

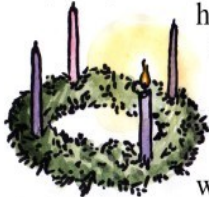
It's Time to get Ready for Christmas!

Advent is here! In a few weeks it will be Christmas, so it's time to start getting ready!



During Advent we remember Jesus' first coming, and get ourselves and our homes ready to celebrate His birthday.

Lighting the candles on an Advent wreath helps us to remember that Jesus, the light of the world, is coming. We start with one candle, and every week light one more, so that the closer we get to Jesus' coming the brighter it gets.



In Advent we also think about Jesus' second coming. In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people to be prepared for that time. We must never let ourselves forget that this world and this life are only temporary and that we have something much greater to look forward to: Jesus and Heaven!



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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 must contact the Parish Office to arrange at least 6 months before the desired date.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.



About the Advent Wreath

Symbol of the circle :The circle represents the fulfillment of time being achieved in the coming of Christ.

The Greenery : The Greenery suggests life, growth, and hope.

The candles and light: These remind us of the light Jesus brought into the world. The waiting for the four candles to be lit symbolizes the long years of waiting for a savior.

Colours of Purple and Pink :

Purple is both a colour suggesting penance and fasting, perhaps, the coming of a Royal King. Pink is used as a colour of joy and expectation.

The four candles, three purple and one pink, symbolize the kind of preparation that we need to make for the coming of the child Jesus. The three purple remind us that we need to repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand, we need to re-orient our lives towards Jesus. The one pink candle is a reminder to us that through faith we can rejoice, for the coming of Christ will indeed happen.

St. Nicholas– Feast Day December 6th

Also known as Nicholas of Myra, he was a 4th century bishop from Patara in modern day Turkey.

He is celebrated for his kindness, generosity and numerous miracles, earning him the title “Nicholas the Wonderworker”.

His legacy has significantly influenced modern Christmas traditions, including the figure of *Santa Claus*, as St. Nicholas was known for his love of helping others and performing acts of charity,

He is one of the most beloved saints in Christian tradition.

(excerpt: wikipedia.org)



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 30TH NOV 2025 - YEAR A

Keeping Watch.

Jesus exaggerates in today’s Gospel when He claims not to know the day or the hour when He will come again. Christ occasionally makes such overstatements to drive home a point we might otherwise miss. His point here is that the exact “hour” is not important. What is crucial is that we not postpone our repentance, that we be ready for Him, spiritually and morally, when He comes. For He will surely come, He tells us, like a thief in the night, like the flood in the time of Noah.

In the Epistle, Paul too compares the present age to a time of advancing darkness and night. Though we sit in the darkness, overshadowed by death, we have seen arise the great light of our Lord who has come into our midst. He is the true light, the life of the world. His light continues to shine in His Church, the new Jerusalem promised by Isaiah in the First Reading. In the Church, all nations stream to the God of Jacob, to worship and seek wisdom in the House of David. From the Church goes forth His word of instruction, the light of the Lord, that all might walk in His paths toward that eternal day when night will be no more.

By our Baptism we have been made children of the light and day. It is time we start living like it: throwing off the fruitless works of darkness, rejecting the desires of the flesh, and walking by the light of His grace. The hour is late as we begin a new Advent. Let us begin again in this Eucharist.

As we sing in the Psalm, “I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God’s House.” Let us give thanks to His name, keeping watch for His coming, knowing that our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday

9.00 - 10.00a.m

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by

appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Is.2:1-5

Second Reading

Rom.13:11-14

Gospel

Matt.24:37-44

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.

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WEDNESDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.:

Gros Islet

6:00 p.m. G/Riviere

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THURSDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.:

Gros Islet

✙

FRIDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.:

Gros Islet

✙

SATURDAY

6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.

Gros Islet

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SUNDAY

7:30 a.m.:

GROS ISLET/G. RIVIERE

10:00 a.m.:

Gros Islet/Monchy

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HOLIDAY

Variable

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.

(excerpt: catholicism.about.com)



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.  
Closed Tuesdays

PLEASE PRAY  
FORTHESICK

Patsy Crafton  
Iris Macauldy  
Marie Joseph  
Anne Marie Felicien

DECEASED

David Joseph  
Gemma Joseph  
Jennifer Gaston  
Barthelmy Felix  
Desmond Etienne  
Franklyn Ambrose  
Christianne Dussiel

WEEKDAY READINGS

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**MONDAY**  
Is.4:2-6  
Mt.8:5-11  
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**TUESDAY**  
Is. 11:1-10  
Lk.10:21-24  
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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.9:35-10:1,5,6-8  
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MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT -YEAR A		
Sat Nov 29- 6:00 p.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Anthea Bousquet <b>Guid:</b> Aniah Willie <b>Deliv:</b> Myrtle Louis & family
Sun Nov 30 - 7:30 a.m.		<b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b>
10:00 a.m.		<b>Thks:</b> Edith Eudoxie <b>Holy Spirit:</b> Auto Masters TL Holdings
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Evian Davidson
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		<b>Thks:</b> Shirley Ann Bruno <b>Guid &amp; Protec:</b> Cuthbert & Sharon Elizee
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Dec 01 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Akande Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Fr. Cleophus Joseph	<b>B'day:</b> Mary Gomez <b>Guid &amp; Protec:</b> Elisha Norbert <b>Wedd Ann:</b> Gifta & Edwin Francois
Tue Dec 02 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Stephen Quinlan	<b>Dc'd:</b> Etienne Auguste
Wed Dec 03 - 6:00 a.m.	Archbishop Gabriel Malzaire Msgr. Michel Francis	<b>Guid &amp; Protec:</b> Elisha Norbert
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Teresa Huntley Christianne Dussiel
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Parishioners</b>
Thu Dec 04 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vinoth Santhappan	<b>Thks:</b> Glace Motors Ltd.
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Rosa & Antoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang
Fri Dec 05- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Fr. John Wilson Fr. Angus Evumude	<b>Guid &amp; Protec:</b> Elisha Norbert <b>Thks:</b> Shanta King & family Gary & Collinthia Eugene
12:30 p.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Roger Herman <b>Thks:</b> The Hyacinth family Florentina Nelson & family
Sat Dec 06 - 6.30 a.m. <i>Mass at the Shrine</i>	Fr. Patrick Anthony	<b>Thks:</b> Remy & Chong families