

Don't Worry! God Cares About You!

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us not to fear those who can kill us. He tells us that God pays attention to the sparrows, which are just little birds. How much more He cares about us, His people!



What Jesus says reminds us that we should always remember that God loves and cares for us. We don't need to live in fear, because God always wants what is best for us.

Sometimes bad things happen to us - we can become poor, we can lose friends, we can get hurt or sick. But God is still caring for us through those times. These things can help remind us of how much we need God. Just food and possessions and other people and even our health are not enough

Every time you see a picture of Jesus remember that God is caring about you right now! Thank Him for His love and try to share His love and care with those around you!



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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.

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NUMBERED	ABOVE	SERVANT	BODY	AFRAID

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.**



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25TH JUNE 2023 - YEAR A

Precious in His sight.

Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test; we will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in today's First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap and trip us up. For His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts, even in our own homes, we hear in the Psalm. As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love.

"Do not be afraid," Jesus tells us three times in the Gospel. Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us, everything unfolds in His providence, under His watchful gaze, even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him. Steadfast in this faith, we must resist the tactics of Satan. He is the enemy who seeks the ruin of our souls in Gehenna, or hell. We are to seek God, as the Psalmist says. Zeal for the Lord's house, for the heavenly kingdom of the Father, should consume us, as it consumed Jesus. As Jesus bore the insults of those who blasphemed God, so should we.

By the gracious gift of Himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in the Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress. In His great mercy, He will turn toward us, as well. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked.

That is why we proclaim His name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus' promise that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our heavenly Father.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

- First Reading**
Jer.20:10-13
- Second Reading**
Rom.5:12-15
- Gospel**
Mt. 10:26-33

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.
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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
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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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The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul - June 29th

The liturgical feast in honour of the martyrdom of Peter and Paul is of ancient origin. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of a tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both saints on the same day. Together they are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry, and martyrdom there.

Peter, a fisherman of Galilee originally named Simon, was introduced to the Lord by his brother Andrew. Jesus gave him the name Cephas which means 'Rock,' as he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church. Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. He made many mistakes, erring time and time again. Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. When entrusted with responsibility, he demonstrated that he was mature and capable. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ.

Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith. He spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution. Peter was martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die in the same manner as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican Hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

Paul was the "Apostle to the Gentiles". His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church. Born at Tarsus (now in Turkey), he was a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin and a Roman citizen. Named Saul at his circumcision, he was raised a strict Jew and his profound conviction developed into a religious fanaticism against the infant Christian church. He took part in the stoning of the first martyr, Stephen, and in the fierce persecution of Christians that followed. But while on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was converted by a miraculous apparition of the Lord. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world.

Once a persecutor of Christ, he became the Lord's preacher. Once an impediment to the Gospel, he became its great champion. Once a guardian of Israel as an ethnic preserve of holiness, Paul came to serve as a father in the worldwide (literally, catholic) Church. Paul was eventually imprisoned and taken to Rome where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Theresa Huntley

DECEASED

Henry Willie
Patrick Henry
Keith Frederick
Christophe Alfred
Monica Jn. Baptiste
Margaret Alexander

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Gen.12:1-9
Mt.7:1-5



TUESDAY

Gen.13:2,5-18
Mt.7:26,12-14



WEDNESDAY

Gen.15:1-12,17-18
Mt.7:15-20



THURSDAY

Acts.12:1-11
2Tim.4:6-8,17-18
Mt.16:13-19



FRIDAY

Gen.17:1,9-10,15-22
Mt.8:1-4



SATURDAY

Gen.18:1-15
Mt.8:5-17



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Jun 24 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Jun 25 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

*But as for me,
my prayer is to you, O Lord.
At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love
answer me in your saving faithfulness.*
Psalm 69:15

B'day: Chantal St. John
Thks: Bosso family
St. Anthony: Niara & Nakayla Williams
Ann. Permanent Diaconate: Girard Glace

MISSA PRO POPULO

Thks: Serena Jean
B'day: Roseline Deterville
Members of SLU/French Assoc.

20th Wedd Ann:
Daniel & Margarita Jn. Baptiste

B'day: Margerie Philip
Thyis Eugene, Kershiim Simon
30th Ann: Monchy La Rose Group

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Jun 26 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue Jun 27 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed Jun 28 - 6:00 a.m.

St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Doctor

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Jun 29 - 6:00 a.m.

*Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles
(Fishermen's Feast)*

10:00 a.m.

Fishermen's Mass

Fri Jun 30 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat July 1 - 6:30 a.m.

BVM

Rev. Nathalbert Husbands
Sr. Stephania Banda

Fr. Kevin Murray
Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey

Fr. John Milton

Rev. David Popo
Rev. Herald Wilson
Rev. Gerard Calderon

Rev. Peter Fevrier
Rev. Winston Taylor
Sr. Margaret Maynard

Fr. Joseph Akande
Fr. Cleophus Joseph
Fr. Ignatius Cetoute

Dc'd: Lucia Joseph, Anna Auguste

B'day: Lennon Frederick
Healing: Berkeley Blanchard

Deliv: Amari Taylor
Healing: Celine Johannes

B'day: Felicia MacFarlane

Dc'd: Edward Springer

Parishioners

B'day: Hayes Louis
Thks: Kevin Thomas
Sp. Int: The Severin family

Int: All Fisher Folk
B'day: Paula Theophilus

Int: Cecil Graham
Thks: Ewa Girard
Sp. Int: Jeannine Blanchard & family

B'day: Ajanih Henry
Thks: Shanta King & family