

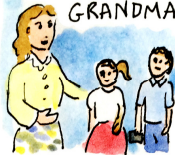
Priorities

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if we love anyone more than we love Him we are not worthy of Him. What He means is that we need to keep God first in our lives. The two great commandments He gave us are 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'



How can we keep God first in our lives? We can start by talking to Him as soon as we start our day. We can tell Him we love Him and offer our day to Him! We also keep God first by following His laws-making sure we go to Mass at least every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, and going to Confession when we have a serious sin.

AFTER MASS WE CAN VISIT GRANDMA.



The next most important thing is loving others. God wants us to love and care for the people He has put into our lives. First we must care for our family that He has given us and then our friends and neighbours.



What is the most important thing for you to do today? How can you put God first every day this week?

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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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PROPHET	CUP	WATER	DISCIPLE	REWARD
REWARD	TRUTH	TRUTH	RIGHTEOUS	COLD

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.**



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 2ND JULY 2023 - YEAR A

Putting God first.

The liturgy this week continues to instruct us in the elements of discipleship. We're told that even the most humble among us have a share in the mission Christ gives to His Church. We're not all called to the ministry of the Apostles or to be prophets like Elisha in today's First Reading, but each of us is called to a holy life.

At Baptism, our lives were joined forever to the Cross of Christ, Paul tells us in the Epistle. Baptized into His death, we're to renounce sin and live for God in Christ Jesus. We are to follow Him, each of us taking up our personal cross, as Jesus says in the Gospel. That doesn't mean we will all be asked to suffer a martyr's death, but each of us is called to self-denial, to the offering of our lives in service of God's plan.

Jesus must be elevated to first place in our lives, above even our closest bonds of kinship and love. By Baptism, we've been made part of a new family: the kingdom of God, the Church. We are to proclaim that kingdom with our lives, bringing our fathers, our mothers, and all men and women to live as little ones under the fatherhood of God and the kingship of the Holy One. We do this by opening our hearts and homes to the service of the Lord, following the Shunnamite woman's example in the First Reading. As Jesus tells us, we're to receive others - not only prophets but also little children, the poor, and the imprisoned - as we receive Christ Himself.

As we sing in the Psalm, we are to testify to His favors and kindness in our lives. We're to hold fast to the promise that if we have died with Christ, we shall also live, that if we lose our lives for His sake, we shall find our reward and walk forever in His countenance.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
2Kgs.4:8-11,14-16

Second Reading
Rom.6:3-4,8-11

Gospel
Mt. 10:37-42

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.

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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
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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St. Thomas, Apostle - Feast Day July 3rd.

When we first meet Thomas in the Gospel of John, all we are told about him is that his name means twin. When Jesus said He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, the apostles do not wish to go back where some Jews had attempted to stone Jesus. Thomas immediately encourages the other Apostles to go along on the trip saying: "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Thomas' character is developed later in the gospel as a questioner. While some of the disciples are content with Jesus' answers that are symbolic and philosophically worded, Thomas relies on his logic. At the Last Supper, when Christ told His Apostles that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come, Thomas responded that they did not understand - how can you find someone if do not know where they are going or how to get there - and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

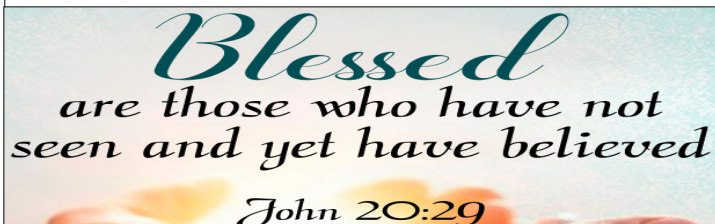
Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. His unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord earned for him the title "doubting Thomas." On Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his scepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded - seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails and putting his fingers in the place of the nails and his hand into His side. Thomas became convinced of the truth of the Resurrection and exclaimed: "My Lord and My God", making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus. Thomas is also mentioned as being present at another Resurrection appearance of Jesus at Lake Tiberias when a miraculous catch of fish occurred.

Tradition says that after Pentecost, Thomas was sent to evangelize the Parthians, Medes, and Persians and that he reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar Coast which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas."

According to Syrian Christian tradition, Saint Thomas was killed at St. Thomas Mount, in Chennai, India, in 72 A.D. and his body was interred in Mylapore. Ephrem the Syrian states that his relics were then taken to Edessa.

St. Thomas is regarded as the patron saint of India and of architects.

(excerpt: catholic.org)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Theresa Huntley

DECEASED

Henry Willie
Patrick Henry
Thomas Louis
Rupert Evans
Christophe Alfred

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Eph.2:19-22
Jn.20:24-29



TUESDAY

Gen.19:15-29
Mt.8:23-27



WEDNESDAY

Gen.21:5,8-20
Mt.8:28-34



THURSDAY

Gen.22:1-19
Mt.9:1-8



FRIDAY

Gen.23:1-4,19,
24:1-8,62-67



SATURDAY

Gen.27:1-5,15-29
Mt.9:14-17



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat July 1 - 6:00 p.m.	I will sing of the LORD'S great LOVE forever, with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your LOVE stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.  <small>Psalm 89:1-2</small>	B'day: Rudell Octave Guid: Augusta Toussaint Algitha Richelieu & family Thks: Perlin Verdant & family
Sun July 2 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		40th Ann: Teachers College Class of 1983
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Catherine Augustin & family
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Leotta Emilien
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon July 3 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i>	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Arthur Zalewski Fr. Vinoth Santhappan	Thks: Francillia Elcock & family Guid: Kaelan, Kateri & Kate Haywood
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Winston Alexis Flora Girard, Mary Erica Popo
Tue July 4 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. John Wilson	B'day: Oswald Bernard
Wed July 5 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Cox Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	B'day: Jannel Cader Thks: Stennett Bent & family
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: Dame Pearllette Grade 6 Students
Thu July 6 - 6:00 a.m.	Arch. Robert Rivas OP Msgr. Patrick Anthony Sr. Frances Norbisch	Dc'd: Mona James Frances Auguste, Jerome Peter Popo
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Bernadette Springer St. Jude: Niara & Nakayla Williams
Fri July 7 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Albert Smith Sr. Christine Alphonse	Dc'd: Denise Gabriel, Felicite Jerome
Sat July 8 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Fr. Amalraj Penigilipadi Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Giovanna Mabunda	Thks: Althea & Ellen Regis Int: Anthony Robinson, Cecil Graham