

Family and Friends or God?

YES, I AM A CHRISTIAN.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

You probably thought that God doesn't want us to hate anyone, right? Well He doesn't! What Jesus was saying was that we should love God more than we love the people closest to us. He means that we should be ready to do what God wants even if that means losing our family or best friends.

Normally God wants us to stay close to the people we love, but what if you had to choose between doing the right thing or keeping your friends? Are you ready to give up anything or anyone that would stop you from loving God?



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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.

Psalm 90 Word-Find

F W S A T I S F Y E E
A S W A H E A R T S V
D E E M O R N I N G E
E R E K U L O V E L N
S V P R S O G O D A I
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E N O J N D R R H P G
N T I O D R E A M I A
E S N I G H T S S T W
W A T C H M E S R Y A
E C Y E S T E R D A Y
D A Y S Y W I S D O M

See if you can find all the words from today's Psalm that are written in CAPITALS. The leftover letters tell what we are doing when we pray this Psalm.



A THOUSAND YEARS in thy sight are but as YESTERDAY when it is past, or as a WATCH in the NIGHT.

Thou dost SWEEP men AWAY; they are like a DREAM, like GRASS which is RENEWED in the morning; in the MORNING it flourishes and is renewed; in the EVENING it FADES and withers.

So teach us to number our DAYS that we may get a HEART of WISDOM. Return, O LORD! How long? Have PITY on thy SERVANTS!

SATISFY us in the morning with thy steadfast LOVE, that we may REJOICE and be GLAD all our days.

We ask God for His mercy.

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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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025 - YEAR C

Wisdom of Heart.

Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus. Our Lord today is telling us up front the sacrifice it will take.

His words aren't addressed to His chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to the "great crowds", to whoever wishes to be His disciple. That only makes His call all the more stark and uncompromising. We are to "hate" our old lives, renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, and choose Him above every person and possession. Again He tells us that the things we have - even our family ties and obligations - can become an excuse, an obstacle, that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him.

Jesus brings us the saving wisdom we are promised in today's First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom. Weighed down by many earthly concerns, the burdens of our body and its needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world; we could never detect God's heavenly design and intention. So in His mercy He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on high, to make straight our path to Him.

Jesus Himself paid the price to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam, which we recall in the Psalm. No more will the work of our hands be an affliction; no more are we destined to turn back to dust. Like Onesimus in the Epistle, we have been redeemed. We have been given a new family and a new inheritance, made children of the Father, brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him, no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the Psalm beautifully describes as the daybreak, ready to be filled with His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart and taught us to number our days aright.

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CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday

9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

&

by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Wis.9:13-18

Second Reading

Pil.9-10,12-17

Gospel

Lk.14:25-33



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

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - September 8th

The Nativity of Mary refers to the traditional birthday of the Blessed Virgin. This feast, like that of the Assumption of Mary, originated in Jerusalem in the fifth century as the feast of the *Basilica Sanctae Mariae ubi nata est*, now called the Basilica of St. Anne. The feast spread to Rome in the seventh century.

While in the case of saints the Church commemorates their date of death, the Virgin Mary and John the Baptist are two whose *birth dates* are commemorated as well. The reason for this is found in the singular mission each had in salvation history.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Gospel of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child (Mary) who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. The story stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

St. Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "*She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed.*"

The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace. We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in His creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world. This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning. Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world.

“*Today the barren Anna claps her hands for joy, the earth radiates with light, kings sing their happiness, priests enjoy every blessing, the entire universe rejoices, for she who is Queen and the Father's immaculate bride buds forth from the stem of Jesse.*” (Byzantine Daily Worship).

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Marie Joseph
Anne Marie Felicien

DECEASED

Andre Delice
Adams Alexis
Peter Norville
Martha Mason
Ryhim Serville
Edelma Geoffrey

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Mic.5:1-4
Mt.1:1-16,18-23

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TUESDAY
Col.2:6-15
Lk.6:12-19

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WEDNESDAY
Col.3:1-11
Lk.6:20-26

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THURSDAY
Col.3:12-17
Lk.6:27-38

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FRIDAY
1Tim.1:1-2,12-14
Lk.6:39-42

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SATURDAY
1Tim.1:15-17
Lk.6:43-49

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| MASS INTENTIONS | | |
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| GROS ISLET | CLERGY/RELIGIOUS | INTENTIONS |
| 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C | | |
| Sat Sep 6 - 6:00 p.m. |  | B'day: Laura Stanislaus Thks: Augusta Toussaint Healing: Charmaine Justin Wedd Ann: Girard & Jean Glace |
| Sun Sep 7 -7:30 a.m. | | MISSA PRO POPULO |
| 10:00 a.m. | | B'day: Claude & Mary Severin Guid & Protec: DeMario Lendor |
| Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m. | | B'day: Julie Radjou |
| Monchy - 10:00 a.m. | | Thks: Margaret Polius & family |
| WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS | | |
| Mon Sep 8 - 6:00 a.m <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | Fr. Albert Smith Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Christine Alphonse | B'day: Miles Fontenelle Guid: Zoey Hinkson Thks: Arlene Herman, Shanta King |
| 12:30 p.m. | | Dc'd: Joseph Lemorin Elizabeth Macauldy |
| Tue Sep 9 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i> | Fr. Cezar Herrera Rev. Andrew Edward | Dc'd: Raphael Eleuthere Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| Wed Sep 10 - 6:00 a.m. | Fr. Joseph Xavier Sr. Petronilla Banda Sr. Ramona George | B'day: Eleanor Francis Thks: Bernadette Pamphile |
| 12:30 p.m. | | Thks: Cyrillia & Althea Palton |
| Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m. | | Dc'd: Rosanna Louis |
| Thu Sep 11 - 6:00 a.m | Fr. Will Howard Sr. Benedicta Chanda | B'day: Shurma Felix, Sharon Pancham |
| 12:30 p.m. | | B'day: Micaela Parker |
| Fri Sep 12 - 6:00 a.m. | Fr. Festus Iwuagwu Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Marcellus Serieux | Dc'd: Family of Mary Popo Janine Moulton Teresa Huntley, Merona Joseph |
| 12:30 p.m. | | B'day: Zaeda Hinkson, Zan St. Omer |
| Sat Sep 13- 6:30 a.m. <i>St.John Chrysostom Bishop & Doctor</i> | Rev. Madison Stanislaus Rev. Vincent Norbert Rev. Anthony Pierre | Guid: Mikaela & Imani Elliott |