

## Kids Column

### The Immaculate Conception

Tomorrow we will be celebrating the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother. The words "Immaculate Conception" mean that she had no sin on her soul, not even original sin, from the first moment her life began!

Why do you think God saved Mary from all sin? He wanted her to be the perfect mother for His Son Jesus. If you could make your own mother wouldn't you make her perfect too?



Mary is also a model to all people of how to live a good Christian life and to serve God as best we can. We should thank God for giving us such a beautiful example in His holy Mother. We should pray to Mary every day and ask her to help us love her Son Jesus more. Can you say an extra 'Hail Mary' on Our Lady's feast day?

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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.

### Word Search

Mt.3:1-12

sermons4kids.com

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REPENT	LOCUSTS	HONEY	CAMEL	BELT

### SAINTS FUN FACTS

Written and illustrated by John Sheppard

There is much legend surrounding St. Lucy, but one thing is clear. She believed in God, declared her beliefs and died for her beliefs. She was tortured and killed under the Christian persecutions of Diocletian. She is the patron saint of the blind and those with eye trouble.



## Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 7TH DEC 2025 - YEAR A

### His Kingdom Comes..

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand," John proclaims, and the Liturgy today paints us a vivid portrait of our new king and the shape of the kingdom He has come to bring.

The Lord whom John prepares the way for in today's Gospel is the righteous king prophesied in the First Reading and Psalm. He is the king's son, the son of David, a shoot from the root of Jesse, David's father. He will be the Messiah, anointed with the Holy Spirit, endowed with the seven gifts of the Spirit - wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. He will rule with justice, saving the poor from the ruthless and wicked. His rule will be not only over Israel, but will extend from sea to sea, to the ends of the earth. He will be a light, a signal to all nations, and they will seek Him and pay Him homage. In Him, all the tribes of the earth will find blessing. The covenant promise to Abraham, renewed in God's oath to David, will be fulfilled in His dynasty. His name will be blessed forever.

In Christ, God confirms His oath to Israel's patriarchs, Paul tells us in the Epistle. But no longer are God's promises reserved solely for the children of Abraham. The Gentiles, too, will glorify God for His mercy. Once strangers, in Christ they will be included in "the covenants of promise". John delivers this same message in the Gospel. Once God's chosen people were hewn from the rock of Abraham. Now, God will raise up living stones, children of Abraham, born not of flesh and blood but of the Spirit.

This is the meaning of the fiery baptism He brings, making us royal heirs of the kingdom of heaven, the Church.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

#### CONFESIONS

Every Saturday

9.00 - 10.00a.m.

&  
by  
appointment

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### SUNDAY READINGS

#### First Reading

Is.11:1-10

#### Second Reading

Rom.15:4-9

#### Gospel

Matt.3:1-12

#### 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**  
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.:  
Gros Islet  
6:00 p.m. G/Riviere



**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



**SUNDAY**  
7:30 a.m.:  
**GROS ISLET/G. RIVIERE**  
10:00 a.m.:  
**Gros Islet/Monchy**



**HOLIDAY**  
Variable

## 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)

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

& Friday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Closed Tuesdays

### PLEASE PRAY FORTHE SICK

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



#### MONDAY

Gen.3:9-15,20  
Eph.1:3-6,11-12  
Lk.1:26-38



#### TUESDAY

Is. 40:1-11  
Matt.18:12-14



#### WEDNESDAY

Is.40:25-31  
Matt.11:28-30



#### THURSDAY

Is:41:13-20  
Matt.11:11-15



#### FRIDAY

Zec.2:14-17  
Lk.1:26-38



#### SATURDAY

Ecc.48:1-4,9-12  
Matt.17:10-13



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### GROS ISLET

#### CLERGY / RELIGIOUS

#### INTENTIONS

#### 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT -YEAR A



Sat Dec 6 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Dec 7 - 7:30 a.m.  
Jubilee of Men

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

#### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Dec 8 - 6:00 a.m.  
Immaculate Conception  
of the BVM

12:30 p.m.

Tue Dec 9 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed Dec 10 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Dec 11 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fri Dec 12 - 6:00 a.m.  
Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:30 p.m.

Sat Dec 13 - 6.30 a.m.  
St. Lucy Virgin & Martyr

#### CLERGY / RELIGIOUS

#### INTENTIONS

**Thks:** Augusta Toussaint  
Perlin Verdant & family  
**B'day:** Anaiah Bousquet  
Anne Marie Leonard

#### MISSA PRO POPULO

**Success:** Sven Fevrier  
**Int:** Parish Youth

**Thks:** Ambrose Lake  
Catherine Augustin & family

**Thks:** Elsa Delice & family  
**Holy Spirit:** Cuthbert Elizee  
**Healing:** Alex Jn Charles, Loretta Small

**Thks:** Chris & Carole Jn Marie & family  
**God's Graces:** Marie-Georges Arnaud

**De'd:** Vernita Macauldy Nordin  
Celestine Mathurin, Ambrosine Philip

**Thks:** Jacintha Belrose & family  
Tyrone & Stella Chong & family

**De'd:** Elton Joseph

**B'day:** Aligitha Richelieu  
**Thks:** The Hyacinth family

#### Parishioners

**B'day:** Xachery Felix  
**Int:** Girard Glace

**Thks:** Diane & Richard Palton

**B'day:** Adeline Jean  
**Guid:** Kateri & Kate Haywood

**Thks:** Cyrillia & Althea Palton

**God's Graces:** For our Nation St. Lucia