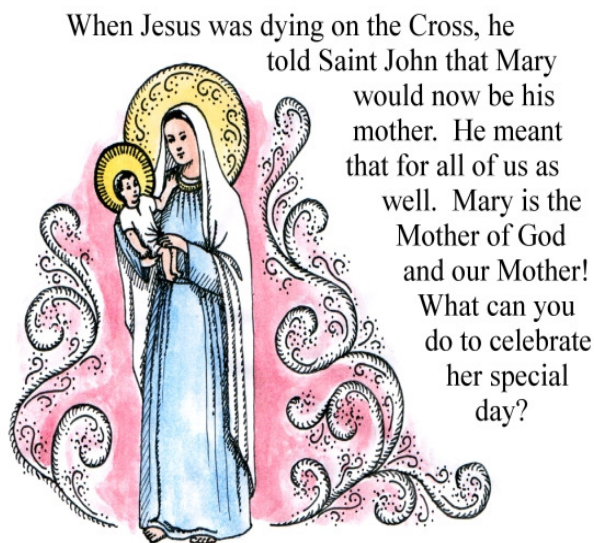


Mary the Mother of God January 1

On the first day of the year we celebrate the feast day of Mary, the Mother of God.

If you didn't have a mother and God let you design your own mother, what would she be like? Well, God did get to make His own Mother! Can you even imagine how perfect she was?



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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.

The Work of Christmas.

Long after the angels disappear into the heavens, the shepherds return to their flocks, the Magi journey home and the great star sets, Jesus remains.

Then the work of Christmas truly begins: to find the lost, to heal those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart, and to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and say.

The Child in whom we rediscover God's great love for humanity becomes the adult Redeemer who challenges us to imitate His selflessness and compassion in order that we might transform our world in love.

May we allow the miracle of Christmas to continue long after the holiday trappings have been packed away. May we welcome the adult Messiah and His challenging Gospel to recreate our lives, making the peace, justice and hope of this holy season a reality in every season of the new year.

Let the work of Christmas begin, and let it begin with us.

(excerpt: H. Thurman/Connections/appleseeds.org)



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - 2ND JAN 2022- Year C



Following Christ.

An "epiphany" is an appearance. In today's readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears.

In the Gospel, Herod asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise - one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David, the other predicting "a ruler of Israel" who will "shepherd his flock" and whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth".

Those promises of Israel's king ruling the nations resound also in the Psalm. The psalm celebrates David's son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch to the ends of the earth, and the world's kings will pay him homage. That's the scene too in the First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing "gold and incense" for Israel's king.

The Magi's pilgrimage in the Gospel marks the fulfillment of God's promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler's staff over the house of Jacob. Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the kings of the earth.

Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon. Now, one greater than Solomon is here. He has come to reveal that all peoples are "co-heirs" of the royal family of Israel, as the Epistle teaches.

His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Is.60:1-6

Second Reading

Eph.3:2-3,5-6

Gospel

Mt.2:1-12

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.

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The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Jan 1st

On this day we give thanks to Mary, the Mother of God. Her response to the angel, born of a humble heart, brought us life and salvation in the Child conceived in her womb.

From before all ages, God had destined her for this decisive role in salvation history. She was to be the woman who in the fullness of time would bear God’s only Son. Thus, when we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we are not only honoring Mary who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human.

In times past, God spoke to His chosen people, the Israelites, through prophets, and imparted His blessings upon them through His priests. But now, He has sent His Son to reveal His glory and His kingdom and to make His way of salvation known to all nations. In the Infant lying in the manger, God has shone His face upon us.

Jesus is made a child of Israel, an heir of God’s covenant with Abraham, by His circumcision. And we have been made adopted sons and daughters by Baptism, which is the circumcision of Christ, the true circumcision.

As children of God, we are heirs of the Father’s blessings, which He promised to bestow on all peoples through the descendants of Abraham. This is the blessing which Aaron imparted to Israel, the people descended from Abraham. And this blessing comes to us through Mary and the Child. This is the good news of great joy that the shepherds make known in Bethlehem.

Like the shepherds, we too should make haste to find Jesus with Mary and Joseph, and to glorify God for His blessings. And like Mary, we should keep His word and reflect upon it, letting it dwell richly in our hearts.

(excerpt: salvationhistory.com)

“Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?.....Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

Lk.1:43-4

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

DECEASED

Joseph Paul
Alfred Julian
Ursula Emile
Darwyn Louis
Mary Mitchell
Madeline Bernard

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
1Jn.3:22-4:6
Mt.4:12-17,23-25

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TUESDAY
1Jn.4:7-10
Mk.6:34-44

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WEDNESDAY
1Jn.4:11-18
Mk.6:45-52

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THURSDAY
1Jn.4:19--5:4
Lk.4:14-22

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FRIDAY
1Jn.5:5-13
Lk.5:12-16

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SATURDAY
1Jn.5:14-21
Jn.3:22-30

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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD		
Fri Dec 31 - 6:30 p.m. <i>Vigil</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
Sat Jan 1- 8:00 a.m. <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>		Thks: Althea & Ellen Regis Members of the Bosso family
Grande Riviere-7:30 a.m.		Thks: Lysa Esnard & family
Monchy-10:00 a.m.		10th Wedd Ann: Andrea & Cyprian Paul Thks: Marjorie Philip & family
Sun Jan 2 - 8:00 a.m. <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>		Thks: The Jn. Marie family Wisdom & Bless: Augusta Toussaint B'day: Earl Moona, Jacinta St. Helene
Grande Riviere-7:30 a.m.		B'day: Sophia Johny Wedd Ann: Sophia & Hildreth Johny
Monchy-10:00 a.m.		Thks: Kurt Deterville
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jan 3 - 6:30 a.m.	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Arthur Zalewski	Dc'd: Kevin Haywood Ledwin & Peter Moise Ann & Eddie Felicien
Tues Jan 4 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i>	Fr. John Wilson Fr. Vinoth Santhappan	Dc'd: Edvira Edwin Mary Vera Lawrence
Wed Jan 5 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. John Neumann, Bishop</i>	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Lee Cox Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	Wedd Ann: Charles & Suzanne Leriche
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Henry & Trevor Lubin
Thu Jan 6 - 6:00 a.m.	Arch. Robert Rivas OP Msgr. Patrick Anthony	B'day: Rudy Lubin
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Donors & Benefactors
Fri Jan 7 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Albert Smith Sr. Frances Nosbisch Sr. Christine Alphonse	Dc'd: Mary Roach
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Virginia d'Auvergne & family
Sat Jan 8 - 6.30 a.m.	Fr. Amalraj Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Giovanna Mabunda	Thks: Shanta King & family B'day: Calixte George Jnr.