# Kids Column

Lk.14:1,7-14

# Taking the Lowest Place

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus was watching to see where the people sat when they were guests at a dinner. Some people thought they were important so they sat in the more important places. Jesus saw that they were proud, so He taught them about being humble.

When we are proud we think that we are more important than other people, and that we deserve to have better things. We start to look down on everyone else, and pretty soon we start thinking that God isn't so great either!

Being humble means knowing that we really are not all that important, even if we are better

at some things than other people or have more money or more important jobs. It means we know that God gave us these things to help others, not so that we could

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be proud about them. We can only give glory to God when we are humble.

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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.

#### True or False: How to be Humble

What did Jesus say? Some of these are true and some aren't. Can you figure out which is which?

- 1. If you know that you are an important guest then you should sit in the place of honour. True or False?
- 2. If you go to a wedding feast and sit in a place of honour, someone more important might come and you will have to move to a lower place. True or False?
- 3. If you sit in a lower place, then the one who invited you will tell you to sit in a more important place and you will be honoured. True or False?
- 4. Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and everyone who humbles himself will be exalted. True or False?
- 5. When you have a dinner, you should invite the most important people so that they will invite you back. True or False?
- 6. If you are having a banquet or dinner, you should invite the poor and crippled people who can't invite you back. True or
- 7. If you invite the poor and crippled people to your dinner, you will never be repaid. True or False?

True or False: 1.false 2.true 3.true 4.true. 5.false 6.true 7.false

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#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00am to 2:00p.m. Closed Tuesdays, Weekends & Holidays

### WHAT'S HAPPENING



As part of our continuing Jubilee activities, the Parish will be going on Pilgrimage to further 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 the transportation details can be finalized as soon as possible.

Walk with your lunch, water, candles, rosaries and hymnals.

# **Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope**

## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 31ST AUGUST 2025 - YEAR C

## Going up Higher.

e come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today's First Reading, and the message of the Gospel.

Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all. This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages, filling the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud.

We again call to mind the Exodus in the Psalm, how in His goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them His inheritance, becoming a "Father of orphans."

We now have also gained a share of His inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from His table. We are to give alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood.

The Lord promises that if we are humble we will be exalted and find favor with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous.

We anticipate the fulfillment of those promises in every Eucharist, the Epistle tells us. In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God. It is the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher.

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#### CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday 9.00 - 10.00 a.m

by appointment

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First Reading Eccl. 3:17-20. 28-29

**Second Reading** 

Heb.12:18-19.22-24

Gospel

Lk.14:1.7-14

#### **MASS TIMES**

**Gros Islet** 

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

MONDAY

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

14 + 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

## St. Gregory the Great - Sept 3rd

Gregory was the son of a Roman senator and a government official, who advanced quickly to become Prefect of Rome, the highest civil office in the city, when he was only thirty-three years old. After five years he resigned, became a Benedictine monk, and founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate. He soon returned to active life, and was ordained a priest. He became one of the pope's seven deacons, serving for six years as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, and at the age of fifty was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

Although he was the first pope from a monastic background, his prior political experience may have helped him be a talented administrator who successfully established papal supremacy. Direct and firm, he removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of war and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He is known for his reform of the liturgy and for strengthening respect for doctrine. His book, *Pastoral Care*, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily gospel to the needs of his listeners.

The mainstream form of Western plainchant, standardized in the late ninth century, was attributed to Gregory and therefore came to be called "Gregorian chant." Gregory is also famous for instigating the first recorded large-scale mission from Rome to convert pagan Anglo-Saxons in England to Christianity. Along with Augustine of Canterbury, Gregory is revered in England as the apostle of the land and the source of the nation's conversion. An Anglican historian has written: "It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the law-lessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory .."

Called "the Great", Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose and Jerome as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church.

He is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students and teachers.

"Perhaps it is not after all so difficult for a man to part with his possessions, but it is certainly most difficult for him to part with himself. To renounce what one has is a minor thing; but to renounce what one is, that is asking a lot." St. Gregory, Homilies on the Gospels.

(excerpt: americancatholic.org)

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Marie Joseph
Anne Marie Felicien

#### **DECEASED**

John Frere Adams Alexis Peter Norville Tessa M. Philip Victor Philogene

#### WEEKDAY READINGS



#### **MASS INTENTIONS GROS ISLET CLERGY/RELIGIOUS** INTENTIONS 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C **Int:** Glace family Sing to God! Sing praises to his name! Sat Aug 30 - 6:00 p.m. B'day: Felix Finistere Guid & Protec: Marcella Johnson Exall the one who rides the clouds Sun Aug 31 -7:30 a.m. MISSA PRO POPULO The Lord is his name. Jubilee of Families **Int:** The Norville family 10:00 a.m. Guid & Protec: DeMario Lendor Mikaela & Imani Elliott Thks: Catherine Augustin & family Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m. Thks: Roseline Lawrence Smith Monchy - 10:00 a.m. Wedd Ann: Shurma & Richmond Felix WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS B'day: Chris Jn. Marie Fr. Joseph Akande Mon Sep 1 - 6:00 a.m Guid: Kateri, Kate & Kaelan Haywood Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Fr. Cleophus Joseph Dc'd: Peter Norville 12:30 p.m. Fr. Athanase Joseph Thks: Glace Motors Ltd Tue Sep 2 - 6:00 a.m. Fr. Stephen Quinlan Jonathan Fontenelle Guid & Protec: Soleil Huggins Fr. Philomin Zacharias B'day: Rachel Myers Wed Sep 3 - 6:00 a.m. Thks: Jeanne Frederick St. Gregory the Great Arch. Gabriel Malzaire Doctor & Pope Diane & Richard Palton Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Arthur Zalewski Thks: Francisca Jean, Mikaela Elliott 12:30 p.m. Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m. **Parishioners** Thks: Mary Sidoine Thu Sep 4 - 6:00 a.m Fr. John Wilson Fr. Vinoth Santhappan 12:30 p.m. **Thks:** The McLean family Dc'd: Teresa Huntley Fri Sep 5 - 6:00 a.m. Fr. Joseph Raj Fr. Angus Evumude Deliv: Phil Wellington Sr. Mary Lee Cox 12:30 p.m. Guid & Protec: Mikaela Elliott Msgr. Patrick Anthony Sat Sep 6 - 6:30 a.m. Int: Grissel Leon Sr. Mary Mutwiwa Mass at the Shrine B'day: Joshua Roach, Arlene Herman