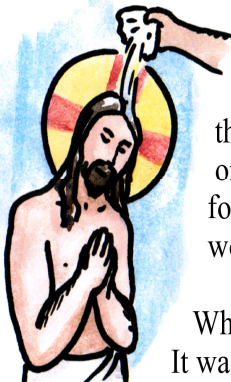




Jesus Begins His Mission



Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work?
It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

When you were baptized God was getting you ready for a special job too. He was giving you grace so that you could grow closer to Him and bring other people closer to Him too.

How can you help bring others closer to God?



Answers to front page: You are my beloved Son, with You I am well pleased. smoldering, light, eyes, prisoners.

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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.

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PEOPLE	BAPTIZE	DOVE	PRAYING	FIRE
POWERFUL	JOHN	OPENED	SPIRIT	VOICE
CHRIST	WATER	HOLY	HEAVEN	JESUS

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.

St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

The Anointing.

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God’s plan - that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made “co-heirs” to the blessings promised Israel. This week, we’re shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn’t submit to John’s baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan’s waters in order to lead a new exodus, opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God.

Jesus is the Lord Isaiah tells of in the First Reading, coming with power to subdue all things to Him. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him a covenant of the people, the liberator of captives, the light to the nations. Jesus is the One long expected in Israel, anointed with the Holy Spirit and power.

The word Messiah means “one anointed” with God’s Spirit. King David was “the anointed of the God of Jacob”, and the prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest. That’s why the crowds are so anxious at the start of the Gospel. But it isn’t John they’re looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever.

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom, a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

(excerpt: stpaulenter.com)

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

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Is.40:1-5, 9-11
Second Reading
Ti.2:11-14, 3:4-7
Gospel
Lk.3:15-16,21-22

MASS TIMES

Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.
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MONDAY: GROS ISLET
Mass: 6:00 a. m.
12:30 p.m.
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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
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What does Baptism do for us?

Baptism is the primal Sacrament of Initiation into God’s life, a rite of inauguration or initiation in which and through which we enter into a way of living and sharing life with others and with God. It removes both the guilt and punishment due to Original sin. Baptism gives us a new identity. We have a name in the family of God, the name given to us when we are baptized. God calls us by name and uniquely identifies us. We become children in His family.

Baptism, then, isn’t just a pretty ceremony that is a part of our family’s tradition. We don’t bring our newborns to church and have them baptized simply to please our parents and our grandparents. Nor is it something that is of a momentary character, as if everything happens when we’re baptized. Baptism is an inauguration into a *lifetime* adventure in which we try to live with God and with others in specific ways. God our Father in heaven wants us to be intimate with Him. He wants us to know Him, to love Him, and to be close to Him. He wants us to work with Him to bring His creation into completion, to overcome all that is dislocated and chaotic in life and bring His peace, His order and His harmony into the world around us.

The Baptized are to follow Jesus in loving service, self-sacrifice and final victory. Baptism puts us forever in the love of God.

(catholicweb.com/frcharlesirvin)

And Confirmation?

There is a close relationship between the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. While Confirmation is a distinct and complete sacrament, it perfects in us that which was begun in Baptism. We are born spiritually in the sacrament of Baptism. We become sharers in the divine life of the most Blessed Trinity. As we practice the virtues of faith, hope and love and as we unite with Christ in His Church in offering worship to God, we also grow in grace and goodness. Then we are Confirmed. We receive a special grace by which our faith is deepened and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, so that it will be strong enough not only for our own needs but for the needs of others with whom we shall try to share it. The confirmed Christian, strong in his faith and with an ardent love for souls which stems from his love for Christ, feels a continual concern for others. His words and his actions proclaim to those around him: "Christ lives, and He lives for you."

The grace of Confirmation comes to our aid, if we will let it, and pushes back the urgings of self-will, helps us to preserve our sense of values, and keeps us on an even keel so that faith may triumph.

(excerpt: beginningcatholic.com)

PLEASE PRAY
FORTHE SICK

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

DECEASED

Alfred Julian
Ursula Emile
Darwyn Louis
Mary Mitchell
Cosmas Alcindor
Raphael Frederick

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
1Sam.1:1-8
Mk.1:14-20
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TUESDAY
1Sam.1:9-20
Mk.1:21-28
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WEDNESDAY
1Sam.3:1-10,19-20
Mk.1:29-39
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THURSDAY
1Sam.4:1-11
Mk.1:40-45
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FRIDAY
1Sam.8:4-7,10-22
Mk.2:1-12
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SATURDAY
1Sam.9:1-4,17-19. 10:1
Mk.2:13-17
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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR C		
Sat. Jan 8 - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: Members of the Charles family Alghitha Richelieu & family Guid & Protec: Nancy Joseph
Sun Jan 9 -7:30 a.m. <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Juliet Joseph, Michael Auguste Thks: Renoir d' Auvergne Members of the Lastic family Guid & Protec: Azalea & Isabella McLean
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m		Guid & Protec: Parish Youth
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Agatha Charles
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jan 10 - 6:00 a.m.	Sr. Petronilla Banda	Thks: Members of the Adjodha family
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Quacey Esnard
Tues Jan 11 - 6:00 a.m.	Sr. Scholastica Felician	Dc'd: Kevin Haywood Etheline Lawrence
Wed Jan 12 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Arnold Clouden Rev. Marcellus Serieux	B'day: Zahra La Force
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Cecil Graham
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Jan 13 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Anthony Pierre Rev. Vincent Norbert Rev. Madison Stanislaus	Thks: Anthony Louis Bernadette Pamphile & family
12:30 p.m.		Dec'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Jan 14 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Justin Barthelmy Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	Int: Anthony Robinson
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Mary Wellington & family Guid & Protec: Marva Wellington
Sat Jan 15 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph	Dc'd: James Prudent