

Does Being Famous Matter?

Today's Gospel reading tells us that Jesus' relatives were trying to get close to Him when there was a huge crowd. But Jesus didn't get up to see them or make the other people go away. He kept teaching the people around Him. He said to them, "Who are my mother and my brothers? Here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."



Do you know why Jesus said that? He was telling us that knowing important people or being related to important people doesn't matter at all. What matters is that we love Jesus and do what He asks.

Do you sometimes wish that you were very important or popular? Being well-known isn't a bad thing, but being good is much more important than being famous. God wants us to be humble and happy loving Him and doing what we are supposed to, no matter how important we seem to others.



You are very important to God!

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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.

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 the weather we receive from your bountiful hand.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

*If You LORD,
should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could
Stand?*

Psalm 130:3



10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 9TH JUNE 2024 - YEAR B

Doing God's Will.

In today's Gospel Jesus has just been healing and casting out demons in Galilee. Along with the crowds, who flock to Him so that He can't even take a break to eat, come people who do not understand what He is doing. Even His friends think He has lost His mind and needs to be taken away for a while. But the scribes who came down from Jerusalem are not just honestly mistaken; they accuse Him of being possessed by the prince of demons. The reality is just the opposite. Jesus is revealing Himself as the one promised in our First Reading. He is the seed of the woman who has come to crush the head of the demonic serpent. In the parable of the strong man, Jesus reveals that He has come not just to punish the devil but to free those bound by him. As St. Bede explains, "The Lord has also bound the strong man, that is, the devil: which means, He has restrained him from seducing the elect, and entering into his house, the world; He has spoiled his house, and His goods, that is men, because He has snatched them from the snares of the devil, and has united them to His Church."

The scribes blaspheme by attributing this work of the Holy Spirit to demons. Jesus adds a statement that shocks us at first: "let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin." That does not mean that there are any limits to the mercy of God. Rather, the only sin that cannot be forgiven is the deliberate refusal to accept the mercy offered through the Holy Spirit.

Instead, we must imitate those who sat at Jesus' feet. For, as He said, "Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother, and sister, and mother."

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Gen.3:9-15
Second Reading
2Cor.4:13-5:1
Gospel
Mk.3:20-35

MASS TIMES

Gros Islet
Morning Prayers:
Mon -Fri
5:45 a.m.
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MONDAY
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.
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TUESDAY
6:00 a.m.
✠
WEDNESDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.
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THURSDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
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FRIDAY
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.
✠
SATURDAY
6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.
✠
SUNDAY
Gros Islet/G. Riviere
7:30 a.m.
Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.
✠
HOLIDAY
Variable
✠

St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
&
by appointment

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St. Barnabas: Son of Encouragement.- Feast Day: June 11

“Joseph, a Levite, born in Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (son of encouragement), sold a field he owned, brought the money and turned it over to the apostles.” (Acts 4:36f). This is the first mention we have of Barnabas in the New Testament.

His new name fit what we know of his actions. When Paul came to Jerusalem after his conversion, most of the Christians there wanted nothing to do with him. They had known him as a persecutor of the Church, but Barnabas was willing to give him a second chance. He looked him up, spoke with him, and brought him to see the other Christians, vouching for him.

Later, Paul and Barnabas went on a missionary journey together, taking Mark with them. Part way, Mark turned back and went home. When Paul and Barnabas were about to set out on another such journey, Barnabas proposed to take Mark along. Paul was against it, saying that Mark had shown himself undependable. Barnabas wanted to give Mark a second chance, and so he and Mark went off on one journey, while Paul took Silas and went on another. Apparently Mark responded well to the trust given him by the "son of encouragement," since we find that Paul later speaks of him as a valuable assistant (2 Tim 4:11; Col 4:10 and Phil 24)

With the exception of St. Paul and a few other of the Twelve, Barnabas appears to have been the most esteemed man of the first Christian generation. St. Luke speaks of him with affection, “he was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of Faith”. His title to glory comes not only from his kindness of heart, his personal sanctity and his missionary labours, but also from his readiness to lay aside his Jewish prejudices. Barnabas participated in the Council of Jerusalem, which dealt with the admission of Gentiles into the Christian community, a crucial problem in early Christianity. Paul and Barnabas proposed that Gentiles be allowed into the community without being circumcised. For his large-hearted welcome of the Gentiles and his early perception of Paul's worth, the Christian Church is indebted, in large part, to this great Apostle.

Tradition says that Barnabas preached in Alexandria and Rome, and was stoned to death at Salamis about 61 AD. He is considered the founder of the Cypriot Church, is venerated as the patron saint of Cyprus, and invoked as peacemaker.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Teresa Huntley
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Edward Joseph
Angela Auguste
Ferlina Aurelien
Patricia Mitchell
Mary John Baptiste

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

1Kgs.17:7-16
Mt.5:1-12



TUESDAY

Acts11:21-26,13:1-3
Mt.5:13-16



WEDNESDAY

1Kgs.18:20-39
Mt.5:17-19



THURSDAY

1Kgs.18:41-46
Mt.5:20-26



FRIDAY

1Kgs.19:9,11-16
Mt.5:27-32



SATURDAY

1Kgs.19:19-21
Mt.5:33-37



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat Jun 8- 6:00 p.m.		Thks: The Destang family Alghitha Richelieu & family Gladys Saget & family
Sun Jun 9 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Thks: Hessie Alcide 40th Wedd Ann: Shirley Ann & Gregory Lubin
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Int: Grande Riviere Youth
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Anne Marie Paul
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jun 10 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Xavier	Thks: Cyrillia & Althea Palton
12:30 p.m.		96th B'day: Odilia Raymond
Tue Jun 11 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Barnabas, Apostle</i>	Sr. Scholastica Felician	Thks: Bernadette Pamphile
Wed Jun 12- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Festus Iwuagwu Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Marcellus Serieux	Thks: Donors & Benefactors
Thu Jun 13 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Anthony of Padua Priest & Doctor</i>	Rev. Madison Stanislaus Rev. Vincent Norbert Rev. Anthony Pierre	Thks: Miguel Louisy, Ellen Regis
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang
Fri Jun 14 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Justin Barthelmy Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	B'day: Anthony Robinson
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Cecil Graham Jameson Eugene
Sat Jun 15 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph	Dc'd: James & Paulina Prudent Thelma Joseph, Canisius Mathurin