <b>TUESDAY</b> 1Sam.1:24-28 Lk.1:46-56</p> <p>✠ <b>WEDNESDAY</b> Mal.3:1-4, 23-24 Lk.1:57-66</p> <p>✠ <b>THURSDAY</b> 2Sam.7:1-5,8-12,14,16 Lk.1:67-79 <b>Night:</b> Is. 9:1-7 Ti.2:11-14 Lk. 2:1-14</p> <p>✠ <b>FRIDAY</b> Is.52:7-10 Heb.1:1-6 Jn.1:1-18</p> <p>✠ <b>SATURDAY</b> Acts.6:8-10, 7:54-59 Mat.10:17-22</p>

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT -YEAR B		
Sat. Dec 19 - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: Zoey Hinkson Sashla Regobert, Laurencia Cadette Wedd Ann: William & Suzette Dussiel
Sun. Dec 20 -7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere		MISSA PRO POPULO
Monchy		Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Dec 21 - 5:30 a.m.	Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey Rev. Anthony Louis	Holy Spirit: Catherine Alexis & family B'day: Chad & Jaden Sidoine Peter Lewis, Vernetta Brooks
6:00 p.m.		De'd: Dwight Venner
Tues Dec 22 - 5:30 a.m.	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	Wedd Ann: Neil & Marie-Ange Williams IHO St. Anthony: Catherine Alexis & family
6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Wed Dec 23 - 5:30 a.m.	Msgr. Theophilus Joseph Fr. Linus Clovis	B'day: Veronica Joseph, Lily Ambrose IHO St. Joseph: Catherine Alexis & family
6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Dec 24 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	B'day: Darnell Boxill Thks: Christian Glace-Fevrier Precious Blood: Catherine Alexis & family
6:30 p.m. <i>Nativity of the Lord (Night)</i>		Parishioners
Fri Dec 25 - 8:00 a.m. <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>		IHO Sacred Heart: Catherine Alexis & family
Grande Riviere 8:00 a.m.		Parishioners
Monchy 10:00 a.m.		Parishioners
Sat Dec 26 - 6.30 a.m. <i>St. Stephen, First Martyr</i>	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands	Healing: Solomon Alexis