

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.



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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:

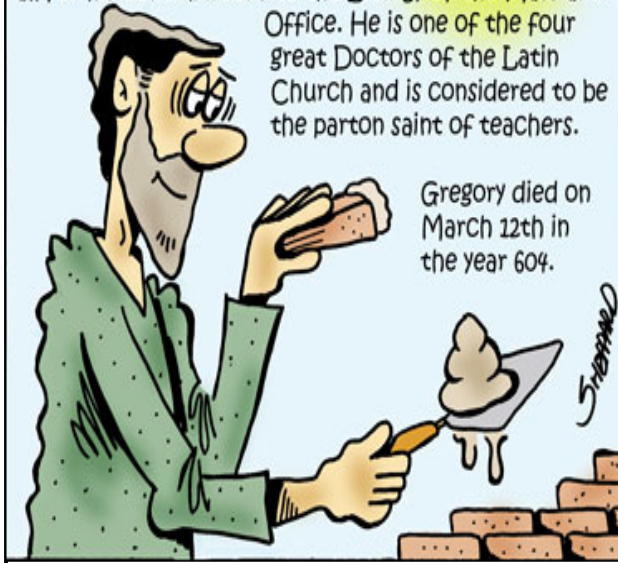
Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Gregory was born in Rome around 540. At age 34 he was appointed Chief Magistrate of Rome. He built six monasteries in Sicily and a seventh in his own home in Rome. He became a priest at 35.

He was unanimously elected Pope and is known above all for his contributions to the Liturgy of the Mass and Office. He is one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church and is considered to be the patron saint of teachers.



Gregory died on March 12th in the year 604.

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.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 1ST SEPT 2024 - YEAR B

Perfect Word.

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. In this, 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 Jesus' Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose. The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, 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 have received, we are 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 should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honor.

"Hear 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?

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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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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:
Mon -Fri
5:45 a.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.



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. 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

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Teresa Huntley
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Sullivan Josie
Julia Mathurin
St. Ange Jones
George Nicholas
Clothilda Alphonse

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

1Cor.2:1-5
Lk.4:16-30



TUESDAY

1Cor.2:10-16
Lk.4:31-37



WEDNESDAY

1Cor.3:1-9
Lk.4:38-44



THURSDAY

1Cor.3:18-23
Lk.5:1-11



FRIDAY

1Cor.4:1-5
Lk.5:33-39



SATURDAY

1Cor.4:6-15
Lk.6:1-5



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Sat Aug 31 - 6:00 p.m.

Who shall dwell on
your holy hill?

B'day: Felix Finistere
Thks: Tova Verneuil
Sp Int: The Glace family
Wedd Ann: Shurma & Richmond Felix

Sun Sept 1 - 7:30 a.m.

He who walks
blamelessly and
does what is right
and speaks truth in
his heart.

MISSA PRO POPULO

Thks: Myrna Walker
40th Wedd Ann:
Hilary & Calixta St. Aimee

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Guid: Zoey Hinkson
Healing: Sylvie Sayers

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

PSALM 15: 1-2

Parishioners

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Sept 2 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Athanase Joseph
Fr. Philomin Zacharias
Fr. Celestine Nwakwu

Sp. Int: Bernitha Clery
Guid: Kaelan, Kateri, & Kate Haywood

12:30 p.m.

B'day: Daniel & Gabrielle Darcheville

Tue Sept 3 - 6:00 a.m.

*St. Gregory the Great
Pope & Doctor*

Msgr. Michel Francis
Fr. Stephen Quinlan
Fr. Arthur Zalewski

B'day: Rachel Myers
Thks: Stennett Bent & family

Wed Sept 4 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Vinoth Santhappan
Fr. John Wilson

Sp. Int: Bernitha Clery
Bernadette Pamphile

12:30 p.m.

Thks: The McLean family

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Thu Sept 5 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Joseph Raj
Sr. Mary Lee Cox
Sr. Mary Mutwiwa

Dc'd: Cecil Graham
Holy Souls in Purgatory

12:30 p.m.

Deliv: Maurice & Paula Oculi & children

Fri Sept 6 - 6:00 a.m.

Msgr. Patrick Anthony

Thks: Diane & Richard Palton
Holy Spirit: Huntley & Wells families
B'day: Arlene Herman

12:30 p.m.

B'day: Joshua Roach

Sat Sept 7 - 6:30 a.m.

Mass at the Shrine

Arch Bishop Rivas OP
Sr. Frances Norbisch

Dc'd: Bernadette & Joseph Alexander