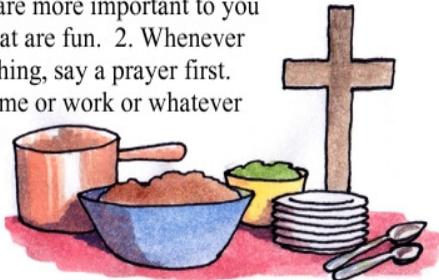


Putting Jesus First

Jesus went to Martha and Mary's house for dinner one day and while Martha got the food ready her sister Mary just sat near Jesus to listen to Him. Martha was upset because she had so much work to do and Mary wasn't helping at all. It doesn't sound quite fair, does it?

But Jesus told Martha that there was only one thing that was important, and that Mary had chosen it. Mary had chosen to be with Him and listen to Him. Martha was concerned about all the details- making good food and setting things out nicely, but she wasn't thinking about Jesus.

Jesus was not saying that cooking or working in the house is bad. He was only showing Martha and Mary that we need to put God first in everything. Here are a couple of ways you can keep God first: 1. Always make sure that things like going to Mass and saying your prayers are more important to you than things that are fun. 2. Whenever you do something, say a prayer first. Offer your game or work or whatever you are doing for the glory 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.

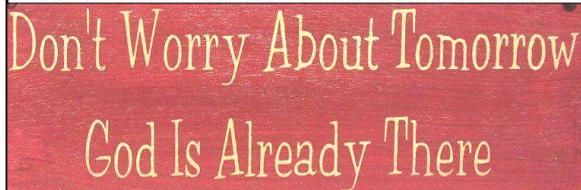
PRAYER DURING THE HURRICANE SEASON

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.



Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. **Amen.**



St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
5.00-5:45 p.m.
&
by appointment

VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17 JULY 2022 - YEAR C

Waiting on the Lord.

God wants to dwell with each of us personally and intimately, as the mysterious guests once visited Abraham's tent, as Jesus once entered the home of Mary and Martha.

By his hospitality in the First Reading, Abraham shows us how we are to welcome the Lord into our lives. His selfless service of his divine guests stands in contrast to the portrait of Martha drawn in the Gospel. Where Abraham is concerned only for the well-being of his guests, Martha speaks only of herself: "do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me." Jesus' gentle rebuke reminds us that we risk missing the divine in the mundane, that we can fall into the trap of believing that God somehow needs to be served by human hands.

Our Lord comes to us not to be served but to serve. He gave His life that we might know the one thing we need, the "better part," which is life in the fellowship of God. Jesus is the true Son promised by Abraham's visitors. In Him, God has made an everlasting covenant for all time; He has made us blessed descendants of Abraham. The Church now offers us this covenant, bringing to completion the word of God, the promise of His plan of salvation, what Paul calls "the mystery hidden for generations"

As once He came to Abraham, Martha, and Mary, Christ now comes to each of us in Word and Sacrament. As we sing in this week's Psalm, He will make His dwelling with those who keep His Word and practice justice. If we do these things, we will not be anxious or disturbed. We will not have our Lord taken from us. We will wait on the Lord, who told Abraham and who tells each of us: "I will surely return to you."

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Gen.18:1-10
Second Reading
Col.1:24-28
Gospel
Lk.10:38-42

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET
Morning Prayers:
5:45a.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
✠

St. Mary Magdalene : Feast Day July 22nd

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during His public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels.

Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed woman who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are skeptical this is the same person.

It is believed that Mary was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did. Mary's epithet "*Magdalene*" most likely means that she came from Magdala, a fishing town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. Luke 8:2-3 lists Mary as one of the women who traveled with Jesus and helped support his ministry "out of their resources", indicating that she was probably relatively wealthy. The same passage also states that seven demons had been driven out of her, a statement which is repeated in the Gospel of Mark.

Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her life after meeting Jesus is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God. She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with His mother, and, of all the witnesses who might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given. As she was the first to testify to Jesus' resurrection she is known as the "apostle to the apostles."

Mary Magdalene has been a victim of mistaken identity for almost twenty centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all, with her, witnesses of the Resurrection.

St. Mary Magdalene is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other causes.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Carmen Lord
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Patsy Crafton
Theresa Huntley

DECEASED

Nellie Hall
Elma Charles
Jameson Eugene
Edward Springer
Philomene Thomy
Berthilda Jameson
Allington Williams
Raymond Laurencin

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Mi.6:1-4,6-8
Mt.12:38-42



TUESDAY

Mi.7:14-15,18-20
Mt.12:46-50



WEDNESDAY

Jer.1:1,4-10
Mt.13:1-9



THURSDAY

Jer.2:1-3,7-8,12-13
Mt.13:10-17



FRIDAY

Sgs.3:1-4
Jn.20:1-2,11-18



SATURDAY

Jer.7:1-11
Mt.13:24-30



MASS INTENTIONS

| GROS ISLET | CLERGY/RELIGIOUS | INTENTIONS |
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| 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C | | |
| Sat July 16 - 6:00 p.m. | Oh Lord... who shall dwell on Your Holy Mountain? He who walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue; Who harms not his fellow man... (Psalm 15:1-3) | Thks: Annie & Nicholas Emmanuel Wedd Ann: Cameron & Natasha Moffat |
| Sun July 17 - 7:30 a.m. | | MISSA PRO POPULO |
| 10:00 a.m. | | Thks: Cynthia Michaud |
| Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m. | | Parishioners |
| Monchy - 10:00 a.m. | | 58th B'day: Prisca Bruno Holy Spirit: Cuthbert & Sharon Elizee |
| WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS | | |
| Mon July 18 - 6:00 a.m. | Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter | B'day: Ervin Richard Int: Bernadette Pamphile |
| Tue July 19 - 6:00 a.m. | Fr. Lambert St. Rose | Thks: Anthony Louis Guid & Protec: Renoir d'Auvergne |
| Wed July 20 - 6:00 a.m. | Fr. Paul Vu | Dc'd: Darwyn Louis Magdalene Bruno |
| 12:30 p.m. | | B'day: Margaret Deterville Guid & Protec: Renoir d'Auvergne |
| Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m. | | Parishioners |
| Thu July 21 - 6:00 a.m. | Rev. Anthony Louis Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey | B'day: Darnal Lesmond Guid & Protec: Renoir d'Auvergne |
| 12:30 p.m. | | Dc'd: Antoine & Rosa Glace Joseph & Irene Destang Augustin & Winston Alexis |
| Monchy- 6:00 p.m. | | Parishioners |
| Fri July 22 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Mary Magdalene, Disciple</i> | Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander | Int: Cecil Graham, Anthony Robinson |
| 12:30 p.m. | | Dc'd: Cecilia & Sylvester Louis |
| Sat July 23 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i> | Msgr. Theophilus Joseph Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba | Dc'd: Iris Jules |