

Keeping Clean



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the Pharisees that having your soul clean from sins is more important than keeping your body clean!

But that doesn't mean that we should be dirty! God wants us to keep our bodies and our souls clean. We keep our bodies clean when we wash our hands or take a bath. Do you know how we keep our souls clean?



When someone does a big sin he or she needs to go to confession to get cleaned up. Confession cleans away our little sins too. Other things that take away small sins are going to Holy Communion, praying, and blessing ourselves with holy water.



www.thekidsbulletin.com

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 should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at least **6 months** before the desired date.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

OFFERINGS & DONATIONS

We advise that your Offerings and Donations to the Parish can be made via Sure Pay. When visiting the Sure Pay payment desk please note the following:

1. Ensure you communicate clearly that the payment is for the St. Joseph The Worker Parish
2. You will be given a number for each community (see below). Please choose the one required.

Gros Islet – 01
Grande Riviere – 02
Monchy – 03

Payments can be made in person or online. For further clarification please contact the Parish Office. We appreciate your support.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages, "curing every disease and illness". At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the Coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together, and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. In your wisdom protect our country, Saint Lucia, our region and the whole world from this pandemic. Be with the doctors, nurses and researchers, and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected, and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Mary, comforter of the afflicted, pray for us.

Amen.



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

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
6.00 - 6.45p.m.
&
by appointment

VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 29TH AUGUST 2021 - YEAR B

The Law of Life.

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light as one having authority to interpret God's law. Jesus' quotation from Isaiah is ironic. In observing the law, the Pharisees honor God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. However, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions. The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in the First Reading, is fulfilled in the Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose. The law is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure and able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us: the kingdom of God, eternal life. Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in the Epistle, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity. This means we must be *doers* of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in the Psalm and hear again in the Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters, and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts. The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We shouldn't add to it with vain and needless devotions, nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honour. "Listen to me," Jesus says in the Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law. Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip service?

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Dt.4:1-2,6-8

Second Reading
Jas.1:17-18,21-22,27

Gospel
Mk.7:1-8,14-15,21-23

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
5:45a.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.
Monchy: 6:00 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

7:00 a.m.



Parish Priest: Msgr. Michel Francis
Deacons: Rev. Winston Taylor, Rev. Gerard Calderon
Rev. Anthony Louis, Rev. Madison Stanislaus.
Address: P.O. Box Choc 8192, Castries LC02 801, Saint Lucia
Tel: (758) 450-8325 / (758) 450-9390 ☎ Cell: (758) 285-8831
Email: st.joseph_church@hotmail.com ☎ st.joseph_church@candw.lc
Website: www.grosisletchurch.org ☎ Facebook: facebook.com/grosisletchurch

St. Gregory the Great - Sept 3rd

Gregory was the son of a Roman senator. He was a government official, advancing quickly in rank to become Prefect of Rome, the highest civil office in the city, when 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 public life, and was ordained a priest. He became one of the pope's seven deacons, serving 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, and emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of war, 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 lawlessness, 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

Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Denis Augustin
Nellie Hall
Isaac Augustin
Bentley Jn. Baptiste

DECEASED

Valeria Williams
Edouard Casimir
Eustace Alphonse
Ginette Nicholas
Beatrix Marcellin
Sylvia Preville

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

1Thes.4:13-18
Lk.4:16-30



TUESDAY

1Thes.5:1-6,9-11
Lk.4:31-37



WEDNESDAY

Col.1:1-8
Lk.4:38-44



THURSDAY

Col.1:9-14
Lk.5:1-11



FRIDAY

Col.1:15-20
Lk.5:33-39



SATURDAY

Col.1:21-23
Lk.6:1-5



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat Aug 28 - 4:30 p.m.		B'day: Felix Finistere Healing: Andrea Duval
Sun Aug 29 - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Int: Leroy & Mariette Moore B'day: Lee Paul Augustin, Troy Valcin
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Aug 30 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Albert Smith Rev. Winston Taylor Sr. Margaret Maynard	Dc'd: Josephine & Epiphane Verdant
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Kayode Modeste Leo Burt, Marilyn Sancion
Tue Aug 31 - 6:00 a.m.	Sr. Mary Mumba Sr. Marie Clement	Wedd Ann: Shurma & Richmond Felix
Wed Sept 1 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Akande Fr. Cleophus Joseph Fr. Ignatius Cetoute	Int: Bernitha Clery B'day: Chris Jn. Marie
12:30 p.m.		Wedd Ann: Mervin & Natashua Charles
Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Sept 2 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Stephen Quinlan Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo Fr. Philomin Zacharias	Thks: Anthony Robinson B'day: Claudia & Claudette Wilfred
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Family of Mary Popo
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Sept 3 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Gregory the Great Pope & Doctor</i>		Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Arthur Zalewski
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Rachel Myers Thks: Jeanne Frederick & family Deliv: Mary Lamontagne
Sat Sept 4 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Fr. Vinoth Santhappan	B'day: Kimberlyn McPhee Thks: Shanta King & family