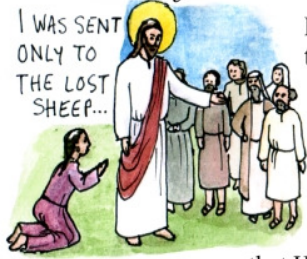


Does God Only Care for the Chosen People?



Long ago God had set aside the Israelites as His chosen people. He gave them laws and prophets and set up a covenant with them, that they would be His people and He would be their God. He promised them that He would send them a Savior.

When Jesus the Savior came, His first mission was to care for God's chosen people. In today's Gospel reading, however, a woman who was not an Israelite came to ask Jesus for help. At first Jesus refused- He had been sent to God's children, and "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the woman said, "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." She knew that Jesus could help her. When He saw how much faith she had, He did what she asked and cured her daughter.

Jesus wasn't trying to make the woman give up. He was giving her a chance to show how much humility and faith she had. Jesus used this to show the people that God will let anyone who believes, like this woman, become part of His chosen people.



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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.

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HEALED	DAUGHTER	SHEEP	FALL	MERCY
GREAT	CRYING	DOGS	LOST	JESUS
DEMON	HELP	TABLE	ISRAEL	WOMAN
EAT	FAITH	CRUMBS	SUFFERING	KNELT

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.**



Children of God.

Most of us are the foreigners, the non-Israelites, about whom today's First Reading prophesies. Coming to worship the God of Israel, we stand in the line of faith epitomized by the Canaanite woman in the Gospel. Calling to Jesus as Lord and Son of David, this foreigner shows her great faith in God's covenant with Israel.

Jesus tests her faith three times. He refuses to answer her cry. Then, He tells her His mission is only to Israelites. Finally, He uses "dog," an epithet used to disparage non-Israelites. Yet she persists, believing that He alone offers salvation.

In this family drama, we see fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy and the promise we sing of in the Psalm. In Jesus, God makes known among all the nations His way and His salvation. At the start of salvation history, God called Abraham. He chose his offspring, Israel, from all the nations on the face of the earth to build His covenant kingdom. In God's plan, Abraham was to be the father of many nations. Israel was to be the firstborn of a worldwide family of God, made up of all who believe what the Canaanite professes - that Jesus is Lord.

Jesus came first to restore the kingdom to Israel. But His ultimate mission was the reconciliation of the world, as Paul declares in the Epistle. In the Mass we join all peoples in doing Him homage. As Isaiah foretold, we come to His holy mountain, the heavenly Jerusalem, to offer sacrifice at His altar. With the Canaanite, we take our place at the Master's table to be fed as His children.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
 Is.56:1,6-7
Second Reading
 Rom.11:13-15,
 29-32
Gospel
 Mt. 15:21-28

MASS TIMES

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

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

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TUESDAY
 6:00 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY
 6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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SUNDAY
Gros Islet/G. Riviere
 7:30 a.m.

Gros Islet/Monchy
 10:00 a.m.

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HOLIDAY
 Variable
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 Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
 9.00 - 10.00 a.m

&
 by appointment

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The Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Eight days ago, the Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. In the course of these eight days, the Church meditates more deeply on the mystery of the Assumption, and on the Octave of the Assumption (August 22nd), we conclude the reflection with the celebration of the Queenship of Mary.

Catholic teaching on the Queenship of Mary is expressed in the papal encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam* issued by Pope Pius XII. It states that Mary is called Queen of Heaven because her son, Jesus Christ, is the King of Israel and Heavenly King of the universe. Indeed, the Davidic tradition of Israel recognized the mother of the King as the Queen Mother of Israel. Said Pope Pius, "The purpose of the Feast is that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and motherly sovereignty of her who bore God in her womb".

In the fourth century St. Ephrem of Syria said that the Queenship of Mary derives from her maternity: She is Mother of the Lord, of the King of kings, and she points to Jesus as our life, salvation and our hope.

It could be said that God assumed Mary into heaven to share the victory of Christ and to reign with Him in glory as Queen of Heaven. So the proclamation and celebration of Mary's Queenship in essence points to the Kingship of Christ.

In celebrating the Queenship of Mary, we are also reminded that we are not just the chosen and royal people of God. We are also the chosen and royal *servants* of Christ the King. Mary showed us how to serve when she responded to God's call by accepting God's will, giving us the concrete example of obedience in the form of servanthood. With Mary as our Queen, let us offer ourselves in service to the Church, so that in all that we do and say God will be glorified and exalted.

What Christ has done in Heaven and the Church has done on our behalf we should now do individually, and recognize Mary's Queenship, enthrone her in our homes, consecrate ourselves to her, and by this means establish in our lives the reign of Mary, Immaculate Queen of the Universe.

(excerpt: frstephenyim.weekdays.blogspot.com/wikipedia.com)

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
Theresa Huntley

DECEASED

Kate Moise
Thomas Louis
Lucia Edward
George Douence
Rosena Hyacinth
Matthew Pamphile

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Jdgs.2:11-19
Mt.19:16-27



TUESDAY

Jdgs.6:11-24
Mt.19:23-30



WEDNESDAY

Jdgs:9:6-15
Mt.20:1-16



THURSDAY

Jdgs.21:9-14
Jn.1:45-51



FRIDAY

Rt.1:1,3-6,14-16,22
Mt.22:34-40



SATURDAY

Rt.2:1-3,8-11,4:13-17
Mt.23:1-12



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Aug 19 - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: Dionysia Sealy-Compton Wedd. Ann: Adrian & Liesel Glace
Sun Aug 20 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Yohannes Nisma Thks: Florentina Nelson Kizzie Joseph & family
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Parishioners
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: Genevieve Norley & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Aug 21 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Anthony Louis Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey	B'day: Kenneth Monplaisir Thks: John Andas & family
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Winston Springer
Tue Aug 22 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Queenship of the BVM</i>	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	Thks: The Chong family
Wed Aug 23 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Rose of Lima, Virgin</i>	Msgr. Theophilus Joseph Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	B'day: Raquel Willie Trotman
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Philipp Lake Healing: Donna Phillips
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Aug 24 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	Thks: Bernadette Pamphile & family
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Wayne Burton, John Francois
Fri Aug 25 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Henry Nmor Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav	Guid & Protec: Kurt Louis & family
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Remy & Chong families Theonie Gaillard, Elaine Elva
Sat Aug 26 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephania Banda	Int: Elizabeth Laurent & family