

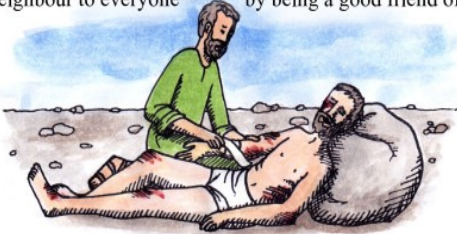
Loving God and Our Neighbour

In today's Gospel reading we learn that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart and soul and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The most important thing you do in your life is loving God. If you really love God then you will do what is right and love other people as well. The Samaritan in the story loved God even though he didn't worship Him in the proper way like the Jews did. But because he loved God he wanted to please Him by being kind to his enemy.

If you don't love God then you will not be able to make good decisions about other things either. You can't even love other people properly if you don't love God the most. The priest and Levite in the parable probably cared more about themselves than about God. That is why when they saw their own countryman injured and lying by the roadside they just walked past.

Is God the most important person in your life? Talk to Him every day and you will grow to love Him. You can be a good neighbour to everyone by being a good friend of God.



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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.

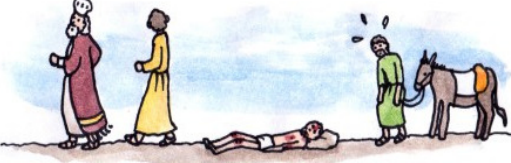
MASS INTENTIONS:

Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.

True or False? The Story of the Good Samaritan

Jesus told the people a parable to show them how to be a good neighbour. At that time the Samaritans were enemies of the Jews. How well do you know the story? See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.

- 1. In the parable, a man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he came across a group of people who had been robbed. True or False?
- 2. The robbers beat the man and took all he had. True or False?
- 3. A priest walked past the man and ignored him. True or False?
- 4. A Levite saw the man and left him some money. True or False?
- 5. A Samaritan saw the man, bandaged his wounds, and took him to an inn. True or False?
- 6. The Samaritan told the innkeeper that he had done his job and he didn't care what happened to the man. True or False?
- 7. In the parable, the Samaritan, who was normally the man's enemy, was his best neighbour. True or False?



SAINTS FUN FACTS by mario d. macari

BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA, A YOUNG MOHAWK INDIAN WOMAN, WOULD CIRCLE A CORNFIELD WHILE PRAYING THE "HAIL MARY" IN HER NATIVE TONGUE DURING THE BITTERLY COLD WINTER OF 1679.

AS A YOUNG GIRL, SHE HAD LEARNED THE PRAYER FROM HER MOTHER BEFORE BEING ORPHANED, SCARRED AND NEARLY BLINDED BY A SMALL POX EPIDEMIC. SHE WAS THEN RAISED BY HER UNCLE, THE TRIBE'S CHIEF WHO RESENTFULLY OPPOSED HER FLEDGING CHRISTIANITY. SHE WAS BAPTIZED AGAINST HIS WISHES, REFUSED TO MARRY AND WAS PERSECUTED BY HER TRIBE.

YET, THROUGH IT ALL, SHE CONTINUED TO OFFER HER EFFORTS TO OUR LORD AS PENANCE.



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 13TH JULY 2025 - YEAR C

Love without limits.

We are to love God and our neighbor with all the strength of our being, as the scholar of the Law answers Jesus in this week's Gospel. This command is nothing remote or mysterious. It's already written in our hearts, in the book of Sacred Scripture. "You have only to carry it out," Moses says in the First Reading. Jesus tells His interrogator the same thing: "Do this and you will live."

The scholar, however, wants to know where he can draw the line. That's the motive behind his question, "Who is my neighbor?" In his compassion, the Samaritan in Jesus' parable reveals the boundless mercy of God who came down to us when we were fallen in sin, close to dead, unable to pick ourselves up. Jesus is "the image of the unseen God," the Epistle tells us. In Him, the love of God has come very near to us. By the "His death on the cross" - by bearing His neighbors' sufferings in His own body, being stripped, beaten and left for dead - He saved us from the bonds of sin and reconciled us to God and to one another. Like the Samaritan, He pays the price for us, heals the wounds of sin, pours out on us the oil and wine of the sacraments, and entrusts us to the care of His Church until He comes back for us. Because His love has known no limits, ours cannot either. We are to love as we have been loved, to do for others what He has done for us, joining all things together in His Body, the Church. We are to love like the psalmist, like those whose prayers have been answered, like those whose lives have been saved, who have known the time of His favour, have seen God in His great mercy turn toward us.

This is the love that leads to eternal life, the love Jesus commands of the scholar and of each of us: "Go and do likewise."

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CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday 9.00 - 10.00 a.m. & by appointment

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First Reading Dt.30:10-14 Second Reading Col.1:15-20 Gospel Lk.10:25-37

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.

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

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

SUNDAY 7:30 a.m. Gros Islet/G. Riviere

Gros Islet/Monchy 10:00 a.m.

HOLIDAY Variable



***St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor - Feast Day July 15th***

St. Bonaventure, born in central Italy in 1221, was a Franciscan theologian and philosopher. Tradition says that he received the name Bonaventure when as a child St. Francis of Assisi prayed for his recovery from a dangerous illness, and foreseeing the child’s future greatness cried out, "O Buona ventura" (O good fortune).

Bonaventure, regarded as one of the greatest philosophers of the 13th century, was very influential in the development of scholasticism in medieval thought. Like Aquinas and other notable 13th century philosophers and theologians, Bonaventure believed that it is possible to prove the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. His theology was marked by an attempt to completely integrate faith and reason. He thought of Christ as the "one true master" who offers humans knowledge that begins in faith, is developed through rational understanding, and is perfected by mystical union with God.

Influenced by the Franciscans throughout his education and having a great reverence for the life of St. Francis of Assisi, he entered the Franciscan Order at the age of twenty-two. Having made his vows, he was sent to Paris to complete his studies where he became the intimate friend of Thomas Aquinas. He continued his studies in theology at the University of Paris and wrote commentaries on the Scriptures and other works. He later wrote a biography of St. Francis of Assisi which became the official biography accepted by the Franciscan Order. He received a license to teach in 1253, and taught theology at the University of Paris until 1257.

In 1257 he was elected as Minister General of the Franciscan Order. Just then the Order was becoming divided between those who wished to alter the rule of St. Francis by allowing the Order to own property and participate in university education and political life, and those who wished it to remain as faithful as possible to St. Francis' original ideal of poverty and missionary activity among the common people. Bonaventure was, by training and inclination, committed to the aims of the first group and therefore advocated Franciscan participation in education and ecclesiastical affairs, and steered the Order on a moderate, intellectual course that made it the most prominent order in the Catholic Church until the coming of the Jesuits.

In recognition of his activities as general of the Franciscan Order and as a papal confidant, Pope Gregory X made Bonaventure a cardinal bishop in 1273. Bonaventure helped the Holy See organize and conduct the Second General Council of Lyons in 1274. On July 15, before the Council ended, he died suddenly and was buried in the Franciscan Church in Lyons.

He was canonized in 1482 by Pope Sixtus IV. In 1588 Pope Sixtus V declared St. Bonaventure a Doctor of the Church with the title “Seraphic Doctor”, no doubt because of the great depth of insight into the spiritual which breathes through his writings.

(excerpt: biography.yourdictionary.com)  
(excerpt: wikipedia.com)  
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PLEASE PRAY FOR	
THE SICK	
Patsy Crafton Iris Macauldy Martha Mason Marie Joseph Anne Marie Felicien	
DECEASED	
Muriel Marius Charles Pascal Joseph Oculien Joseph K. Joseph Donald T. Edward Therese Jn. Baptiste	
WEEKDAY READINGS	
✠ <b>MONDAY</b> Ex.1:8-14,22 Mt.10:34—11:1 ✠ <b>TUESDAY</b> Ex.2:1-15 Mt.11:20-24 ✠ <b>WEDNESDAY</b> Ex.3:1-6,9-12 Mt.11:25-27 ✠ <b>THURSDAY</b> Ex.3:13-20 Mt.11:28-30 ✠ <b>FRIDAY</b> Ex.11:10—12:14 Mt.12:1-8 ✠ <b>SATURDAY</b> Ex.12:37-42 Mt.12:14-21 ✠	

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Jul 12 - 6:00 p.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Adams Alexis <b>Int:</b> The Glace family <b>Thks:</b> Augusta Toussaint Algitha Richelieu & family
Sun Jul 13- 7:30 a.m.		<b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b>
10:00 a.m.		<b>Int:</b> Staff & Students SJC <b>Guid &amp; Protec:</b> Marcella Johnson <b>B'day:</b> Bibiana Jules, Kayla Rose Richard
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jul 14 - 6:00 a.m.	Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	<b>B'day:</b> Sylvia Boxill
12:30 p.m.		<b>Holy Spirit:</b> Ayinde Popo <b>Divine Intervention:</b> The Joseph family
Tue Jul 15 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Bonaventure Bishop &amp; Doctor</i>	Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph	<b>B'day:</b> Henry Louis
Wed Jul 16 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	<b>Wedd Ann:</b> Chris & Carole Jn. Marie
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Parishioners</b>
Thu Jul 17 - 6:00 a.m	Fr. Yvon Tremont	<b>Dc'd:</b> James & Paulina Prudent
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Antoine Glace, Camille Grell
Fri Jul 18 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	<b>B'day:</b> Erwin Richard, Tadj Cazaubon
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Teresa Huntley Martin William, Winston Alexis
Sat Jul 19 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	<b>B'day:</b> Anthony K. Louis <b>Thks:</b> Miguel Louisy, Ellen Regis