

Weeds Among the Wheat

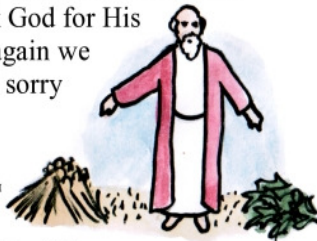


Weeds are plants that shouldn't be there. They use the sun and water that the good plants need. Have you ever helped pick weeds in the garden? In today's parable Jesus tells about a man who lets the weeds grow along with the wheat until harvest time, so that the good plants don't get pulled up along with the weeds.

The weeds represent the bad people, who will go to Hell at the final judgement. God lets them stay alive as long as the good people. He wants to give sinners lots of time to repent so that they can go to Heaven instead.



All the readings today are about God's mercy. God is the most powerful of all, but instead of destroying sinners He wants to give them more chances. When you think about it, you will realize God has already been merciful to all of us- because we have all sinned. We should thank God for His mercy, and if we do sin again we should show Him we are sorry by going to Confession.



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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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MUSTARD	KINGDOM	GROWS	FLOUR	LARGEST
SMALLEST	HEAVEN	WOMAN	PARABLE	SIXTY
POUNDS	YEAST	DOUGH	BIRDS	SEED

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.**



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 23RD JULY 2023 - YEAR A

The Goodness of God.

God is always teaching His people, we hear in today's First Reading. And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us. That though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance.

This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected, as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

This week's readings sound a note of questioning: why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom? Because, as we sing in the Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in love and truth. He is just, Jesus assures us. Evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in the Epistle. But first, we must turn and call upon Him. We must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives. So we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat - truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice, and sin. For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad. But the harvest draws near. Let us work so that we might be numbered among the righteous children who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Wis12:13,16-19.

Second Reading
Rom.8:26-27

Gospel
Mt. 13:24-43

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.
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
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CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

&

by appointment

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

St. James, Apostle - Feast Day July 25th

The son of Zebedee and Salome, James is styled "the Greater" to distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less". He was the brother of John, the beloved disciple, and probably the elder of the two.

James was one of the first disciples to join Jesus. The Gospels state that James and John were with their father by the seashore when Jesus called to them. James was chosen by Jesus to be one of the twelve apostles, given the mission to proclaim the good news, authority to heal and cast out demons.

Even among the apostles he held a special place. When Jesus raised Jairus' daughter, He only allowed James, John, and Peter to come with Him. When He went up to the mountain to pray, again He wanted the three to go with Him, where they witnessed Jesus transfigured in His glory. They also went with Jesus to Gethsemane to pray before His arrest. Matthew's Gospel tells us he invited Peter, James and John to go with him to a quiet area to pray. They watched as the Jesus' face became sad with grief, and, in His great sorrow, His brow began to sweat drops of blood.

James and John (or, in another tradition, their mother) asked Jesus to grant them seats on His right and left in His glory. Jesus rebuked them, and the other apostles were annoyed with them. James and his brother wanted to call down fire on a Samaritan town, but were rebuked by Jesus. But James also had great faith in Jesus. Perhaps it was for their fiery temper as well as their zeal for the faith that James and his brother earned the nickname "Sons of Thunder".

Following Christ's ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom. He traveled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain.

James is the only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament, and is believed to be the first of the twelve martyred for his faith. As a martyr, James gave the greatest witness of all.

(excerpt: wikipedia.org. /catholic.org)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Theresa Huntley

DECEASED

Kate Moise
Thomas Louis
Joseph Senol
Rupert Evans
Francis Alcide
Christophe Alfred

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

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



TUESDAY

2Cor.4:7-15
Mt.20:20-28



WEDNESDAY

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



THURSDAY

Ex.19:1-2,9-11,16-20
Mt.13:10-17



FRIDAY

Ex.20:1-17
Mt.13:18-23



SATURDAY

Ex.24:3-8
Jn.11:19-27



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat July 22 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun July 23 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

You, Lord,
are forgiving & good,
abounding in *love*
to all who call to you.

-Psalm 86:5

Thks: Laurencia Cadette
Zoey Hinkson, Sashla St. Omer

Eucharistic Service

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B'day: Janelle James
Thks: The Albertin family
Ted Sandiford & family

MISSA PRO POPULO

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon July 24 - 7:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue July 25- 6:00 a.m.

St. James, Apostle

Wed July 26 - 6:00 a.m.

*Sts. Joachim & Anne
Parents of the BVM*

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu July 27- 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fri July 28 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat July 29 - 6:30 a.m.
*St. Martha, Mary & Lazarus
Disciples of the Lord*

Fr. Vincent Arulanandam
Rev. Girard Glace
Sr. Mary Muskosa

Fr. Konrad Mair
Fr. Henry Nmor
Fr. Kenneth Haakyav

Rev. Nathalbert Husbands
Sr. Stephania Banda

Fr. Kevin Murray
Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey

Fr. John Milton
Rev. Gerard Calderon

Rev. David Popo
Rev. Peter Fevrier
Rev. Herald Wilson

Dc'd: Mathilda Phillip
Rose Ann Raymond

Dc'd: Iris, Edward & Oliver Moody

Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace
Epiphane & Josephine Verdant

Dc'd: Charlotte Als,
Ruth Mascoll, Theresa St. Rose

Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace
Irene & Joseph Destang

Parishioners

B'day: Andrea Jules
Tracy Ann Wiggins-Berry
Thks: Francillia Elcock & family

Dc'd: Joyce Fealing, Eldon Mathurin
Paul, Jacintha & Jameson Eugene

Dc'd: James Nichols, Chester Louis

B'day: Tanysia Compton
71st B'day: Martha Hodge

80th B'day: Agatha Thomas
IHO Our Lady of Mt Carmel:
Mary Camille