

NOTICES

THE PROJECTS' COLLECTION : will be taken up this Sunday.

FIRST COMMUNION: registration will continue on Sundays after all Masses in Gros Islet, Monchy and Grande Riviere with the Catechists and at the Parish Office during working hours. Child's baptism certificate must be presented at registration.

READERS: 23rd Sunday in OT Cycle B: *Henry Lubin, Madison Stanislaus; Tiala Scott & Chris Jn Marie; and Youth*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on Friday Sept. 7 immediately after Mass followed by Benediction at 6:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: will be celebrated on Sunday 9th Sept. during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Let us please keep our candidates in our prayers.

WHY CATHOLIC?

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: WHAT WE BELIEVE

Prayer, reflection, and exploration of Part One of the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:30pm

September 4 through November 20, 2012

Archbishop Kelvin Felix Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre

Facilitator: Sr. Frances Nosbisch, OSF

Cost: \$25 includes book

The Profession of Faith: What We Believe

Registration and payment at first session

THANKSGIVING TO SR. BERNADETTE O.P.

The Parish says thanks to Sr. Bernadette O.P. for her outstanding service to the Parish. She served as a member of the Spring Time Choir, assisted with the distribution of the Holy Eucharist and was a fervent member of the hospital ministry.

Sr. Bernadette was transferred to Dominica where her Congregation has opened a new Community. We wish her God's richest blessing in her new ministry and pray that God will continue to bless her congregation with new Vocations.

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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE B

2nd September, 2012



Prayer for Students

Lord, please protect all students heading back to school, for the new school year...keep them in Your loving care, and help them to stay focused on their studies, and goals. Please help them to grow in holiness, and to serve You and others, during their busy days.

Please keep them safe from harm and evil, and may they stay close to You always.

And for all the little kids who are just beginning school for the first time, I pray that they remain "good, Catholic children" in the face of all the evil that secularism brings.

May God grant them good health this school year and perseverance.

Peace to all our young people.

In Jesus' name, we Pray...Amen.

A new school year, a new beginning. Whether our children are just starting kindergarten, entering high school, or leaving the nest for college or university, our hearts and hopes go with them. I invite you to bless your child with the above prayer as he or she goes out to face the world. It is a scary world out there and the safety of our children is of the utmost importance. We want our children to absorb and learn all that they can so that their education elevates them to new and higher levels of achievement. Pray that their faith will be preserved and that they will continue to grow in Faith, Hope and LOVE

Praying with Scripture

- ◆ Invite Jesus to help you conduct an inventory of your heart.
- ◆ What are your motivations for the religious practices you have embraced?
- ◆ How does the love in your heart express itself in action on behalf of the most vulnerable?

STANDARD MASS TIMES

☉ Monday - Friday:

5:45 am Morning Prayers
6:00 am Mass

☉ Wednesday:

6:00 pm Mass

☉ Saturday:

6:30 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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE B		
Sat. Sept. 1	Archbishop Robert Rivas OP Abbess Marianna Pinto OSB Fr. Cleophas Joseph	Thanks: Imani Emanus Felicite Stanislaus B'day: Raymona Saltibus
Sun Sept. 2 7.30 a.m.	Msgr. Justin Barthelmy Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Rosaria Joseph OSB	MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		For the youth of the Nation
G. RIVIERE		Thanks: Fr. Stephen Quinlan Wed. Ann. Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Joseph
MONCHY		MASS
GROS ISLET WEEKDAY MASSES		
Mon. Sept. 3 <i>St. Gregory the Great</i>	Msgr. Patrick Anthony Rev. Winston Taylor Sr. Scholastica Felicien OSB	B'day: Roderick Blenman
Tues. Sept. 4 #	Msgr. Bonifacio Burlaza Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Christine Alphonse OSB	B' day: Kimberly Mc. Phee
Wed. Sept. 5 <i>Blessed Teresa of Calcutta</i>	Msgr. Theophilus Joseph Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Margaret Mary Maynard OSB	Thanks: Madison Stanislaus B'day: Gifta James-Evans
Thurs. Sept. 6	Msgr. Thomas Glasgow Rev. Thomas Alexander Sr. Emmanuela Joseph OSB	Thanks: Stennet Bent & Family Special Int: Aisha Nelson Wed. Ann: Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Jn. Baptiste
Fri. Sept. 7#	Fr. Lambert St. Rose Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Annie Reneau O' Carm	Sacred Heart Confraternity <u>All Day Adoration</u>
Sat. Sept. 8 <i>Nativity of the BVM</i>	Fr. Linus Clovis Rev. Arnold Clouden Sr. Mercedes O' Carm	Thanks: Alvina George & Family

PRAY FOR <u>Sick:</u> Bernadette Eugene
<u>Deceased:</u> Marlene Anthony Crystal St. Omer
SUNDAY READINGS
✠ 1st Reading Deut.4:1-2,6-8
✠ 2nd Reading James 1:17,18,21,22,27
✠ Gospel Mark 7:1-8,14,15,21-23
WEEKDAY MASSES
MONDAY 1 Cor.2:1-5 Luke 4:16-30 ✠
TUESDAY 1 Cor.2:10-16 Luke 4:31-37 ✠
WEDNESDAY 1 Cor.3:1-9 Luke 4:38-44 ✠
THURSDAY 1 Cor. 3:18-23 Luke 5:1-11 ✠
FRIDAY 1 Cor. 4:1-5 Luke 5:33-39 ✠
SATURDAY Micah 5:1-4 Matthew 1:1-16,18-23


Celebrating Our Catholic Faith From Avoidance to Involvement

Two monks, Brother Francis and an elder monk, are walking down a muddy road on a rainy day. They came upon a lovely young girl dressed in fine silk, who was afraid to cross because of the flood and the mud. "Come on, girl," said Brother Francis. And he picked her up in his strong arms, and carried her across the river. The two monks walked on in silence till they reached the monastery. Then the elder monk couldn't bear it any longer. "Monks shouldn't go near young girls," he said, "certainly not beautiful ones like that one! Why did you do it?" "Dear brother," said Brother Francis, "I put the girl down by the river bank, but you have brought her into the monastery."

In these two monks we see the two often conflicting approaches to Christian spirituality, namely: avoidance and involvement. The spirituality of avoidance emphasizes the devout fulfillment of pious religious obligations, and shuns away from those regarded as sinners for fear of being contaminated by them. It aims at keeping the believer unstained by the world, not at changing the world or making a difference. The spirituality of involvement, on the other hand, emphasizes active solidarity with sinners, who are often perceived as the untouchables of the world. It does not shun but extends a helping hand to them, believing that it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. Balance in Christian spirituality consists in reconciling these two tendencies and bringing them into harmony. As James tells us, **"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress [involvement], and to keep oneself unstained by the world [avoidance]"** (James 1:27).

In today's gospel the Pharisees and the scribes speak for the spirituality of avoidance. Their focus is on ritual observances. Their complaint about eating with unwashed hands has nothing to do with personal hygiene. They are interested in the ritual washing of hands which was an institution meant to avoid the presumed impurity of Gentiles from contaminating the ritual purity of Jews. By not observing the ceremony the disciples of Jesus are blurring the distinction between Jews and Gentiles and behaving as if the two were one. Jesus defends this spirituality of inclusion with outsiders in very unmistakable terms: **Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile"** (Mark 7:14-15).

In this one single sentence Jesus demolishes the entire structure of religious homophobia, the fear and avoidance of people who are different from us. Gentiles do not defile Jews any more than Jews defile Gentiles. Nothing and nobody outside a person can defile a person. If in the presence of someone or something you smell defilement, chances are that you brought the defilement with you in the first place. You need look no further than within your own heart and soul. A clean-minded person sees nothing but cleanness everywhere, in everything and in everyone.

Today is a good day to take a second look at our spiritual orientation. Do we cultivate a spirituality of avoidance like the elder monk who would leave a small girl out in the cold for the sake of keeping some man-made rule or for fear of compromising his holiness? If so, today's gospel challenges us to be more like Brother Francis who would reach out to all those in need, knowing that unless we carry the defilement in our hearts already, nothing and nobody outside of us can defile us.