

NOTICES

READERS: TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY in OT Cycle B: *Stella Chong & Laura Stanislaus; Catherine Alexis & Gennie Edward and Confirmation students.*

PETER'S PENCE: collection will be taken up today Sunday 26 August. Please be generous.

MEETING: All parents of third year confirmation candidates are reminded of the meeting today Sunday 26th August 2012 at Gros-Islet, after the 10:00 a.m. mass. All third year confirmation candidates are reminded that classes resume today Sunday 26th August 2012 after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION: registration will be done on Sundays after all Masses in Gros Islet, Monchy and Grande Riviere with the Catechists and at the Parish Office during working hours.

NINE CHURCH PILGRIMAGE: on Sunday 9th Sept. beginning with Mass at the Cathedral at 6:00 am. Bus leaves the Derek Walcott Square at 7:30 am. Please register and obtain tickets from Sylvia Edward 487-1241/ 452-7645 or Bezata Gifts & Graces, Church Lane (next to RC Boys' school). Deadline for payment is Aug. 30th.

PRAYER DURING THE HURRICANE SEASON

O Lord our God and Father, who gives rain and sunshine to your children, we ask you, in this rainy season to uphold us and provide for our needs.

You try our patience and test our faith and reliance on you; forgive our sin of ingratitude. So often have we forgotten to thank you for your goodness and acts of mercy.

Teach us to look up to you each day, appreciative of rain and sunshine as you, in your wisdom, through any kind of weather do feed us all.

In your mercy, protect us against hurricanes and tropical storms. Pour out your blessings upon our nation and our people, and make us grateful for this weather we receive from your bountiful hand.

We make this prayer through Christ our lord.

Amen



VISION 2020 - Disciples on Mission

Confessions: Every Saturday 9.00 - 10.00 am; 6.00 - 6.45 pm.; & By appointment.

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE B

HARD CHOICES "Decide today whom you will serve" (Jos 24:15)

The commitment to be bound to another person for life is never made once and for all, but must be renewed again and again. This is true not only of our commitments to one another, but also of our commitment to God through Jesus. At particular moments we must decide definitively and not simply drift along. In the first reading, Joshua calls together all the tribes of Israel and their leaders. For some of the people this may have been an occasion of initial commitment; for others it was a re-affirmation of a way they had already chosen. Joshua puts a choice before them: either serve the Lord who brought them out of slavery in Egypt, who performed great miracles before their eyes and who protected them all along the journey, or serve the other gods of the land in which they dwelt. It seems impossible and illogical to make any choice other than to respond wholeheartedly to God, who had begun the relationship with such extraordinary saving acts. Joshua leads the way by declaring that he and his household will serve God alone.

A similar choice is set before the disciples of Jesus in today's Gospel. The decision is whether to believe in the one whose words are "spirit and life." The setting is the aftermath of Jesus' feeding of the multitude and his invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood.

Unlike the first reading, the choice here is not so evident and logical. The disciples say, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" What Jesus asks of them is shocking, as he himself recognizes. It includes a mysterious element of gift that is inexplicable (like the fact that we can never fully or logically explain why we would choose to spend our whole life with another when such a commitment is bound to entail great difficulties). Love and the gracious gift of God are often all we can offer to explain such a choice.

STANDARD MASS TIMES

- ☉ **Monday - Friday:**
5:45 am Morning Prayers
6:00 am Mass
- ☉ **Wednesday:**
5:00 pm Mass
- ☉ **Saturday:**
5:30 am Mass
7:00 pm Mass
- ☉ **Sunday:**
7:30 am Mass (G.I./ G.R)
10:00 am Mass (G.I. / Monchy)
- ☉ **Holiday:**
7:00 am Mass



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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE B		
Sat. Aug 25		Thanks: Felix Chitolie
Sun Aug 26	Br. Hugh Sweeny FPM Sr. Bernadette Peter OP Sr. Katherine Marie MC Sr. Lourdes OSB	MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Anni: Mr. & Mrs. Angus Alphonse IHO St. Anthony: Faysascha S. George
G. RIVIERE		MISSA PRO POPULO
MONCHY		FEAST OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA B'day: Jules Wilson
GROS ISLET WEEKDAY MASSES		
Mon. Aug. 27 Vw#P rqlfcb#	Br. DeLellis O'Sullivan FPM Sr. Angela Maria MC Sr. Joytishma MC Sr. Mercy OSB	D'cd: Hilaire Alexander Leon Monvele & Peter Popo Pierre Ochilien Jean
Tues. Aug. 28 Vw#D xjxcwqib#	Fr. Alexis CSsR Br. Michael FRM Benedictine Postulants & Novices	B' day: Trevor Bernard
Wed. Aug. 29 Wkth# dawlugrp #c## Vw#Mkq#k#Ecdsvaw	All Clergy and Religious who worked in this Archdiocese and working in other Dioceses.	Thanks : The Parish Staff
Thurs. Aug. 30	All Clergy and Religious who worked in this Archdiocese and deceased. GRANDE RIVIERE - 6:00pm	D'cd: Joseph Ludovic Lincoln Lemorine Mr. & Mrs. Herman Macauldy 90th B'day: Rosanna Louis
Fri. Aug. 31#	All Clergy, Religious and Seminarians.	D'cd: Jacob Thomas Cherercia Angel
Sat. Sept. 1	Archbishop Robert Rivas OP Abbess Marianna Pinto OSB Fr. Cleophas Joseph	Thanks: Shanta King & Family IHO Our Lady of Lourdes: Members of the Alexis family

PRAY FOR Sick:

Bernadette Eugene

Deceased:

Irene Morille
Jennie Aimable
Elizabeth Regis
Marlene Anthony

SUNDAY READINGS

✠ **1st Reading**

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

✠ **2nd Reading**

Ephesians 5:21-23

✠ **Gospel**

John 6:60-69

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY

2 Thes. 1:1-5
Matthew 23:13-22



TUESDAY

2 Thes. 2:1-3,14-17
Matthew 23:23-26



WEDNESDAY

Jer. 1:17-19
Matthew 6:17-29



THURSDAY

1 Cor. 1:1-9
Matthew 24:42-51



FRIDAY

1 Cor. 1:17-25
Matthew 25:1-13



SATURDAY

1 Cor. 1:26-31
Matthew 25:14-30



Celebrating Our Catholic Faith

Gospel Summary

It was very difficult for some of Jesus' followers to hear the words of today's gospel. Jesus pointed to himself as the one in whom God chose to reveal himself. But the people could not bring themselves to call Jesus by the titles they reserved for God alone. Jesus knew there would be those who would not believe—those who started to follow him but could not continue. It is clear from this gospel that we can't fully understand all that Jesus said. It is only through faith that we continue to follow him.

Reflection for Families

When our children overhear our words or see us when we think they are not looking, which people in today's gospel do they see? Are we the ones who grumble, the ones with shallow faith who half heartedly follow Jesus? Or, are we like the disciples who recognize Jesus as the one who offers us eternal life? It may be easy to be the latter when we speak directly to our children, or when we know they are watching us. The true test of our faith, however, may be what we do away from our children's presence.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Help each family member trace their own foot print on a piece of paper and cut it out. On one side put the family member's name. Pass the foot prints around to other family members allowing each person to write down ways they see the foot print owner following Jesus. After everyone has contributed to each person's foot print, affirm one another in the ways you follow Jesus. (Take turns helping people who can't write. Drawing is allowed!)

Worksheet for ages 11 to 14 years old

1. What day is it, today, in the Church's calendar?
2. From which Psalm is today's Responsorial?
Where in the Bible can you find the Book of Psalms?
Who wrote most of the Psalms?
What is the theme of this Psalm in your own words?
What are some specific ways that kids your age can "taste and see" God's goodness?
3. From which book of the Bible is today's second reading?
What is St. Paul teaching us in this passage? What is he saying about how husbands and wives should treat each other?
4. From which book of the Bible is today's Gospel reading?

