

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

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SAINTS FUN FACTS

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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.

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CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday

9.00 - 10.00a.m

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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.

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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

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FRIDAY

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

Gros Islet

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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

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”.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Closed Tuesdays

**PLEASE PRAY
FORTH THE 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

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MONDAY
Gen.3:9-15,20
Eph.1:3-6,11-12
Lk.1:26-38
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TUESDAY
Is. 40:1-11
Matt.18:12-14
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WEDNESDAY
Is.40:25-31
Matt.11:28-30
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THURSDAY
Is:41:13-20
Matt.11:11-15
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FRIDAY
Zec.2:14-17
Lk.1:26-38
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SATURDAY
Ecc.48:1-4,9-12
Matt.17:10-13
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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT -YEAR A		
Sat Dec 6 - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: Augusta Toussaint Perlin Verdant & family B'day: Anaiah Bousquet Anne Marie Leonard
Sun Dec 7 - 7:30 a.m. <i>Jubilee of Men</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Success: Sven Fevrier Int: Parish Youth
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Ambrose Lake Catherine Augustin & family
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: Elsa Delice & family Holy Spirit: Cuthbert Elizee Healing: Alex Jn Charles, Loretta Small
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Dec 8 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Immaculate Conception of the BVM</i>	Fr. Albert Smith Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Christine Alphonse	Thks: Chris & Carole Jn Marie & family God's Graces: Marie-Georges Arnaud
12:30 p.m.		De'd: Vernita Macauldy Nordin Celestine Mathurin, Ambrosine Philip
Tue Dec 9 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cezar Herrera Rev. Andrew Edward Sr. Ramona George	Thks: Jacintha Belrose & family Tyrone & Stella Chong & family
Wed Dec 10 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Xavier Sr. Petronilla Banda Sr. Benedicta Chanda	De'd: Elton Joseph
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Algitha Richelieu Thks: The Hyacinth family
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Dec 11 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Will Howard	B'day: Xachery Felix Int: Girard Glace
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Diane & Richard Palton
Fri Dec 12- 6:00 a.m. <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Fr. Festus Iwuagwu Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Marcellus Serieux	B'day: Adeline Jean Guid: Kateri & Kate Haywood
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Cyrillia & Althea Palton
Sat Dec 13 - 6.30 a.m. <i>St. Lucy Virgin & Martyr</i>	Rev. Madison Stanislaus Rev. Vincent Norbert Rev. Anthony Pierre	God's Graces: For our Nation St. Lucia