

**We Choose to Follow Jesus**



Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

In today's first reading, Joshua told the people that they had to choose between the false gods and the true God. Joshua and the people chose to worship the true God.

In the Gospel today we hear that many people stopped following Jesus because they couldn't understand what He was teaching. But the Apostles chose to stay with Jesus. Like Saint Peter said, they knew that He was the Holy One of God.



Do you ever have a hard time understanding what Jesus tells us? We need to be like the Apostles and choose to follow Jesus even when it's hard, especially when other people don't follow Him.



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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.

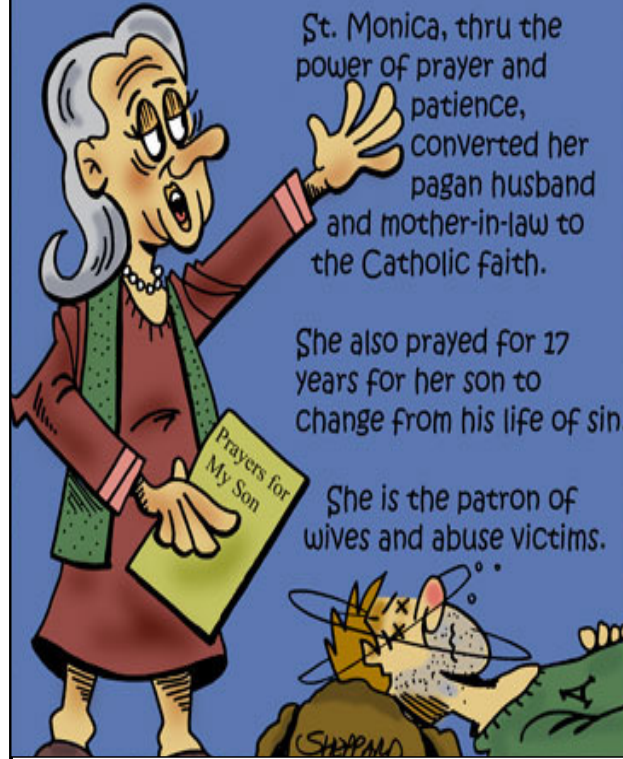
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

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 John Sheppard



St. Monica, thru the power of prayer and patience, converted her pagan husband and mother-in-law to the Catholic faith.

She also prayed for 17 years for her son to change from his life of sin.

She is the patron of wives and abuse victims.

**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.**



**A Choice to Make.**

This Sunday's readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist. The Twelve Apostles in the Gospel are asked to make a choice, either to believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood or return to their former ways of life. Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in the First Reading.

Joshua gathers the tribes at Shechem where God first appeared to their father Abraham promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land. There he issues a blunt challenge: either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist, a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt. He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we will have no life in us. It is a hard saying, as many murmur in the Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

We must believe, as Peter says, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed Himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world. As we hear in the Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us make the most of our days, as Paul says, 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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**Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy**

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**SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading**  
Jos.24:1-2,15-18

**Second Reading**  
Eph.5:21-32

**Gospel**  
Jn.6:60-69

**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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## St. Augustine of Hippo- Feast Day August 28

A Christian at 33, a priest at 36, a bishop at 41. We are all familiar with the biography of Augustine of Hippo, sinner turned saint. He lived his life with an intensity, whether his path led away from or toward God. The tears of his mother, St. Monica, the instructions of St. Ambrose and, most of all, God speaking to him in the Scriptures, redirected his love of life to a life of love.

Augustine's intellectual brilliance, wide education, ardent temperament and mystical insight formed a personality of extraordinary quality. Having been so deeply immersed in worldly pleasures in his early years it is not surprising that Augustine should have turned, with a holy fierceness, against the many evils rampant in his day. He was a stirring orator who took every opportunity to defend Christianity against its detractors. Augustine was an important part of the "baptism" of Greek thought and its adaptation into the Christian intellectual tradition. His understanding of Christian Revelation is shown in his many writings, which have probably proved more influential in the history of thought than any Christian since St. Paul. The most famous are the *Confessions*, the sermons on the Gospel and Epistle of John, the *De Trinitate* and, the *De Civitate Dei*.

Augustine is still both acclaimed and condemned today and remains a central figure both in Christianity and in the history of Western thought. It is largely due to Augustine's influence that Western Christianity subscribes to the doctrine of Original Sin. Many Protestants, especially Calvinists, consider him to be one of the theological fathers of the Protestant Reformation due to his teachings on salvation and divine grace. However, in the Eastern Church many of his teachings are not accepted.

He is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from his early life of loose living. His complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break.

(excerpt: americancatholic.org)

*“Too late have I loved you, O Beauty of ancient days, yet ever new!  
Too late I loved you! And behold, you were within, and I abroad,  
and there I searched for you....You were with me, but I was not with you.  
You called, and shouted, and burst my deafness.  
You flashed and shone, and scattered my blindness.  
You breathed odors and I drew in breath - and I pant for you.  
I tasted, and I hunger and thirst.  
You touched me, and I burned for your peace”*

(St. Augustine, *Confessions*)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### THE SICK

Patsy Crafton  
Iris Macauldy  
Martha Mason  
Teresa Huntley  
Marie Joseph

#### DECEASED

Sullivan Josie  
Bridget Evans  
Julia Mathurin  
Simon William  
George Nicholas  
Clothilda Alphonse

### WEEKDAY READINGS



#### **MONDAY**

2Thess.1:1-5,11-12  
Mt.23:13-22



#### **TUESDAY**

2Thess.2:1-3,14-17  
Mt.23:23-26



#### **WEDNESDAY**

2Thess.3:6-10,16-18  
Mt.23:27-32



#### **THURSDAY**

1Cor.1:1-9  
Mk.6:17-29



#### **FRIDAY**

1Cor.1:17-25  
Mt.25:1-13



#### **SATURDAY**

1Cor.1:26-31  
Mt.25:14-30



### MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
<b>21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B</b>		
Sat Aug 24 - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: The Destang family, Louise Vite Lainay Butcher, Milan Samuel
Sun Aug 25 - 7:30 a.m.		<b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b>
10:00 a.m.		Thks: Bibiana Auguste-Flavien
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Catherine Augustin & family
Monchy - 3:00 p.m.		Parishioners
<b>WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b>		
Mon Aug 26 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephania Banda	De'd: Members of Carmelite Tertiary Regis, Hippolyte & Sidoine families
12:30 p.m.		De'd: Rudy Lubin, Vincent Palmer
Tue Aug 27 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Monica</i>	Fr Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	De'd: Gregory Loghan Fevrier Augustin & Winston Alexis
Wed Aug 28 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Augustine, Bishop &amp; Doctor</i>	Fr. John Milton	De'd: Leo Burt, Joseph James Friends of David & Mary Popo
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Micaela Parker Catherine Alexis & family B'day: Trevor Bernard
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Aug 29 - 6:00 a.m. <i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>	Rev. David Popo Rev. Gerard Calderon	Int: Mikaela Elliott Bernadette Pamphile
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Jenai Alexis & family Guid & Protec: Thea Daniel Andre, Ross & Melanie Downes
Fri Aug 30- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	Thks: Hilary Bynoe
12:30 p.m.		De'd: Egbert Jean, Kayode Modeste Vincent Abraham Louis, Rudy Lubin
Sat Aug 31 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace	De'd: Marilyn Sancion Josephine & Epiphane Verdant