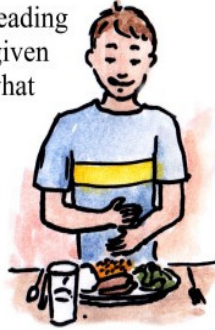
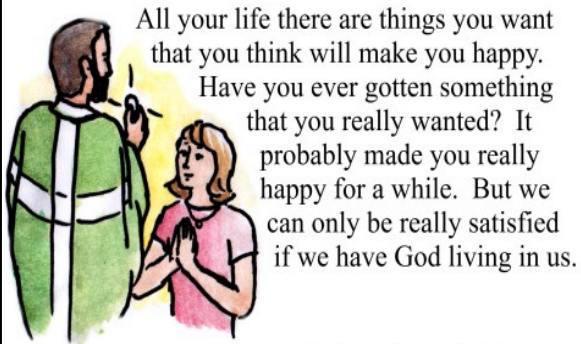


We are Hungry for Jesus

The people in today's Gospel reading followed Jesus because He had given them bread. He told them that what they really needed was not just ordinary food, but the food that God would give them. And that was Jesus Himself, the Bread of Life!



Have you ever been hungry? You know you need food and you want to eat. But did you know that your soul can be hungry too? The food for our souls is Jesus. We receive Him in Holy Communion. Just like our bodies need food to stay alive, our souls need God.



All your life there are things you want that you think will make you happy. Have you ever gotten something that you really wanted? It probably made you really happy for a while. But we can only be really satisfied if we have God living in us.

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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.

The Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus Shows His Glory



Jesus knew He was going to die, and He knew the apostles were going to be afraid. So He decided to show some of them something that they would not be able to forget. He took Peter, James and John up a mountain and suddenly He became dazzlingly bright, like the sun! The apostles were terrified. Then Jesus began to talk with Moses and Elijah, who stood beside Him.

Afterwards, Jesus told Peter, James and John not to tell anyone what had happened until after He rose from the dead. They were confused because they didn't understand that Jesus had to die. But now they knew that Jesus was not just a normal man. They had seen some of the awesomeness of God.



Later on, when Jesus was taken away and killed, the apostles were very sad. But some of them knew something amazing about Jesus. Like those apostles, when we are having a hard time we just need to think about Jesus. He is awesome and amazing, and waiting for us to come to Him in Heaven. The bad times will come, but Jesus is always there- we just need to remember Him!



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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.



Seek first the Kingdom.

The journey of discipleship is a lifelong exodus from the slavery of sin and death to the holiness of truth on Mount Zion, the promised land of eternal life. The road can get rough, and when it does, we can be tempted to complain like the Israelites in this week's First Reading.

We have to see these times of hardship as a test of what is in our hearts, a call to trust God more and to purify the motives for our faith. As Paul reminds us in the Epistle, we must leave behind our self-deceptions and desires and live according to the likeness of God in which we are made.

Jesus tells the crowd in the Gospel that they are following Him for the wrong reasons. They seek Him because He filled their bellies. The Israelites, too, were content to follow God so long as there was plenty of food.

Food is the most obvious of signs because it is the most basic of our human needs. We need our daily bread to live. But we cannot live by this bread alone. We need the bread of eternal life that preserves those who believe in Him. The manna in the wilderness, like the bread Jesus multiplied for the crowd, was a sign of God's Providence, that we should trust that He will provide.

These signs pointed to their fulfillment in the Eucharist, the abundant bread of angels we sing about in the Psalm. This is the food that God longs to give us. This is the bread we should be seeking. But too often we don't ask for this bread. Instead we seek the perishable stuff of our everyday wants and anxieties. In our weakness we think these things are what we really need. We have to trust God more. If we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, all these things will be ours as well.

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CONFESSIONS

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9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
&
by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Ex.16:2-4, 12-15

Second Reading

Eph.4:17, 20-24

Gospel

Jn.6:24-35

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

St. Dominic, Priest - Feast day August 8th

The saints we remember throughout the year are holy people who lived, and often died, for the Catholic faith and worked to strengthen God’s Church on earth. However, the lives of some saints are especially dear to our hearts, and the effects of their actions on the world and our Church are particularly apparent. St. Dominic is one of these saints, and his words and actions eight centuries ago remain in our consciousness today. While the heresies Dominic had to combat were different to those we face, it has never been more important to live and spread the true Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

St. Dominic was born around 1170, in Old Castile, Spain, to a family of Spanish nobility. He was well educated and began studying at the University at Palencia in 1184. For ten years he studied there, and stood out among his peers. Great things were expected of him. He was concerned with the wellbeing of others, especially the poor, even as a youth. He once sold his own books to provide for the starving and on two occasions even attempted to sell himself into slavery to obtain money for the liberation of captives of the Moors. Happily, this was not accomplished, because God had other work for Dominic to do.

He was trained for the priesthood, and became a canon of a cathedral. When he was about thirty, Dominic accompanied his bishop on several diplomatic missions in northern Europe. In the course of these travels he became aware of the religious ideas of the Albigensians, a movement in southern France which was spreading throughout Europe. They regarded all matter as evil and the creator of the material world as a devil. Hence the doctrine of the Incarnation was denied, and the Old Testament and the Sacrament rejected.

To combat this heresy, the Church commissioned Dominic to be part of the preaching crusade against it. The Pope had sent legates to counteract the movement, but with their sumptuous clothes, fine horses and numerous attendants, they only succeeded in reinforcing the Albigensians' beliefs. Dominic saw that the only way to preach orthodox doctrine effectively was to be as poor as the people and to be thoroughly knowledgeable in Christian theology.

Together with three Cistercians, Dominic began itinerant preaching according to the gospel ideal. His fellow preachers gradually became a community, and in 1215 he founded a religious house at Toulouse, the beginning of the Order of Preachers, (now also called Dominicans, after their founder) with the mission to disseminate true doctrine and combat heresy, especially by means of preaching.

Dominic passed away on August 6, 1221. Pope Gregory IX canonized him on July 13, 1234. He is the patron saint of astronomers and the innocent who are falsely accused of crimes.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
 Iris Macauldy
 Martha Mason
 Teresa Huntley
 Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Bridget Evans
 Julia Mathurin
 Simon William
 Teresa Michaud
 George Nicholas
 Clothilda Alphonse

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Jer.28:1-17
 Mt.14:13-21



TUESDAY

Dn.7:9-10,13-14
 Mk.9:2-10



WEDNESDAY

Jer.31:1-7
 Mt.15:21-28



THURSDAY

Jer.31:31-34
 Mt.16:13-23



FRIDAY

Hos.2:16,17,21-22
 Mt.25:1-13



SATURDAY

2Cor.9:6-10
 Jn.12:24-26



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat Aug 3 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Joakim George Thks: Augusta Toussaint BVM: Perlin Verdant & family St. Benedict: Mary & Jean Claude Severin Wedd Ann: Anthony & Anthea Bousquet
Sun Aug 4 - 7:30 a.m. <i>St. John Marie Vianney, Priest</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Thks: Hope Deterville
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Int: Vianney Youth
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: John Cherubin & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Aug 5 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Fr. John Wilson Sr. Mary Lee Cox	B'day: Alphonsa & Claudia Charles
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Myrtle Wilson
Tue Aug 6 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	Arch Bishop Rivas OP Msgr. Patrick Anthony Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	Dc'd: Mona James
Wed Aug 7 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Albert Smith Sr. Frances Norbisch Sr. Christine Alphonse	Thks: Cyrillia & Althea Palton
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Theonie Gaillard Remy & Chong families
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Healing: Sylvie Sayers
Thu Aug 8 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Dominic, Priest</i>	Fr. Amalraj Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Giovanna Mabunda	Dc'd: Monica & Utes Alcide
12:30 p.m.		Int: Margaret Smith
Fri Aug 9 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr</i>	Fr. Cezar Herrera Rev. Andrew Edward Sr. Ramona George	B'day: Anthony Louis Ophelia Gaspard
12:30 p.m.		Sp. Int: Virginia d' Auvergne
Sat Aug 10 - 6:30 a.m. <i>St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr</i>	Fr. Joseph Xavier Sr. Benedicta Chanda	B'day: Everton Ambrose Thks: Lawrence Laurent Glance Motors Ltd.