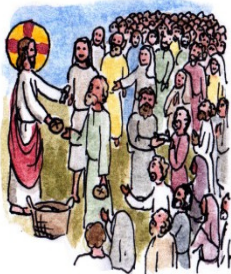


Kids Column

Jn.6:1-15

Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus (Cont'd)

Jesus Multiplies our Gifts



Jesus saw that a huge crowd of people had come to Him, and He knew that they needed food. However, all they had was a few loaves of bread and a couple fish that a boy had brought along.

Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish and blessed them, and started giving them to the crowd. Soon there was enough to feed five thousand people, plus there were twelve baskets of leftovers!



Jesus still multiplies what we give Him today. At Mass we offer to God some bread and wine and He turns it into the Body and Blood of Jesus!



We have something to offer to Jesus too. If you offer your work, or your talents, or even your whole life to God, He will use your gifts to bring His blessings to the world.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

**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.

bishop for 30 years. It is certain there was early devotion to the saint. From a round the year 390, a pilgrim talks of the procession that took place on the Saturday before Palm Sunday at the tomb where Lazarus had been raised from the dead. In the West, Passion Sunday was called *Dominica de Lazaro*, and St. Augustine tells us that in Africa the Gospel of the raising of Lazarus was read at the office of Palm Sunday.

Our final picture of the siblings in Scripture is one that sums up who they were. Jesus has returned to Bethany to share a meal with His good friends. In this home were three extraordinary people. We hear how brother Lazarus caused a stir when he was brought back to life, we hear how Mary causes a commotion at dinner by anointing Jesus with expensive perfume, and we hear about Martha the simple statement: "Martha served." Together the three are the patron saints of siblings.

(excerpt: catholic.org)

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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 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.**



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -28TH JULY 2024 - YEAR B

*Living Bread.*

Today's liturgy brings together several strands of Old Testament expectation to reveal Jesus as Israel's promised Messiah and King, the Lord who comes to feed His people.

Notice the parallels between the Gospel and First Reading. Both Elisha and Jesus face a crowd of hungry people with only a few barley loaves. We hear similar words about how impossible it will be to feed the crowd with so little, and in both, the miraculous multiplication of bread satisfies the hungry and leaves food left over. The Elisha story looks back to Moses, the prophet who fed God's people in the wilderness. Moses prophesied that God would send a prophet like him; the crowd in the Gospel, witnessing His miracle, identifies Jesus as that prophet.

The Gospel again shows Jesus to be the Lord, the good shepherd, who makes His people lie down on green grass and spreads a table before them. The miraculous feeding is a sign that God has begun to fulfill His promise, which we sing of in today's Psalm, to give His people food in due season and satisfy their desires.

But Jesus points to the final fulfillment of that promise in the Eucharist. He does the same things He does at the Last Supper: He takes the loaves, pronounces a blessing of thanksgiving (literally, "eucharist"), and gives the bread to the people. Notice, too, that twelve baskets of bread are left over, one for each of the Apostles.

These are signs that should point us to the Eucharist, in which the Church founded on the Apostles continues to feed us with the living bread of His Body. In this Eucharist, we are made one Body with the Lord. Let us resolve again, then, to live lives worthy of such a great calling.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading**

2Kgs.4:42-44

**Second Reading**

Eph.4:1-6

**Gospel**

Jn.6:1-15

**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



**CONFESSIONS**

Every Saturday  
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.  
&  
by appointment

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**Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus - Feast Day July 29th**

“Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus.” This statement in John's gospel tells us of the special relationship Jesus had with these siblings. Apparently Jesus was a frequent guest at their home; we read of three visits - in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53, and John 12:1-9.

Many of us find it easy to identify with Martha in the story Luke tells: Martha welcomes Jesus and His disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them. Her sister Mary chooses to sit with Jesus instead of helping, and Martha asks Jesus to intervene. Jesus' response is not unkind, which gives us an idea of His affection for her. He reminds Martha that there is only one thing that is truly important - listening to Him. In Martha we see ourselves, worried and distracted by all we have to do in the world and forgetting to spend time with Jesus. It is, however, comforting to note that Jesus loved her just the same. The next visit shows how well Martha learned this lesson. Grieving the death of her brother with a house full of mourners, she hears that Jesus has come. She gets up immediately, leaves the guests, and goes to meet Him. Her conversation with Jesus shows her faith and courage. She states clearly and without doubt that she believes in Jesus' power in the resurrection, and, most of all, that Jesus is the Son of God. Martha is the patron saint of servants and cooks.

Mary of Bethany exemplifies the uniqueness of a personal relationship with Jesus. When Jesus was in their home, she sat at His feet, quietly listening to His teachings. In her devotion she shows us the importance of placing Jesus above all. Mary is also known for a significant act of worship – anointing the feet of Jesus with expensive perfume and wiping them with her hair (John 12:3). In this action, Mary exhibits a model of sacrificial love, humility, and devotion towards Jesus. She teaches us to give our best to the Lord, without counting the cost. Judas Iscariot objected to her actions because of the perceived wastefulness. Yet, Jesus defended Mary, stating, “Leave her alone...She has done a beautiful thing to me...” (Mark 14:6-9), underscoring the lesson that in our worship and service to God, we may face misunderstanding or criticism, but we should rest assured that God knows our hearts and will defend us. When her brother Lazarus died, Mary showed great faith in Jesus, saying, “Even now, I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” (John 11:22).

Lazarus was a disciple and friend of Jesus who died and was raised from the dead by Jesus after pleas from his sisters, Martha and Mary. Scripture tells us that on approaching the tomb of his friend Lazarus, “Jesus wept” (John 11:35). No mention is made in the New Testament of Lazarus’ activities after being brought back to life, but several traditions survive. Some say he followed Peter into Syria. In one story, Lazarus, Martha, and Mary go to France, where he became the first bishop of Marseilles, before being martyred. Another story is that despite being put into a leaking boat by the Jews at Jaffa, he, his sisters, and others landed safely in Cyprus. There he died peacefully after serving as

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**THE SICK**

Patsy Crafton  
Iris Macauldy  
Martha Mason  
Teresa Huntley  
Marie Joseph

**DECEASED**

Bridget Evans  
Simon William  
Teresa Michaud  
George Nicholas  
Antoinette Cherry  
Clothilda Alphonse

**WEEKDAY READINGS**



**MONDAY**

Jer.13:1-11  
Jn.11:19-27



**TUESDAY**

Jer.14:17-22  
Mt.13:36-43



**WEDNESDAY**

Jer.15:10,16-21  
Mt.13:44-46



**THURSDAY**

Jer.18:1-6  
Mt.13:47-53



**FRIDAY**

Jer.26:1-9  
Mt.13:54-58



**SATURDAY**

Jer.26:11-16,24  
Mt.14:1-12



**MASS INTENTIONS**

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
<b>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B</b>		
Sat Jul 27 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Adelle St. John Healing: Andrea Duval Wedd Ann: Joakim & Azelia Glace
Sun Jul 28- 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Martha Hodge, Adrian Popo
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Catherine Augustin & family
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: 1960 First Comm Group
<b>WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b>		
Mon Jul 29 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Sts. Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus Disciples</i>	Rev. David Popo Rev. Herald Wilson Rev. Gerard Calderon	B'day: Martha Rosemond 24th Wedd Ann: Lawrence & Daria Paul
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Tanyasia Compton
Tue Jul 30 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Peter Fevrier Sr. Margaret Maynard	Guid & Protec: John Horace
Wed Jul 31 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>		Guid: Kaelan Haywood
12:30 p.m.	Sr. Mary Mumba Sr. Marie Therese Clement	Dc'd: Eldon Mathurin Harry & André Celestin
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Aug 01- 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Alphonsus Liguori Bishop &amp; Doctor</i>	Fr. Joseph Akande Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Fr. Cleophus Joseph	Guid & Protec: John Horace Holy Spirit: Huntley & Wells families
Fri Aug 02 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo	Guid & Protec: John Horace Thks: Stennett Bent & family
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Diane & Richard Palton Sacred Heart: Perlin Verdant & family
Sat Aug 03 - 6:30 a.m. <i>Mass at the Shrine</i>	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Stephen Quinlan Fr. Arthur Zalewski	Dc'd: Cyril Matthew, Cecil Graham