Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Particpation/Mission

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -21ST JULY 2024 - YEAR B

The Lord, Our Good Shepherd.

As the Twelve return from their first missionary journey in today's Gospel, our readings continue to reflect on the authority and mission of the Church.

Jeremiah says in the First Reading that Israel's leaders, through godlessness and fanciful teachings, had misled and scattered God's people. He promises God will send a shepherd, a king and son of David, to gather the lost sheep and appoint for them new shepherds.

The crowd gathering on the green grass in today's Gospel is the start of the remnant that Jeremiah promised would be brought back to the meadow of Israel. The people seem to sense that Jesus is the Lord, the good shepherd, the king they've been waiting for. Jesus is moved to pity, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd. This phrase was used by Moses to describe Israel's need for a shepherd to succeed him. As Moses appointed Joshua, Jesus appointed the Twelve to continue shepherding His people on earth.

Jesus had said there were other sheep who did not belong to Israel's fold but would hear His voice and be joined to the one flock of the one shepherd. In God's plan, the Church is to seek out first the lost sheep of the house of Israel and then to bring all nations into the fold. Paul, too, in the Epistle, sees the Church as a new creation, in which those nations who were once far off from God are joined as "one new person" with the children of Israel.

Israel. As we sing in the Psalm, through the Church, the Lord, our good shepherd, still leads people to the verdant pastures of the kingdom, to the restful waters of baptism; He still anoints with the oil of confirmation, and spreads the Eucharistic table before all people, filling their cups to overflowing.

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Mk.6:30-34 The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters: he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows. Surely goodness and love shall follow me all the days of my life. And I shall live in the house

of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23

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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 of-

ten 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.

Kids Column

When Jesus Was Tired...

The apostles were tired when they came back from their mission trip, so Jesus took them across the lake to a quiet place to have a rest.

But the other people saw where they were going and got there ahead of them! Jesus saw

that these people were like sheep without a shepherd, so He felt sorry for them. Even though He was tired and hungry He decided to teach the people who needed Him, without taking a rest.

Have you ever been asked to help someone when you were tired? It isn't easy, is it? But we can learn from Jesus that no matter how tired we are, we should still be ready to help others who are in need.

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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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> **Gospel** Mk.6:30-34

MASS TIMES

Gros Islet Morning Prayers: Mon -Fri 5:45 a.m.



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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

<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR</u> <u>THE SICK</u>

Patsy Crafton Iris Macauldy Martha Mason Teresa Huntley Marie Joseph

DECEASED

John Weekes Bridget Evans Simon William Teresa Michaud George Nicholas Antoinette Cherry

ᠿ MONDAY Mic.6:1-4,6-8 Mt.12:38-42 æ TUESDAY Mic.7:14-15,18-20 Mt.12:46-50 Ŷ **WEDNESDAY** Jer.1:4-10 Mt.13:1-9 ᠿ **THURSDAY** Jer.2:1-3.7-8.12-13 Mt.13:10-17 ₽ FRIDAY Jer.3:14-17 Mt.13:18-23 Ŷ SATURDAY Jer.7:1-11 Mt.13:24-30 ¢

MASS INTENTIONS			
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS	
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B			
Sat Jul 20 - 6:00 p.m.	Psalm 23:6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.	Thks: The Destang family Perlin Verdant & family Precious Blood: Gladys Saget	
Sun Jul 21- 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO	
10:00 a.m. Sacrament of Confirmation		Confirmation Candidates	
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Zoey Hinkson Sashla St. Omer, Laurencia Cadette G/Riviere Primary School	
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Parishioners	
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon Jul 22 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	Thks: Bernadette Pamphile Int: Anthony Robinson	
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Andre Arlette & family	
Tue Jul 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	B'day: Janelle James Healing/Deliv: Belinda King & family	
Wed Jul 24- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	Thks: Donors & Benefactors	
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Augustus & Christopher Esnard	
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners	
Thu Jul 25 - 6:00 a.m. St. James, Apostle	Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav Fr. Henry Nmor	Int: Mikaela Elliott	
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace Joseph & Irene Destang Epiphane & Josephine Verdant	
Fri Jul 26 - 6:00 a.m. Sts. Joachim & Anne Parents of the BVM	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephania Banda	Thks: Shanta King & family	
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Mathilda Phillip Rose Ann Raymond	
Sat Jul 27 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	Dc'd: Marie Headley	