

Kids Column
Being Punished...

In today's second reading, Saint Paul wrote to the Hebrews about being disciplined by God. When we are young God wants our parents to make sure we behave well. When we don't behave He wants them to discipline us so that we will learn to be good.



Our parents don't punish us just because they are angry at us; they do it because they really love us and want us to learn to be better. Saint Paul says that the Lord disciplines the people that He loves.



Being punished is a painful thing, but we will be happy once we have learned our lesson and become a better person. Saint Paul says, "make a straight path for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed." He means that when you are punished, you should stop doing the wrong thing so that you won't be hurt worse from the punishment, but will get better instead. So the next time you are disciplined or punished, remember that God is allowing it to help you become a better person. If you can, even thank God for giving you the chance to make up for your sin and learn a good lesson!



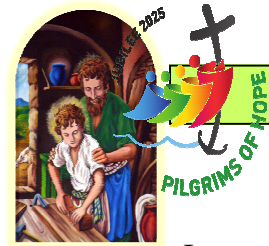
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 weeks before the date.
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples must contact the Parish Office to arrange at least 6 months before the desired date.
MASS INTENTIONS: Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.

Word Search Puzzle
sermons4kids, Inc.
Grid of letters for word search.
Legend: TAUGHT, STAND, DOOR, DRANK, KNOCKING, CLOSED, HOUSE, ENTER, ATE, OWNER, NARROW, ANSWER, PLEADING, OUTSIDE, MANY.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00am to 2:00p.m.
Closed Tuesdays, Weekends & Holidays
WHAT'S HAPPENING

Jubilee 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE
As part of our continuing Jubilee activities, the Parish will be going on Pilgrimage to another 3 of the Jubilee Pilgrimage sites on Saturday, September 20th: Saltibus, Soufriere and Anse La Raye.
Transportation costs \$40 per person. Please register early so that the transportation details can be finalized as soon as possible. Walk with your lunch, water, candles, rosaries and hymnals. See you there!



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 24TH AUGUST 2025 - YEAR C

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

The Gateway to Life.
Jesus doesn't answer the question put to Him in this Sunday's Gospel as it profits us nothing to speculate on how many will be saved. What we need to know is what He tells us, how to enter into salvation and how urgent it is to strive now, before the Master closes the door.
Jesus is "the narrow gate," the only way of salvation, the path by which all must travel to enter the kingdom of the Father. In Jesus, God has come - as He promises in the First Reading - to gather nations of every language, to reveal to them His glory. Eating and drinking with them, teaching in their streets, Jesus in the Gospel is slowly making His way to Jerusalem. There, Isaiah's vision will be fulfilled: on the holy mountain He will be lifted up, and He will draw to Himself brethren from among all the nations to worship in the heavenly Jerusalem, to glorify Him for His kindness.
In God's plan, the kingdom was proclaimed first to the Israelites and last to the Gentiles who in the Church have come from the earth's four corners to make up the new people of God. Many, however, will lose their place at the heavenly table, Jesus warns. Refusing to accept His narrow way they will weaken, rendering themselves unknown to the Father.
We don't want to be numbered among those of drooping hands and weak knees. So we must strive for that narrow gate, a way of hardship and suffering, the way of the beloved Son. As the Epistle reminds us, by our trials we know we are truly God's sons and daughters.
We are being disciplined by our afflictions, strengthened to walk that straight and narrow path, that we may enter the gate and take our place at the banquet of the righteous.

(excerpt:stpaulcenter.com)

CONFESSIONS
Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
&
by appointment
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SUNDAY READINGS
First Reading
Is.66:18-21
Second Reading
Heb.12:5-7,11-13
Gospel
Lk.13:22-30
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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.
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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
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The Martyrdom of John the Baptist - August 29th

The Church, having celebrated the birthday of St. John the Baptist on June 24th, honours the anniversary of his martyrdom on August 29th. Besides our Lord and our Lady, John the Baptist is the only other celebrated by the Church in both his birth and death. John’s holiness was so evident that the Jews thought he might be the Messiah who had been promised, but John himself strongly denied this. At the Jordan, John pointed out Christ in person exclaiming: *"Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sin of the world."* That there be no doubt as to whom he meant John also said: *"And I saw, and I give testimony that this is the Son of God."* John’s mission was to announce the Messiah. Therefore, once his prophecy was fulfilled, John’s public mission decreased as he headed toward his martyrdom. Said John, *"He must increase, and I must decrease."* Shortly after he had baptized Jesus in the Jordan, John denounced Herod, Tetrarch of Galilee, to his face, for the scandal of his illegal union with his sister-in-law Herodias, whose husband was still alive. In the same fearless manner in which he censured the Jewish nation for the moral decadence into which it had fallen and called sinners to repentance, John spelled out clearly to Herod the evil he had done: “It is not lawful for you to have her.” Herodias then contrived to make Herod imprison John, and took advantage of an opportunity to obtain his beheading through her daughter Salome. There is no doubt that John suffered imprisonment and chains as a witness to our Redeemer, and gave his life for Him. John’s persecutor had not demanded that he deny Christ, only that he should keep silent about the truth. Christ says: "I am the truth". Because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ. Through his birth, preaching and baptizing, John bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering he showed that Christ also would suffer. After John’s martyrdom, his name was covered with glory. Jesus said that no man born of woman was greater than John the Baptist. It is impossible to have a higher praise or more honorable glorification. But this glory had as its foundation John’s most profound humility. Are you prepared to be a witness, and if necessary, a martyr for Jesus Christ? Are you ready to make Christ known and loved, and if necessary to suffer for His sake and the sake of the gospel?

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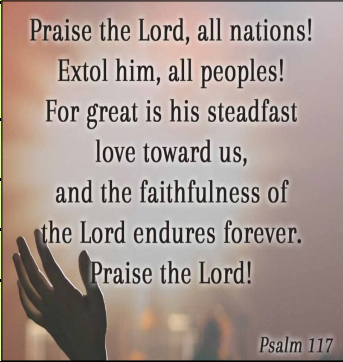
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Iris Macauldy  
Martha Mason  
Marie Joseph  
Anne Marie Felicien

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John Frere  
Felix Eugene  
Adams Alexis  
Tessa M. Philip  
Gilbert Emilien  
Victor Philogene

WEEKDAY READINGS

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**MONDAY**  
1Thes.1:1-5,8-10  
Mt.23:13-22  
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**TUESDAY**  
1Thes.2:1-8  
Mt.23:23-26  
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**WEDNESDAY**  
1Thes.2:9-13  
Mt.23:27-32  
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**THURSDAY**  
1Thes.3:7-13  
Mt.24:42-51  
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**FRIDAY**  
1Thes.4:1-8  
Mk.6:17-29  
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**SATURDAY**  
1Thes.4:9-11  
Mt.25:14-30  
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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Aug 23 - 6:00 p.m.		<b>BVM:</b> Gregg & Myers families <b>Thks:</b> The Destang family Dion Sealy-Compton
Sun Aug 24 -7:30 a.m.		<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
10:00 a.m.		<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		<b>Parishioners</b>
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Roseline Lawrence Smith <b>Guid &amp; Protec:</b> Marcella Johnson
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Aug 25 - 6:00 a.m	Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav Fr. Henry Nmor	<b>B'day:</b> Marlon & Aylwin Benjamin <b>St. Michael:</b> Della Constantine, Shand Ernest
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Catherine David Biscette Theonie Gaillard Felix & Josephine Remy
Tue Aug 26 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephanía Banda	<b>Thks:</b> The Myers family <b>Guid:</b> Tristan Matthews
Wed Aug 27 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Monica</i>	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	<b>B'day:</b> Catherine Poole
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Friends of David & Mary Popo John Baptiste & Veronica Polymise
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Parishioners</b>
Thu Aug 28 - 6:00 a.m <i>St. Augustine, Bishop &amp; Doctor</i>	Fr. John Milton	<b>B'day:</b> Trevor Bernard <b>Guid:</b> Kateri, Kate & Kaelan Haywood
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Rosa & Antoine Glace Joseph & Irene Destang
Fri Aug 29 - 6:00 a.m. <i>The Martyrdom of John the Baptist</i>	Rev. David Popo Rev. Gerard Calderon Rev. Herald Wilson	<b>Thks:</b> Bernadette Pamphile <b>Guid &amp; Protec:</b> Mikaela Elliott
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Egbert Jean
Sat Aug 30 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Rev. Peter Fevrier Sr. Margaret Maynard	<b>Dc'd:</b> Vincent Abraham Louis Josephine & Epiphane Verdant