

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. He says it is like a buried treasure, that when a man finds it, he sells everything he has and buys the field where it is hidden. He also says it is like a pearl of great price, that when a merchant finds it he sells all he has and buys it.

These parables tell us how precious the Kingdom of Heaven is. Jesus is explaining that it is more important than anything else in our lives. The men in the parables sold EVERYTHING they had to get the treasures.

But what is the Kingdom of Heaven? Is it a country with a king and subjects? Well it is, sort of, but you can't see it. Jesus is the King and His people are the people who choose Him as their King. The laws of the kingdom are God's laws, and the enemy is the devil who is trying to take all the souls. Always remember that belonging to God's Kingdom is more important than everything else in your life!



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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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 B O M O P W C M A H R T Z V Y  
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FOUND	KINGDOM	PARABLE	BOUGHT
HEAVEN	SOLD	MAN	HIDDEN
JOY	FIELD	TREASURE	FIELD

**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.**



*Treasures of the Kingdom*

What is your new life in Christ worth to you? Do you love His words more than gold and silver? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in the First Reading, asking not for a long life or riches but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will?

The background for the Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst; yet, many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given so that they, and we, might live.

We, too, must ever discover the kingdom anew. We are called to find it as a treasure, a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish. And we must be willing to give up all that we have, all our priorities and plans, in order to gain it.

Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul in the Epistle calls the purpose of God's plan: for Jesus be the firstborn of many brothers. His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will.

We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son. If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good; that we whom He has justified will also be glorified.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

**SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading**  
1Kgs.3:5,7-12

**Second Reading**  
Rom.8:28-30

**Gospel**  
Mt. 13:44-52

**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**

Variable



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

**CONFESSIONS**

Every Saturday  
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

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by appointment

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**St. John Marie Vianney, Curé d’Ars: Feast Day August 4th**

Jean-Baptiste Marie Vianney was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, France. He was the fourth of six children born to Matthieu and Marie Vianney.

In 1790, when the anticlerical phase of the French Revolution forced priests to work in secrecy or face execution, young Vianney believed that priests were heroes. At 13 years old, in secrecy, John made his First Communion and prepared for his confirmation. When he was 20 years old, John was allowed to leave the family farm to undertake ecclesiastical studies at a "presbytery school" in Écully. In 1809, John was drafted into Napoleon Bonaparte's armies. As an ecclesiastical student, he would normally have been exempted from military service, but Napoleon had withdrawn the exemption in some dioceses as he required more soldiers. Two days into his service, John fell ill and required hospitalization. He met a young man who led him into the mountains where military deserters met. John lived with them for over one year and hid when gendarmes came in search of deserters until 1810, when deserters were granted amnesty.

John then returned to Écully and resumed his ecclesiastic studies. He attended a minor seminary in 1812, and became a priest on August 12, 1815. When he began his priestly duties, Fr. Vianney realized many were either ignorant or indifferent to religion as a result of the French Revolution. He spent much time in confession working eleven to sixteen hours each day to reconcile people with God, and often delivered homilies against blasphemy.

Soon his parish of Ars became known for the radical spiritual transformation of the community and its surroundings. This transformation is attributed to Fr. Vianney’s saintly life, mortification, his ministry in the sacrament of confession, and an ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary as well as St. Philomena, to whom he was deeply devoted. When he later became deathly ill, he attributed his return to health to St. Philomena's intercession.

His fame spread until people began to travel to Ars visit him. Within thirty years, it is said he received up to twenty thousand pilgrims each year. However, by 1853, Fr. Vianney had attempted to leave Ars four times with the intention of becoming a monk, but decided after the final time that it was not to be. Six years later, he passed away and left behind a legacy of faith. He is viewed as the champion of the poor.

On October 3, 1873, Pope Pius IX proclaimed Fr. Vianney as "venerable" and on January 8, 1905, Pope Pius X beatified him, and he was canonized on May 31, 1925.

St. John Vianney is the patron saint of parish priests, and the patron of our Grande Riviere Chapel.

*“I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love  
You until the last breath of my life.”*

*St. John Vianney.*

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**THE SICK**

Patsy Crafton  
Iris Macauldy  
Martha Mason  
Theresa Huntley

**DECEASED**

Kate Moise  
Thomas Louis  
Lucia Edward  
Joseph Seynole  
Francis K. Alcide  
Matthew Pamphile

**WEEKDAY READINGS**



**MONDAY**

Ex.32:15-24,30-34  
Mt.13:31-35



**TUESDAY**

Ex.33:7-11;34:5-9,28  
Mt.13:36-43



**WEDNESDAY**

Ex.34:29-35  
Mt.13:44-46



**THURSDAY**

Ex.40:16-21,34-38  
Mt.13:47-53



**FRIDAY**

Lev.23:1,4-11,15-16,  
27,34-37

Mt.13:54-58



**SATURDAY**

Lev.25:1,8-17

Mt.14:1-12



**MASS INTENTIONS**

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
<b>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A</b>		
Sat July 29 - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Wedd Ann:</b> Joakim & Azelia George <b>B'day:</b> Adelle St. John Julitta Herman, Kerdisha Ferdinand
Sun July 30 - 7:30 a.m.		<b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b>
10:00 a.m.		<b>Wedd. Ann:</b> Lawrence & Daria Paul
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		<b>Thks:</b> The Albertin family Catherine Augustin & family
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		<b>Parishioners</b>
<b>WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b>		
Mon July 31 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>	Sr. Mary Mumba Sr. Marie Therese Clement	<b>Guid:</b> Kaelan Haywood
12:30 p.m.		<b>Thks:</b> Nikolai Frederick St. Marthe & Mathurin families
Tue Aug 1- 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Alphonsus Liguori Bishop &amp; Doctor</i>	Fr. Joseph Akande Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Fr. Cleophus Joseph	<b>Dc'd:</b> Cecile Isidore Valeria Williams Aubrey Grell & family
Wed Aug 2 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo Fr. Philomin Zacharias	<b>Guid:</b> Marcia Haywood <b>B'day:</b> Bernella Charlemagne Jaimie & Sarah Lesmond <b>50th B'day:</b> Clare Felicien-Placide
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Lionel James
Thu Aug 3 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Stephen Quinlan Fr. Arthur Zalewski	<b>Thks:</b> Shanta King & family
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Heraldine Rock Lucinda Moody & family
Fri Aug 4 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. John Vianney</i>	Fr. Vinoth Santhappan Fr. John Wilson	<b>Thks:</b> Sharon Elizee <b>Sacred Heart:</b> Perlin Verdant & family
12:30 p.m.		<b>Thks:</b> Glace Motors Ltd Stennett Bent & family
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m. <i>Celebration of the Feast of St. John Vianney</i>		<b>Parishioners</b>
Sat Aug 5 - 6:30 a.m. <i>Mass at the Shrine</i>	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Lee Cox	<b>Dc'd:</b> Mona James, Edward Casimir