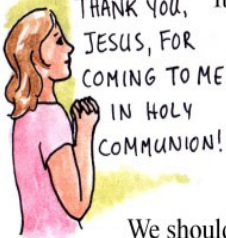


**We Thank Jesus for Coming to Us**

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people that He really will give Himself to them as food to eat. We receive Jesus every time we go to Holy Communion.



One of the words we use for Holy Communion is EUCHARIST, which means thanksgiving. It tells us that the Mass is the best way of giving thanks to God. It also reminds us that we should be very thankful to Jesus for coming to us and giving Himself to us.



We should thank Jesus as soon as we have received Holy Communion. But don't stop being thankful as soon as Mass is over! Being a good Christian means being thankful and trying to please God all the time!



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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** by mario d. macari

**S**AIN'T ROSE OF LIMA, THE PATRONESS OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE PHILIPPINES AND THE FIRST SAINT BORN IN THE AMERICAS, WAS SO REMARKABLY AND PERFECTLY BEAUTIFUL, SHE WOULD CAUSE PEOPLE TO STOP WHAT THEY WERE DOING TO STARE AT HER! AFRAID THAT HER BEAUTY MIGHT BE A TEMPTATION TO SOMEONE, SHE CONSTANTLY RUBBED HER FACE WITH PEPPER AND LYE SO HER COMPLEXION WOULD NOT BE SO ATTRACTIVE.



**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.



*Wisdom's Feast: Bread from Heaven.*

In today's First Reading, the Wisdom of God has prepared a feast. We must become like children to hear and accept the invitation to this feast, for in every Eucharist it is the folly of the Cross that is represented and renewed.

To the world, it is foolishness to believe that the crucified Jesus rose from the dead and for many, as for the crowds in the Gospel, it is foolishness, maybe even madness, to believe that Jesus can give us His Flesh to eat. Yet Jesus repeats himself with gathering intensity. Notice the repetition of the words "eat," "drink," "my Flesh," and "my Blood." To heighten the realism of what Jesus asks us to believe, John in these verses uses not the ordinary Greek word for eating, but a cruder term once reserved to describe the munching of feeding animals.

The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom. In His foolish love, He chooses to save those who believe that His Flesh is true food, His Blood, true drink. Fear of the Lord, the desire to live by His will, is the beginning of true wisdom. As we sing in the Psalm, those who revere Him shall not want for any good thing.

Again in today's liturgy, we are called to renew our faith in the Eucharist, to forsake the foolishness of believing only what we can see with our eyes. We approach, then, not only an altar prepared with bread and wine, but the feast of Wisdom, the banquet of heaven in which God our Savior renews His everlasting covenant and promises to destroy death forever.

Let us make the most of our days, always, in the Eucharist, giving thanks to God for everything in the name of Jesus, the bread come down from heaven.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

**CONFESSIONS**

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

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**SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading**

Prov.9:1-6

**Second Reading**

Eph.5:15-20

**Gospel**

Jn.6:51-58

**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 Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary - 22 Aug**

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, 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)  
(excerpt: 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  
Teresa Huntley  
Marie Joseph

**DECEASED**

Sullivan Josie  
Bridget Evans  
St. Ange Jones  
Julia Mathurin  
Simon William  
George Nicholas  
Clothilda Alphonse

**WEEKDAY READINGS**



**MONDAY**

Ez.24:15-24  
Mt.19:16-22



**TUESDAY**

Ez.28:1-10  
Mt.19:23-30



**WEDNESDAY**

Ez.34:1-11  
Mt.20:1-16



**THURSDAY**

Ez.36:23-28  
Mt.22:1-14



**FRIDAY**

Ez.37:1-14  
Mt.22:34-40



**SATURDAY**

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



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**GROS ISLET**

**CLERGY/RELIGIOUS**

**INTENTIONS**

**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

**Sat Aug 17 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Sun Aug 18 - 7:30 a.m.**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.**

**Monchy - 10:00 a.m.**



**Guid:** Rudell Octave  
**Thks:** Natasha Marlon  
**B'day:** Jenny Daniel-Foster  
**Wedd Ann:** Adrian & Liesel Glace

**MISSA PRO POPULO**

**Thks:** Mikaela Elliott  
**Int:** Parish Youth

**Int:** St. Omer Joseph & family

**Guid & Protect:**  
Andre, Ross & Melanie Downes

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon Aug 19 - 6:00 a.m.**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Tue Aug 20 - 6:00 a.m.**  
*St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor*

**Wed Aug 21 - 6:00 a.m.**  
*St. Pius X, Pope*

**12:30 p.m.**

**Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.**

**Thu Aug 22- 6:00 a.m.**  
*The Queenship of Mary*

**12:30 p.m.**

**Fri Aug 23- 6:00 a.m.**  
*St. Rose of Lima, Virgin*

**12:30 p.m.**

**Sat Aug 24 - 6:30 a.m.**  
*St. Bartholomew, Apostle*

Fr. Lambert St. Rose

Fr. Paul Vu  
Rev. John Douglas

Rev. Anthony Louis  
Rev. Robert Harvey

Fr. Cecil Goodman  
Rev. Thomas Alexander

Fr. Linus Clovis  
Sr. Adinase Mumba

Fr. Vincent Arulanandam  
Rev. Girard Glace

**B'day:** Yohannes Nsima  
Karen John-Matthews

**B'day:** Solomon Alexis

**Dc'd:** Leonard d'Auvergne

**B'day:** Kenneth Monplaisir  
Valentina-Rosa Sawney

**Dc'd:** Members of the St. John family  
John Collins, Daphne Marulaz

**Parishioners**

**Int:** Bernadette Pamphile  
**Thks:** Shanta King & family

**Dc'd:** Rosa & Antoine Glace  
Irene & Joseph Destang

**B'day:** Raquel Willie-Trotman  
**Healing:** Valene Belrose  
**Healing & Deliv:** Leonard Prospere

**B'day:** Philipp Lake

**Dc'd:** Theonie Gaillard  
Remy & Chong families