### Kids Column

# Walking on Water!



In today's Gospel reading Jesus did an amazing miracle- He walked across the sea! This was a sign that He was more powerful than nature.

Peter knew that he was supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps, so he asked Jesus to call him to come and walk on the water too. When Jesus called him. Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water too! But soon he noticed how windy it was and got scared. As soon as he got distracted from Jesus, he started to sink, until Jesus took him and helped him up.

We are supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps too. When Jesus wants you to do something, He will give you the grace you need to do it, just like He gave Peter the power to walk on the water. If you lose sight

of Jesus and only think about how hard it is, you won't be able to do what God asks, just like Peter when he started to sink. If you realize that you're having a hard time doing the right thing, it's time to turn back to Jesus!



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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.

# Mt. 14:22-33 | Word Sea

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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.

# Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Particpation/Mission

## 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 13TH AUG 2023 - YEAR A

### His saving Help.

Tow do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives, in the trials we encounter in trying to do His will? God commands Elijah in the First Reading to stand on the mountain and await His passing by, and in the Gospel, Jesus makes the disciples set out across the waters to meet Him. In each case, the Lord makes Himself present amid frightening tumult - heavy winds and high waves, fire and earthquakes.

Elijah hides his face. Perhaps he remembers Moses, who met God on the same mountain, also amid fire, thunder, and smoke. God told Moses no one could see His face and live, and He w sheltered Moses in the hollow of a rock, as He shelters Elijah in a cave.

The disciples, likewise, are too terrified to look on the face of God. Today's Gospel is a revelation of Jesus' divine identity. Only God treads across the crest of the sea and rules the raging waters, and the words of assurance that Jesus speaks, "It is I", are those God used to identify Himself to Moses. Even Peter is too overcome by fear to imitate his Lord. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. And so it often is with us. Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst. Yet, we should know, as we sing in the Psalm, that His salvation is near to those who hope in Him.

By faith we should know, as Paul asserts in the Epistle, that we are heirs to the promises made to His children, Israel. We must trust that He whispers to us in the trials of our lives, that He who has called us to walk along the way of His steps, will save us whenever we begin to sink.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

#### CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday 9.00 - 10.00 a.m

by appointment

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First Reading 1Kgs.19:9,11-13 **Second Reading** Rom.9:1-5

> Gospel Mt. 14:22-33

#### **MASS TIMES**

#### **Gros Islet**

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

## MONDAY

6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.

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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.

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HOLIDAY Variable

### St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe - Feast Day August 14

He was born Raymund Kolbe in 1894 in Poland which was at that time part of the Russian Empire. In 1907 he and his elder brother decided to join the Conventual Franciscans. He took final vows in 1914, adopting the name Maximilian Maria, to show his veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1918 he was ordained a priest.

During his time as a student in Rome, he witnessed demonstrations by Freemasons against Popes Pius X and Benedict XV. This inspired him to organize the Militia Immaculatae (Army of Mary) to work for the conversion of sinners and enemies of the Catholic Church, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary.

In 1919 he was diagnosed as having tuberculosis and returned to a newly independent Poland. Here Maximilian founded a Franciscan community which combined prayer, cheerfulness and simplicity of life with modern technology, as well as a seminary, a radio station and several other organizations and publications. He was also very active in promoting the veneration of the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

During the Second World War his friary provided shelter to refugees including 3,000 Poles and 1,500 Jews. Maximilian was also active as a radio amateur, attacking Nazi activities through his reports. Kolbe was finally arrested on 17 February 1941 as a journalist, publisher and 'intellectual'. He was imprisoned and on 25 May was transferred to Auschwitz.

In July 1941 a prisoner from Kolbe's barracks vanished, prompting the deputy camp commander to pick 10 men from the same barracks to be starved to death. When one of those selected cried out in distress at having been chosen, Maximilian volunteered to take his place. He stepped forward, saying: "I am a Catholic priest. I wish to die for that man. I am old; he has a wife and children."

During the days in the death chamber of Cell 18, he led his companions in songs and prayer. After three weeks of dehydration and starvation, only Kolbe and three others were still alive. He was finally put to death on 14 August 1941 with an injection of carbolic acid.

Maximilian Kolbe is the patron saint of drug addicts, political prisoners, families, journalists, prisoners and the pro-life movement.

(excerpt: sacredspace.ie)

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Jn.15:13

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patsy Crafton Iris Macauldy Martha Mason Theresa Huntley

#### DECEASED

Kate Moise Thomas Louis Lyndel Joachim George Douence Rosener Hyacinth Matthew Pamphile

#### WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Dt.10:12-22
Mt.17:22-27
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Apoc.11:19;12:1-6,10
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Sat Aug 19 - 6:30 a.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS								
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS						
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A								
Sat Aug 12 - 6:00 p.m.	Show us thy mercy,	Guid: Algitha Richelieu & family B'day: Laurencia Cadette, Joakim George Wedd. Ann: Anthony & Anthea Bousquet						
Sun Aug 13 - 7:30 a.m.	O LORD,	ISSA PRO POPULO						
10:00 a.m.	and grant us thy salvation.	Int: Edith Eudoxie B'day: Vanessa Morgan						
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Mary Marshall, Chris Marshall						
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.	Psalm 85:7	Int: Margerie Philip & family						
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS								
Mon Aug 14 - 6:00 a.m. St. Maximilian Kolbe Priest & Martyr	Fr. Justin Barthelmy Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	Dc'd: Kevin Haywood, Bashu Bedase James & Paulina Prudent Charmaine Blanchard-Johnson						
12:30 p.m.	Si. Meicy Masaka	Int: Dionysia Sealy-Compton & family						
Tue Aug 15 - 6:00 a.m. Assumption of the BVM	Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph	B'day: Ayinde Popo Angella Deterville						
Wed Aug 16 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Errol Frederick	B'day: Armstrong Alexis						
12:30 p.m.	Sr. Rosemarie Minj	Thks: Donors & Benefactors						
Thu Aug 17 - 6:00 a.m.		Thks: Bernadette Pamphile & family Diane & Richard Palton & family						
12:30 p.m.	Fr. Yvon Tremont	Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang Veronica Peggy Sabino						
Fri Aug 18 - 6:00 a.m.	F (1:14 1:	B'day: Caroline Casimir						
12:30 p.m.	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	Int: Sick & Shut-in parishioners						

Fr. Lambert St. Rose

Thks: Melissa Charlemagne

**B'day:** Karen Matthew, Solomon Alexis