

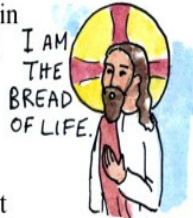
Believing in Jesus

JESUS DIDN'T COME FROM HEAVEN...



In today's Gospel reading some people were grumbling about Jesus when He said that He had come down from Heaven. They thought they knew who He was because they knew His family on earth, and they didn't want to listen to what He was saying.

Jesus told the people that He really is from Heaven - and He is the way to Heaven. He gives us His Body and Blood in Holy Communion. He is the food that our souls need to stay alive and get to Heaven.



Sometimes people around you might not believe in Jesus or what

WHO BELIEVES IN JESUS NOW?



He says. If that happens, remember to trust Jesus. Even in His own time some people didn't believe in Him. But Jesus has given us faith to believe in Him and wants us to be happy with Him forever in Heaven!

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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.

SAINTS FUN FACTS



St. Maximilian Kolbe was born in Poland and was a Franciscan. He founded the Immaculata Movement devoted to Our Lady.

While imprisoned by the Nazis, ten men were chosen to die in reprisal for a prisoner escape.

He offered himself in place of a young husband and father. He was the last of the ten to die after enduring two weeks of starvation, thirst and neglect.

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.



Take and Eat.

Sometimes we feel like Elijah in the First Reading. We want to lie down and die, keenly aware of our failures, that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us. We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert. We can be tempted to “murmur” against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert.

The Gospel today uses the same word, “murmur,” to describe the crowds who reenact Israel’s hardheartedness in the desert. Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in Him, that they are being taught by God. But they can’t believe it. They can only see His flesh, that He is the “son” of Joseph and Mary. Yet if we believe, if we seek Him in our distress, He will deliver us from our fears, as we sing in the Psalm.

At the altar in every Eucharist, the Lord himself touches us. He commands us to take and eat His Flesh given for the life of the world. This taste of the heavenly gift comes to us with a renewed command, to get up and continue on the journey we began in Baptism to the mountain of God, the kingdom of heaven. He will give us the bread of life, the strength and grace we need just as He fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert.

So let us stop grieving the Spirit of God, as Paul says in the Epistle, in another reference to Israel in the desert. Let us say to God as Elijah did, “Take my life.” Not in the sense of wanting to die, but in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering, loving Him as He has loved us, on the Cross and in the Eucharist.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

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

CONFESSIONS

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

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

1Kgs.19:4-8

Second Reading

Eph.4:30-5:2

Gospel

Jn.6:41-51

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



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15th

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven before her body could begin to decay, a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. On November 1st, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared in *Munificentissimus Deus* that it is a dogma of the Church "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics; anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

Far from being a theological innovation, this belief had been held by Christians from the earliest days of Christianity. The Feast of the Assumption is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. It was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, which means "the falling asleep."

The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

Tradition variously places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living. In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels for her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.
Closed Tuesdays**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Teresa Huntley
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Sullivan Josie
Bridget Evans
Julia Mathurin
Simon William
George Nicholas
Clothilda Alphonse

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Ez.1:2-5,24-28
Mt.17:22-27



TUESDAY

Ez.2:8--3:4
Mt.18:1-5,10,12-14



WEDNESDAY

Ez.9:1-7;10:18-22
Mt.18:15-20



THURSDAY

Rev.11:19;12:1-6,10
1Cor.15:20-27
Lk.1:39-56



FRIDAY

Ez.16:1-15,60,63
Mt.19:3-12



SATURDAY

Ez.18:1-10,13,30-32
Mt.19:13-15



MASS INTENTIONS

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CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

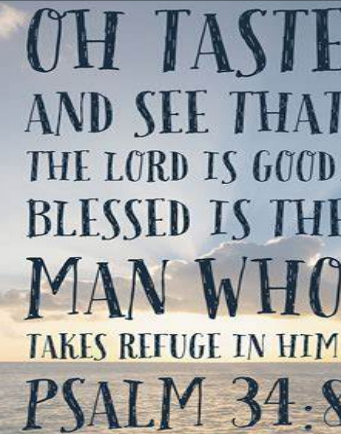
Sat Aug 10 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Aug 11 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 4:00 p.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.



Thks: Lawrence Matthew
Alghitha Richelieu & family
Sandra Aimable & family, Ashna Denver

MISSA PRO POPULO

B'day: Tia Henry
Healing: Marjorie Esnard
Int: Lions Club of G/I, Jean Claude Vite

Healing: Sylvie Sayers
Thks: Gogo Mzondo & family
B'day: Frances & Chris Marshall

Thks: Margerie Philip & family

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Aug 12 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue Aug 13 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed Aug 14 - 6:00 a.m.

*St. Maximilian Kolbe
Priest & Martyr*

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Aug 15 - 6:00 a.m.

Assumption of the BVM

12:30 p.m.

Fri Aug 16 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat Aug 17 - 6:30 a.m.

BVM

Fr. Ignatius Cetoute
Sr. Bernadette Peter

Fr. Barnabas Iorgilim

Msgr. Justin Barthelmy
Fr. Albert Smith

Rev. Jeremy Joseph
Sr. Marie Joseph

Rev. Errol Frederick
Sr. Rosemarie Minj

Fr. Yvon Tremont
Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy

B'day: Laurencia Cadette
Everton Ambrose

Dc'd: Eileen Paul

B'day: Vanessa Morgan
Deliv: Nehemie Pastel

Thks: Ines, Lucette & Jannette Arnaud
Wedd Ann:
Nathalie & Darwin Dusauzay

Int: Mikaela Elliott
Thks: Miguel Louisy, Ellen Regis

Parishioners

B'day: Ayinde Popo
Thks: Vilette & Nixon Jean Arnaud

90th B'day: Gwendoline Mary Sylvester
Thks: The Springer family

Dc'd: James & Helen Prudent
Etienne Grene, Albertine Crocheray

B'day: Armstrong Alexis
Healing/B'day: Petra Husbands

Dc'd: Cecil Graham