### Lk.12:13-21 St. Dominic, Priest - Feast Day August 8th

Jesus teaches us not to be greedy

> In today's Gospel reading, a man tells Jesus that his brother is being unfair to him. But Jesus knows that the man is just being greedy, so He tells him the

parable of the rich farmer. One year he had such a good harvest that he couldn't fit it all into his barns. He tore down his old barns and built new ones, so that he could store his food for many years. But just when he thought he would be able to rest and enjoy his food, God told him that he would die.

This parable is a warning against being greedy. Jesus is not saying that we should not save some food or that we shouldn't save our money. He is just telling us to remember that we are going to die one day, and then everything we saved is going to be useless for us. He wants us to use the things we have wisely, but not be too attached to them.

Think of something that is really special to you. How would you feel if you lost it or it was taken away? Do your feelings show that you care too much about things? Try to think of your belongings in such a way that if you lost them you wouldn't be too upset. After all, none of your stuff is going to matter to vou when you die!

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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.

St. Dominic was born around 1170, in Old Castile, Spain, and began his university studies in 1184. He stood out among his peers, and great things were expected of him. He trained for the priesthood, and 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.

The Pope had sent legates to combat this heresy, but with their sumptuous clothes, fine horses and numerous attendants, they only managed to reinforce the Albigensians' beliefs. The Church commissioned Dominic to be part of the preaching crusade against the movement, and he 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. He and 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 Dominican after their founder) with the mission to disseminate true doctrine and combat heresy, especially by means of preaching.

While the heresies Dominic had to combat were different to those we face, it has never been more important today to live and spread the true Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Dominic died 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.

> (excerpt: aquinasandmore.com) (excerpt: americancatholic.org) (excerpt: encyclopedia.com)

# **Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope**

### 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 3RD AUGUST 2025 - YEAR C

The Fool's Vanity.

Trust in God as the Rock of our salvation, as the Lord who made us His chosen people, as our shepherd and guide. This should be the mark of our following of Jesus.

Like the Israelites we recall in this week's Psalm, we have made an exodus, passing through the waters of Baptism, freeing us an exodus, passing through the waters of Baptism, freeing us from our bondage to sin. We too are on a pilgrimage to a promised homeland, the Lord in our midst, feeding us heavenly bread, giving us living waters to drink.

We must take care to guard against the folly that befell the Israelites that led them to Israelites, that led them to quarrel and test God's goodness at Meribah and Massah. We can harden our hearts in ways more subtle but no less ruinous. We can put our trust in possessions. squabble over earthly inheritances, fool ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they'll afford us security and rest. All this is "vanity of vanities." security and rest. All this is "vanity of vanities," a false and deadly way of living, as the First Reading tells us. This is the greed that Jesus warns against in the Gospel.

The rich man's anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God's The rich man's anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God's care and provision. That's why Paul calls greed "idolatry" in the Epistle. Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker. Jesus calls the rich man a "fool", a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him.

We should treasure most the new life we have been given in Christ and seek what is above, the promised inheritance of heaven. We have to see all things in the light of eternity, mindful that He who gives us the breath of life could at any moment - this night even - demand it back from us.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

### CONFESSIONS

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Every Saturday 9.00 - 10.00 a.m

by appointment

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**First Reading** Eccl.1:2;2:21-23

**Second Reading** 

Col.3:1-5,9-11

Gospel

Lk.12:13-21

### **MASS TIMES**

**Gros Islet** 

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



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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. Jean 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.

(excerpt: catholic.org)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Marie Joseph
Anne Marie Felicien

### **DECEASED**

Felix Eugene Adams Alexis Peter Norville Gilbert Emilien Therese Jn. Baptiste

#### WEEKDAY READINGS



#### **MONDAY**

Num.11:4-15 Mt.14:13-21

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**TUESDAY** 

Num.12:1-13 Mt.14:22-36

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### WEDNESDAY

Dan.7:9-10,13-14 Lk 9:28-36

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### **THURSDAY**

Num.20:1-13

Mt.16:13-23

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### **FRIDAY**

Dt.4:32-40

Mt.16:24-28

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### **SATURDAY**

Dt.6:4-13

Mt.17:14-20

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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Aug 2- 6:00 p.m.	Lord, you have been our refuge in every generation.	Thks: Augusta Toussaint BVM: Perlin Verdant & family Wedd Ann: Anthony & Anthea Bousquet
Sun Aug 3- 7:30 a.m.	Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world,	MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Int: Parish Youth
Grande Riviere - 4:00 p.m. St. John Mary Vianney, Priest	from eternity to eternity, you are God.	Parishioners
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.	Psolm 90:1-2	Thks: Anne Marie Paul & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Aug 4 - 6:00 a.m St. Jean Marie Vianney, Priest	Fr. John Wilson Fr. Vinoth Santhappan	B'day: Rose Aubertin Camilla Cardinal
12:30 p.m.		Healing: Angela Alphonse Wedd Ann: Herald & Myrtle Wilson
Tue Aug 5 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Fr. Angus Evumude Sr. Mary Lee Cox	Guid: Derrick Leslie The Haywood family Thks: Glace Motors
Wed Aug 6 - 6:00 a.m. Transfiguration of Our Lord	Msgr. Patrick Anthony Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	Dc'd: Mona James
12:30 p.m.		Guid: Derrick Leslie Holy Spirit: Ayinde Popo
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Aug 7 - 6:00 a.m	Arch. Robert Rivas OP Sr. Frances Nosbisch	Holy Spirit: Ewa Girard Guid & Protec: Soleil Huggins B'day: Alphonso & Claudia Charles
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Remy & Chong families Theonie Gaillard, Catherine Biscette
Fri Aug 8 - 6:00 a.m. St. Dominic, Priest	Fr. Albert Smith Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Giovanna Mabunda	Dc'd: Eileen Paul Monica & Utes Alcide
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Diane & Richard Palton
Sat Aug 9 - 6:30 a.m. BVM	Fr. Cezar Herrera Rev. Andrew Edward	Dc'd: Teresa Huntley