

the kingdom of Heaven

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about the Kingdom of Heaven. Heaven isn't just where we will go when we die if we were good. Jesus was telling us that Heaven grows in our hearts when we choose to love God and each other.

Our Lord compares the Kingdom of Heaven to plants that grow up from little seeds. When we were baptized we received the gift of Faith. When we receive the other sacraments, especially Holy Communion, the Faith grows in us, like a plant that has water and sunshine. If we sin it's like little bugs or sickness that start to kill the plant. Confession will take those away so that our Faith can grow again.

How can you help the Kingdom of Heaven to grow in you? Going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion whenever you can, and going to Confession often are the best ways. Praying every day and learning about the Faith and about the saints will also help the Kingdom of Heaven to grow in your heart like a strong, healthy plant!



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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 should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at least 6 months before the desired date.

Word Search Puzzle Mark 4:30-34

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R O K I N G D O M A R O Q C R
S O M O V Q S S V T R A J Z Q
K H N N L U P R N T R D V V W
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B W B E E I G Y N D B A G T A
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S E E D A D S M A L L E S T V
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S R H G R O U N D J S F P R N
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P L A N T E D K J Q N S O G Y
X H F Z X I S Z H J Q E U R O
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GROUND	SEED	GARDEN	LARGEST	PLANTED
JESUS	KINGDOM	SHADE	NEST	MUSTARD
SMALLEST	BIRDS	PLANTS	STORY	BRANCHES

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Prayer to St. Joseph
*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.*

Amen.



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

VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13TH JUNE 2021 - YEAR B

The Tree of Righteousness.

In the cryptic message of the prophet Ezekiel, long centuries before the Lord's coming, God gave His people reason to hope. Ezekiel glimpsed a day when the Lord would place a tree on a mountain in Israel, a tree that would "sprout branches and bear fruit." Who could have predicted that the tree would be a cross on the hill of Calvary, and that the fruit would be salvation?

Ezekiel foresees salvation coming to "every kind of bird", thus not just to the people of Israel, but also to the Gentiles, who will "take wing" through their new life in Christ. God indeed will "lift high the lowly tree," as He solemnly promises.

Such salvation surpasses humanity's most ambitious dreams. And so we express our gratitude in the Psalm: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord." It is indeed good, and better still to give thanks with praise. The Psalmist speaks of those who are just upon the earth, but looks to God as the source and measure of justice, of righteousness. Like Ezekiel, he evokes the image of a flourishing tree to describe the lives of the just. The image, again, suggests the Cross as the measure of righteousness.

The Cross is a sign of contradiction to those who would rather "flourish" in worldly terms. As St. Paul emphasizes to the Corinthians, we need courage. Our faith makes us strong, and it is proved in our deeds. He reminds us that we will be judged by the ways our faith manifests itself in works so that "each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad." God Himself will empower the works He expects from us, though we freely choose to correspond to His grace.

In the prophetic oracles, He scattered the seed that sprang up and became the mustard tree, large enough to accommodate all the birds of the sky, just as Ezekiel had seen. He gave this doctrine to His disciples in terms they were able to understand, and He provided a full explanation. In the sacraments He provides still more: the grace of faith and the courage we need to live in the world as children of God.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
6.00 - 6.45p.m.
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by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Eze.17:22-24

Second Reading
2Cor.5:6-10

Gospel
Mk.4:26-34

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET
Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.

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

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TUESDAY
6:00 a.m.

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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.
Monchy: 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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SUNDAY
Gros Islet/G. Riviere
7:30 A.M.

Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.

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HOLIDAY
7:00 a.m.

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St. Anthony of Padua - Feast Day June 13th

St. Anthony of Padua, patron saint of lost and stolen articles, is one of the Church’s most popular saints. Beloved throughout the world, he is responsive to all people and needs. His intercessory powers before our God are awesome. He was born in 1195 in Portugal and given the name of Fernando at Baptism. At the age of fifteen he entered the Order of St. Augustine where he learned the Augustinian theology that he would later combine with Franciscan vision. He was probably ordained a priest during this time.

The life of the young priest took a crucial turn when the bodies of the first five Franciscan martyrs were returned from Morocco and carried in solemn procession to Fernando’s monastery. He was inspired then to become a Franciscan and eventually received permission to leave the Augustinian Abbey to join the new Franciscan Order where he changed his name to Anthony.

Perhaps we would never have heard of Anthony if he hadn’t gone to an ordination of Dominicans and Franciscans in 1222. As they gathered for a meal afterward, Anthony was asked to give a speech. The fire within him became evident. His knowledge was unmistakable, but his holiness was what really impressed everyone. His quiet life of prayer and penance at the hermitage was exchanged for that of a public preacher. So simple and resounding was his teaching of the Catholic Faith, the unlettered and the innocent could understand his messages.

Despite his efforts, not everyone listened. Legend has it that one day, faced with deaf ears, Anthony went to the river and preached to the fish, and when the critics saw the fish begin to gather, they realized they should also listen to what Anthony had to say. St. Francis heard of Anthony’s gifts and gave his approval and blessing for Anthony to instruct his brother Franciscans. Anthony was the first teacher in the Franciscan Order.

The reason for invoking St. Anthony’s help in finding lost or stolen things is traced back to an incident where Anthony lost a book of psalms that was very important to him. Realizing his Psalter was missing, Anthony prayed it would be found or returned to him, for apart from the great value of books before the invention of printing, the Psalter had the notes and comments he had made to use in teaching students in his Order. It transpired that a novice, tired of living religious life had decided to leave the community, taking with him Anthony’s Psalter. After Anthony’s prayer the novice was moved to return the Psalter and to return to the Order.

St. Anthony of Padua’s life is what every Christian’s life is meant to be: steady courage to face the ups and downs of life, the call to love and forgive, to be concerned for the needs of others, to deal with crises great and small, totally trusting in the love of God.

He was only 36 years old when he died and was canonized less than one year afterward by Pope Gregory IX. Upon exhumation some 336 years after his death, his body was found to be corrupted, but his tongue was totally incorrupt, so perfect were the teachings that had been formed upon it.

He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946. Among the Franciscans themselves and in the liturgy of his feast, St. Anthony is celebrated as a teacher and preacher extraordinaire.

(excerpt: stanthony.org)
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK**

Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Daphne Lorde
Denis Augustin
Nellie Hall
Bentley Jn Baptiste

DECEASED

Apolina Smith
Vina Joseph
Marie V. Ambrose
Rosena Joseph
Mary Celine Popo
Williana Bruno
Thomas Louison

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
2Cor. 6:1-10
Mt.5:38-42
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TUESDAY
2Cor.8:1-9
Mt.5:43-48
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WEDNESDAY
2Cor.9:6-11
Mt.6:1-6,16-18
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THURSDAY
2Cor.11:1-11
Mt.6:7-15
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FRIDAY
2Cor.11:18,21-30
Mt.6:19-23
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SATURDAY
2Cor.12:1-10
Mt.6:24-34
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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat June 12 - 6:00 p.m.		Guid: Zoey Hinkson Sashla Regobert, Laurencia Cadette
Sun June 13 - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: Prisca Delice Margaret, Peter & Paul Polius Del & Protec: André & Francis Delice
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon June 14 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Justin Barthelmy Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	B’day: Ravichand St. Hill Thks: Kermalyn & Monica Prospere
12:30 p.m.		B’day: Alisha Pretto
Tue June 15 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie G. Joseph	Dc’d: Thelma Joseph
Wed June 16 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	Dc’d: Magdalene & Peter Jackson
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Diana Palton & family Richard Palton & family
Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu June 17 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Yvon Tremont	Int: Cecil Graham
12:30 p.m.		Dc’d: Irene & Joseph Destang Rosa & Antoine Glace Beatrice George, Jayce Noah Payne
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri June 18 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	Dc’d: Albert & Letitia Laurent
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Lyndell & Phadra Hyacinth
Sat June 19 - 6:30 a.m. BVM	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	Dc’d: Ervin Albert