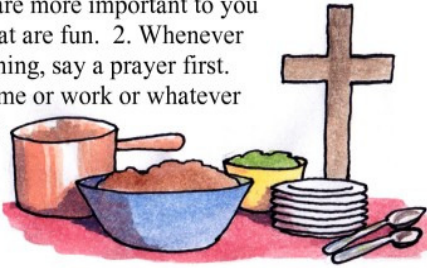


Putting Jesus First

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.

SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI JULY 21

LAWRENCE WAS BORN IN ITALY IN 1559 AND WAS BAPTIZED WITH THE NAME JULIUS CAESAR. HIS PARENTS DIED WHEN HE WAS QUITE YOUNG.

HE BECAME A CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN AT AGE 16, TAKING THE NAME LAWRENCE. HE WAS ORDAINED AT AGE 23.

LAWRENCE LEARNED LANGUAGES VERY EASILY, SO HE COULD STUDY THE BIBLE JUST AS IT WAS WRITTEN.

Tomorrow I want you to preach in the cathedral.

Ah! So that's what he meant!

HE WAS A GREAT PREACHER AND TRAVELLED ALL OVER EUROPE.

EVEN THOUGH HIS LIFE WAS VERY BUSY HE WOULD ALWAYS TAKE TIME TO PRAY.

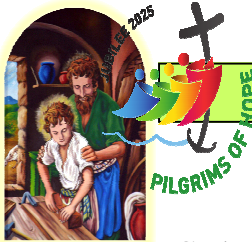
HE BECAME CHAPLAIN OF AN ARMY AND LED A BATTLE WITH NO WEAPON BUT A CRUCIFIX- EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE OUTNUMBERED FOUR TO ONE!

Father, we need you to come. There's a big argument...

BECAUSE OF HIS HOLINESS, LAWRENCE WAS CHOSEN LEADER OF HIS ORDER. HE WAS SENT ALL OVER TO HELP THE BROTHERS AND MAKE PEACE. HE DIED AT AGE 60.

SOMETHING THAT SURPRISED PEOPLE ABOUT SAINT LAWRENCE WAS THAT HE WAS VERY KIND AND SENSITIVE TOWARDS PEOPLE'S NEEDS EVEN THOUGH HE WAS SO SMART AND IMPORTANT. NO MATTER HOW BUSY WE ARE, WE SHOULD TAKE TIME TO PRAY AND TO BE KIND AND THOUGHTFUL TO OTHERS.

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Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 20TH JULY 2025 - 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."

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

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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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: 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

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 Scripture. 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 2:00p.m.
Closed Tuesdays, Weekends &
Holidays**

PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Marie Joseph
Anne Marie Felicien

DECEASED

Adams Alexis
Sylvie Sayers
Joseph K. Joseph
Donald T. Edward
Therese Jn. Baptiste

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY

Ex.14:5-18
Mt.12:38-42

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TUESDA

2Cor.5:14-17
Jn.20:1-2,11-18

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WEDNESDAY

Ex.16:1-5,9-15
Mt.13:1-9

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THURSDAY

Ex.19:1-2,9-11,16-20

Mt.13:10-17

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FRIDAY

2Cor.4:7-15

Mt.20:20-28

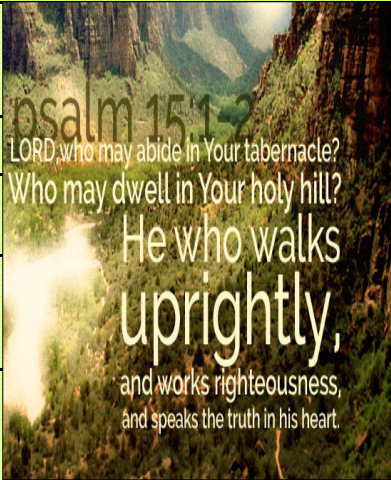
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SATURDAY

Ex.24:3-8

Mt.13:24-30

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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Jul 19 - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: Perlin Verdant & family Wedd Ann: John & Patsy Valcin Andrew & Mauricia Edward
Sun Jul 20 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Sp Int: Dinella Prospere Guid & Protec: Marcella Johnson
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Dianne & John Mzondo Zoey Hinkson, Diondre Desir-James Sashla St. Omer, Laurencia Cadette
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Prisca Bruno Wedd Ann: Alan & Clare Placide Anne Marie & Augustin Felicien
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jul 21 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Anthony Louis Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey	B'day: Darnal Lesmond Sp Int: Dinella Prospere Healing: Valdene Belrose Leonard Prospere
Tue Jul 22 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Mary Magdalene, Disciple</i>	Rev. Thomas Alexander	Sp Int: Dinella Prospere
Wed Jul 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Linus Clovis Fr. Cecil Goodman Sr. Adinase Mumba	Sp Int: Dinella Prospere
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Bernice Springer IHO Blsd Trinity: Ayinde Popo
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Jul 24 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Gira Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	De'd: Adams Alexis Mathilda Philip, Rose Ann Raymond
12:30 p.m.		Sp Int: Dinella Prospere Thks & Guid: Lee-Ann Charles
Fri Jul 25 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. James, Apostle</i>	Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav Fr. Henry Nmor	De'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace Epiphane & Josephine Verdant
12:30 p.m.		For the Conversion of Sinners Sp Int: Dinella Prospere Guid & Success: Julius Charles Thks: Mary Wellington & family
Sat Jul 26 - 6:30 a.m. <i>Sts. Joachim & Anne</i>	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands	Sp Int: Dinella Prospere