

Kids Column

Mk.1:12-15

God Washes Away our Sins

In the time of Noah, the people had forgotten about God. They only cared about themselves. They didn't care if they sinned against God or against each other. Only Noah and his family still remembered God and tried to do what was right.



God let a flood destroy all the people other than Noah's family. He wanted to wipe out the sins of the world and give people a fresh start at living in peace with Him. He washed the sins away with the great flood.

But the people still sinned, just like we do even after we have been baptized. So Jesus did something that would have the power to take away all the sins that are ever committed. He died on the cross, letting His blood wash away our sins. Now all we have to do is be sorry and turn to God and accept the forgiveness that He is waiting to give us in Confession.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

♦ The annual Youth Lenten Retreats will take place as follows:  
 - Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> - overnight retreat for 18-25 at St. Joseph's Convent (Registration for this retreat is online)  
 - March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> - day retreat for age group 9-14 at the Pastoral Centre  
 - March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> - day retreat for age group 15 to 17 at the Pastoral Centre (Registration forms for ages 9 to 17 are now available from your Youth Leaders)  
**Registration fee is \$60.00**

♦ The Archdiocesan Family Life Commission invites married couples to a **Marriage Enrichment Seminar** on Saturday, March 9th, at the Pastoral Centre, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost: EC\$150 per couple. A morning break and lunch are included with the seminar fee. For contact details please see the Notice Board.

♦ The Holy Father has asked that this year be a **Year of Prayer** in preparation for Jubilee 2025. We are being invited to remind ourselves of the centrality of both individual and community prayer by intensifying our personal prayer lives by daily recitation of the Rosary, personal meditation, lectio divina and with forms of communal prayer e.g. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayer group and Confraternity prayer meetings, and most importantly, regular attendance at Holy Mass..

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

Weekdays:  
6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Saturdays:  
6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Sundays:  
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Holidays:  
7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 18TH 2024- YEAR B

Repent and believe.

Lent bids us to return to the innocence our baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle. God's covenant with Noah in the First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation

We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in the Gospel. Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam, the beloved son of God, living in harmony with the wild beasts, being served by angels. Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death, Jesus is victorious. This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims.

Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom. In the waters of Baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son. We were made children of God, new creations. But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness, a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness.

We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Saviour, the way and the truth we sing of in the Psalm. He feeds us with the bread of angels, and cleanses our consciences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows to repent and believe the gospel.

(stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading**  
Gen.9:8-15  
**Second Reading**  
1Pet.3:18-22  
**Gospel**  
Mk.1:12-15

✠ **MASS TIMES**

**GROS ISLET**  
Morning Prayers:  
5:45a.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.  
**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.

✠ **HOLIDAY**  
Variable  
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CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday  
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.  
&  
by appointment  
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**Pray, Give, Sacrifice.**

Giving up something for Lent, eating fish on Fridays, fasting, almsgiving and penance throughout the forty days of Lent, these are some of the practices for which Catholics are known. But why do we as Catholics do this? Because through these commitments - known as Lenten practices or disciplines - the Church calls us each year to renew our discipleship in Christ. Specifically, each year during the liturgical season of Lent, the Church asks us to pray, give alms, and fast.

**Pray:**

We know the importance of prayer in our lives as individuals, as families, and as a community. Prayer is especially important during Lent. The Lenten season is a time for reflection, evaluation, and repentance. Lent asks us: "What needs changing?" Lent calls us to a personal conversion and renewal, to a recommitted life in Christ so that we might not just celebrate Easter forty days later, but also feel the risen Christ alive in us and in the world. This means prayer. During Lent we set aside time for prayer that is reflective in nature and reveals places where we have failed to open ourselves to God.

**Give:**

The Church calls us during Lent to be especially conscious of the needs of others and to act accordingly. Giving materially to another is an act of Christian charity known as almsgiving. But every day we also witness situations of injustice, violence, and hatred. Television and the internet bring these into our living rooms, but we also observe and live them in our own communities and homes. During Lent, the Church also calls us to first convert ourselves and then to transform the world for justice, so that we might serve the Kingdom which Jesus lived and preached.

**Sacrifice:**

Fasting and abstinence are not sacrifices for the sake of pain or vain discomfort. Sacrifice for the sake of sacrifice is not a Christian virtue. We are asked by the Church to fast during Lent, and not to eat meat on the Fridays of Lent. Feeling an empty stomach, or fighting the urge to have that juicy steak or candy bar does more than just remind us that for some people an empty stomach is their daily bread. Fasting and abstinence help us to ask ourselves the question: what sustains me and gives me life? What nourishes me on my journey of life? We will find the answer, not in the steak or the candy bar, but at the end of these forty days of Lent, in the Resurrection of Jesus. We fast and abstain because, when we do, we are reminded of who we are: followers of the risen Christ.

As Catholics, we pray, give alms, and sacrifice because we follow Christ, who loved us so much that He gave His own life so we might share in Eternal Life.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Patsy Crafton  
Iris Macauldy  
Martha Mason  
Teresa Huntley  
Marie Joseph

**DECEASED**

Felix Gomez  
Keith Fletcher  
Dorothy Daniel  
Clement Casimir  
Rosaline Williams  
Augustin Theophile

**WEEKDAY READINGS**



**MONDAY**  
Lev.19:1-2,11-18  
Mt.25:31-46



**TUESDAY**  
Is.55:10-11  
Mt.6:7-15



**WEDNESDAY**  
Jon.3:1-10  
Lk.11:29-32



**THURSDAY**  
1Pet.5:1-4  
Mt.16:13-19



**FRIDAY**  
Ez.18:21-28  
Mt.5:20-26



**SATURDAY**  
Dt.26:16-19  
Mt.5:43-48



**MASS INTENTIONS**

GROS ISLET	CLERGY /RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
<b>1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B</b>		
Sat Feb 17- 6:00 p.m.		<b>Thks:</b> The Destang family <b>Int:</b> The George family <b>B'day:</b> Roger & Dominic Charles <b>Wedd Ann:</b> Samson & Marie Louis
Sun Feb 18 - 7:30 a.m.		<b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b>
10:00 a.m.		<b>89th B'day:</b> Joseph Jn. Baptiste <b>Healing:</b> Trent St. Rose <b>Healing &amp; Deliv:</b> Leonard Prospere
Grande Riviere -7:30 a.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Josephine Louis
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		<b>Guid:</b> Michaelina Auguste
<b>WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b>		
Mon Feb 19 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	<b>Dc'd:</b> Madeline Gaspard Julian Fearmont, Jacob Jn. Baptiste
12:30 p.m.		<b>80th B'day:</b> Josephine Fletcher <b>Healing:</b> Trent St. Rose
Tues Feb 20- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Paul Vu	<b>Success:</b> Sven Fevrier <b>B'day:</b> Ammia Popo
Wed Feb 21 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cleophus Joseph Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Sr. Marie Therese Clement	<b>B'day:</b> Naila Williams
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Marie Madeleine Charles Cuthbert & Gabriel Lubin
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Zacherie Aimable
Thu Feb 22 - 7:00 a.m. <i>45th Independence Anniversary Chair of St. Peter, Apostle</i>	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	<b>B'day:</b> Jesse Edward
Fri Feb 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	<b>Int:</b> Bernadette Pamphile
12:30 p.m.		<b>75th B'day:</b> Joyce Dollard <b>B'day:</b> Giovanni St. Omer Jr. <b>Int:</b> The Jean family
Sat Feb 24 - 6:30 a.m.	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	<b>Int:</b> Melissa Charlemagne <b>Thks:</b> Vernetta Brookes & family