

Jesus Sends Us to Do His Work

Today's Gospel reading tells the story of Jesus sending out His twelve apostles to do His work in the nearby towns. He was teaching them to do His work: healing the sick, raising the dead, and even driving out demons.



Do you think they might have been a bit nervous, or even scared, to do this work?

Did you know that you are also called to be a disciple of Jesus? Some people are called to be missionaries and bring Jesus' word to far away places, but most of us - especially when we are young - are called to do Jesus' work close to home.

What are some of the ways you can be an apostle for Jesus? Maybe you can pray for sick or hurt people that you know of. You can tell people the stories of Jesus that you know. And did you know that even by being a good example to others, you are teaching them about the love of Jesus by your actions?



Don't be scared - do Jesus' work for the people around you today!

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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.

THE LOVE OF A FATHER

for his children is more than provision and protection, leadership and guidance— it's a part of who we are, what we become, and the way we serve the Lord with our lives.

It is a strong and binding cord that runs through the fabric of our character...

a rock we can stand on for courage and support... and a foundation that lies securely beneath us.



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.**



His Mercy Endures Forever.

The words God speaks to Israel in today's First Reading are intended for us as well. The Church is the fulfillment of God's covenant promises to Israel, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. In the Church, we have been gathered as the new "Israel of God". As we sing in the Psalm, He has made us His own people, the flock He tends.

Moses was Israel's first shepherd. With the Promised Land in view, he prayed that God would raise up a successor so that God's people would not be left as sheep without a shepherd. These same words are used in the Gospel to describe Jesus' pity for the crowds, who are "harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd."

Israel's shepherds, the Pharisees and scribes, had abandoned and misled the people through their hypocrisy and spiritual blindness. But God had long before promised that He Himself would come and save His sheep, searching over the whole earth where they had been scattered for lack of a shepherd.

Jesus is the new Moses and new David promised by the prophets, a divine shepherd-king sent to restore God's priestly kingdom. As Moses commissioned Joshua as his successor, so we see Jesus giving the Twelve His powers and authority. In God's plan, they are to seek out the lost sheep of Israel first and then bring all nations into the fold.

Together we have been saved and reconciled to God. As He delivered Israel, He has also made us a kingdom of priests in the Church. So we come in this Mass to serve Him with gladness, to praise His kindness, which endures forever.

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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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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Ex.19:2-6

Second Reading
Rom.5:6-11

Gospel
Mt. 9:36-10:8

MASS TIMES

Gros Islet

Morning Prayers:
Mon -Fri
5:45 a.m.



MONDAY

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



TUESDAY

6:00 a.m.



WEDNESDAY

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



THURSDAY

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



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



The Nativity of St. John the Baptist - June 24th

On June 24th we celebrate the birth of a remarkable life because, in the words of John's father after his birth, 'the Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour ... As for you, little child, you shall prepare His ways before Him'.

As we become more familiar with the Scriptures, we recognize the importance of the prophets in the shaping of old Israel's faith, opening up boundless hopes, and calling them to fulfill their role as 'the light of the nations'. John the Baptist, the last of the prophets of old Israel, was a figure of immense significance.

John was the one who pointed out the way in the life, death and resurrection of the Saviour of the world. As Jesus himself declared: 'A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen. It was toward John that all the prophecies of the prophets and the Law were leading'. John was a figure of such influence at the time that the gospels stress that he claimed to be no more than a humble herald of this fulfillment. In fact, Jews came to question this preacher who was attracting large crowds. When asked: 'Who are you?', he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ; I am not Elijah; I am not the Prophet (i.e. the New Moses)'. He was, he said, 'a voice that cries in the wilderness: make a straight way for the Lord'.

There are other indications of John's acceptance of his role as a humble herald. When large crowds came to be baptized, he brushed aside their grandiose suggestions with words that are familiar to every generation: 'I am not fit to undo the strap of His sandals; I baptize with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire'.

Taking up the prophets' theme, referring to the Lord as the 'husband' of Israel, he applied it to the fulfillment he was announcing, calling himself 'the bridegroom's friend, who stands there and listens and is glad when he hears the bridegroom's voice'.

John makes himself an inspiring model to all disciples of Jesus when he declares, 'He must increase and I must decrease'. We must all follow his example.

John Thornhill SM
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Weekdays:

6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays:

6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sundays:

12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Holidays:

7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Theresa Huntley

DECEASED

Henry Willie
Patrick Henry
Nicholas Smith
Robert Mitchell
Keith Frederick
Christophe Alfred
Margaret Alexander
Monica Jn. Baptiste

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

2Cor.6:1-10

Mt.5:38-42



TUESDAY

2Cor.8:1-9

Mt.5:43-48



WEDNESDAY

2Cor.9:6-11

Mt.6:1-6,16-18



THURSDAY

2Cor.11:1-11

Mt.6:19-23



FRIDAY

2Cor.11:18,21-30

Mt.6:19-23



SATURDAY

Is.49:1-6

Acts.13:22-26

MASS INTENTIONS

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CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Jun 17- 6:00 p.m.

Sun Jun 18- 7:30 a.m.

Father's Day

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

God made us. We are
God's people and the
sheep of God's pasture.

Psalm 100:3

Guid: Laurencia Cadette
Zoey Hinkson, Sashla St. Omer
Thks: The Destang family

MISSA PRO POPULO

Thks: Serena Jean

98th B'day: Marie Altenor
B'day: Herbert Augustin
Sp. Int: Ike Blanchard & family

Guid & Protec:
Andre, Ross & Melanie Downes

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Jun 19 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue Jun 20 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed Jun 21- 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Jun 22 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fri Jun 23 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat Jun 24 - 6:30 a.m.
Nativity of John the Baptist

Fr. Lambert St. Rose

Fr. Paul Vu

Rev. Anthony Louis
Rev. John Douglas
Rev. Robert Harvey

Fr. Cecil Goodman
Rev. Thomas Alexander

Msgr. Theophilus Joseph
Fr. Linus Clovis
Sr. Adinase Mumba

Fr. Vincent Arockiasammy
Rev. Girard Glace
Sr. Mary Muskosa

Dc'd: Kevin Haywood
Marina & Linda Huntley

B'day: Paula Wilkie
Healing: Simone Blanchard

Dc'd: Jhene Florius
Irvine & Alexander Blanchard

B'day: Kaelan Haywood
B'day: Welcome St. Rose

Parishioners

Int: Bernadette Pamphile & family

Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace
Irene & Joseph Destang

B'day: Richard Palton

Dc'd: Jacintha Clement
Jeannette Knights

B'day: Alicia Stephen
80th B'day: Margerie Philip