

When People are Sick...

In today's Gospel reading we hear about Jesus curing the sick. Jesus wants us to follow His example and care for the sick and dying. But we can't do miracles like Jesus did!

What can we do?
Here are some ideas:



1. If someone in your family is sick, maybe you can help them out! Ask if you could read them a story, or help them by bringing them anything they need. A 'Get Well' card would be nice too!



2. Always pray for people who are sick. Your prayers can help them get better, or they might help your sick friend to understand why God is letting them suffer.



What about when you are sick? When you are sick or hurt, think about Jesus suffering on the cross. Offer your pain to Him and tell Him that you want to suffer with Him so that people will be saved from their sins. Be thankful for people who help you when you are sick. Remember, they take Jesus' place!

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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.

-SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Thomas was one of the original Apostles. He was a dedicated follower of Christ. Thomas, unwilling to believe other Apostles had seen the risen Lord, he earned the title "doubting Thomas." On Christ's second apparition, Thomas saw the wounds in our Lord's hands and side and proclaimed, "My Lord and My God."

As the Apostles dispersed, Thomas eventually reached India.

He is the patron saint of architects.



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.



Raised to life.

God, who formed us in His imperishable image, did not intend for us to die, we hear in the First Reading. Death entered the world through the devil's envy and Adam and Eve's sin; as a result, we are all bound to die.

But in the moving story in today's Gospel, we see Jesus liberate a little girl from the possession of death. On one level, Mark is recounting an event that led the disciples to understand Jesus' authority and power over even the final enemy, death. On another level, however, this episode is written to strengthen our hope that we too will be raised from the dead, along with all our loved ones who sleep in Christ.

Jesus commands the girl to "Arise!" using the same Greek word used to describe His own resurrection; and the consoling message of today's Gospel is that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. If we believe in Him, even though we die, we will live.

We are called to have the same faith as the parents in the Gospel, praying for our loved ones, trusting in Jesus' promise that even death cannot keep us apart. Notice the parents follow Him even though those in their own house tell them there is no hope, and even though others ridicule Jesus' claim that the dead have only fallen asleep.

Already, in Baptism, we've been raised to new life in Christ; and the Eucharist, like the food given to the little girl today, is the pledge that He will raise us on the last day.

We should rejoice, as we sing in the Psalm, that He has brought us up from the netherworld, the pit of death; and, as Paul exhorts in the Epistle, we should offer our lives in thanksgiving for this gracious act, imitating Christ in our love and generosity for others.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Wis.1:13-15,2:23-24

Second Reading
2Cor.8:7,9,13-15

Gospel
Mk.5:21-43

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.

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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

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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. However, 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 the patron saint of India and of architects.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Teresa Huntley
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Jane Ellis
John Weekes
Teresa Xavier
Bridget Evans
Ferlina Aurelien
George Nicholas

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY
Am.2:6-10,13-16
Mt.8:18-22



TUESDAY
Am.3:1-8;4:11-12
Mt.8:23-27



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



THURSDAY
Am.7:10-17
Mt.9:1-8



FRIDAY
Am.8:4-6,9-12
Mt.9:9-13



SATURDAY
Am.9:11-15
Mt.9:14-17



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat Jun 29 - 6:00 p.m.		Diaconate Ann: Rev. Girard Glace Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Gladys Saget
Sun Jun 30 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Frances Moise Guid: Fidelis Iwueke Thks: Ewa Girard, Gros Islet Fisher-Folk
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jul 1 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Fr. Cleophus Joseph Sr. Marie Therese Clement	Dc'd: Rosella Bushell Marie Celine Lawrence
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Flora Girard Theresa St. Rose, Charlotte Als
Tue Jul 2 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Stephen Quinlan	B'day: Rudell Octave Thks: Stennett Bent & family Deliv & Guid: Roberta Polius
Wed Jul 3- 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i>	Fr. Michel Francis Fr. John Wilson	Dc'd: Camille Moise Mauricia Moise Augustin
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Wayne Burton, Cecil Graham
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Deliv & Guid: Roberta Polius
Thu Jul 4 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Fr. Vinoth Santhappan	Wedd. Ann: Paul & Marcella Lorde Holy Spirit: Huntley & Wells families Deliv & Guid: Roberta Polius
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Glace Motors Ltd. B'day: Oswald Bernard Thks for graces rec'd: Kateri Parker
Fri Jul 5 - 6:00 a.m.	<i>Ordination Anniv:</i> Fr. Athanase Joseph	B'day: Jannel Cadet Thks: Diane & Richard Palton Deliv & Guid: Roberta Polius
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Mona James, Helena Collins
Sat Jul 6 - 6:30 a.m. <i>Mass at the Shrine</i>	Msgr. Patrick Anthony	Deliv & Guid: Roberta Polius Thks: Valdez & Valdene Belrose Claude & Mary Severin & children