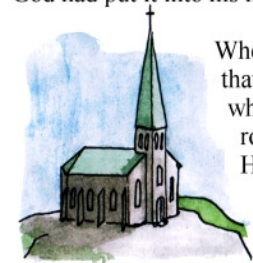
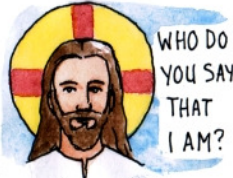


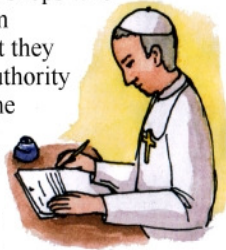
"You Are Peter."

Today in the Gospel reading, Jesus asked His disciples who people thought that He was. Everybody seemed to think He was someone special, but none of them knew who He really was. When Jesus asked the disciples themselves who they thought He was, Simon said that He was "the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Simon only knew this because God had put it into his mind.



When Simon had said this, Jesus said that his name would now be Peter, which means rock, and that on this rock He would build His Church. He made Simon Peter the first pope. He also said that the gates of Hell would not prevail against the Church. Jesus was assuring us that He would always protect the Church from error.

Now whenever the pope, or the bishops who are agreeing with the pope, proclaim something about God, we know that they are right. Jesus gave the teaching authority to Peter, and he passed it down to the bishops through all the centuries until now. Isn't that pretty amazing?



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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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

♦The Catholic Charismatic Renewal and the Youth & Vocations Commission are excited to announce that **YOUTH 2000** is coming to St. Lucia. All young people from across the island are invited to gather, from September 29th to October 1st, 2023, for this international, vibrant experience of the Catholic faith. The event will give you an opportunity to meet other young people who have questions about the faith and to develop a new and lasting relationship with Jesus. Come see for yourself! Also, we are looking for accommodations for some of the pilgrims. If you are willing to host a young person during the festival please contact the team at 384-8708.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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.**



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 27TH AUG 2023 - YEAR A

The Wisdom of God.

"How rich are the depths of God - how deep His wisdom and knowledge..." Paul exclaims in today's Epistle. The Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter. With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed Son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God's temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom.

What Jesus calls "my Church" is the kingdom promised to David's son. As we hear in the First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David's kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God's people. Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom's keys. In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter, and all who succeed him, as holy father of His Church. Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom's keys. His Church, too, is the new house of God, the spiritual temple founded on the "rock" of Peter and built up out of the living stones of individual believers.

Abraham was called "the rock" from which the children of Israel were hewn, and Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God. The word Jesus uses, "church" (*ekklesia* in Greek), was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the "assembly" of God's children after the Exodus. His Church is the "assembly of the firstborn", established by Jesus' exodus.

Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food. Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Is.22:19-23
Second Reading
Rom.11:33-36
Gospel
Mt.16:13-20

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.

✠
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.

✠
HOLIDAY
Variable
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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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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 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". Therefore, 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?

(excerpt: catholicculture.org)
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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

1Thess.1:1-5,8-10
Mt.23:13-22



TUESDAY

1Thess.2:1-8
Mk.6:17-29



WEDNESDAY

1Thess.2:9-13
Mt.23:27-32



THURSDAY

1Thess.3:7-13
Mt.24:42-51



FRIDAY

1Thess.4:1-8
Mt.25:1-13



SATURDAY

1Thess.4:9-11
Mt.25:14-30



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Aug 26 - 6:00 p.m.

ON THE DAY I CALLED, YOU

B'day: Tyler Fontenelle
Healing: Berkley Blanchard

Sun Aug 27 - 7:30 a.m.

ANSWERED ME;

MISSA PRO POPULO

10:00 a.m.

YOU MADE ME BOLD WITH

Guid & Protec: Ross Joseph

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

STRENGTH IN MY SOUL.

B'day: Catherine Poole

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

PSALM 138:3

Thks: Margaret, Peter & Paul Polius

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Aug 28 - 6:00 a.m.
St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor

Fr. John Milton
Fr. Joseph Xavier
Rev. Gerard Calderon

Int: Bernadette Pamphile & family

12:30 p.m.

B'day: Trevor Bernard
Holy Spirit: Mary Jules & family

Tue Aug 29 - 6:00 a.m.
Passion of St. John the Baptist

Rev. David Popo
Rev. Peter Fevrier
Rev. Herald Wilson

Healing: Simone Blanchard
Guid & Protec: Nikolai Frederick

Wed Aug 30 - 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Winston Taylor
Sr. Margaret Maynard
Sr. Mary Mumba

Dc'd: Kayode Modeste, Leo Burt

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Thu Aug 31 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Festus Iwuagwu
Rev. Wilfred Harris
Rev. Marcellus Serieux

Guid & Protec: Nikolai Frederick
Wedd Ann: Shurma & Richmond Felix

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Josephine & Epiphane Verdant

Fri Sept 1 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Ignatius Cetoute
Fr. Cleophus Joseph
Sr. Marie Therese Clement

B'day: Chris Jn. Marie
Guid & Protec: Nikolai Frederick

12:30 p.m.

Thks: Thomas Louis & family

Sat Sept 2 - 6:30 a.m.
Mass at the Shrine

Fr. Joseph Akande
Fr. Stephen Quinlan
Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo

Thks: The Hyacinth family
B'day: Daniel & Gabrielle Darcheville