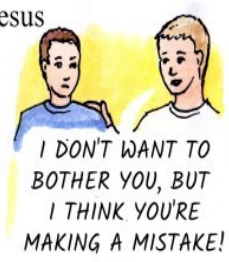


Kids Column

Mt.18:15-20

What should I do
when somebody else sins?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that if someone sins against us we should quietly go and talk to them about it. Have you ever seen someone else do something bad? Did you talk to them about it?



When we talk to somebody about something bad they are doing we should do it with love. We aren't trying to make them feel bad; we're trying to help!

Has anyone ever told you when you were doing something wrong? Did you find it easy to listen to them? When we try to help people who do bad things, what God wants us to do is be kind to them and help them to turn away from their sins. It's hard to do, but it makes God so happy to see us helping people come back to Him!



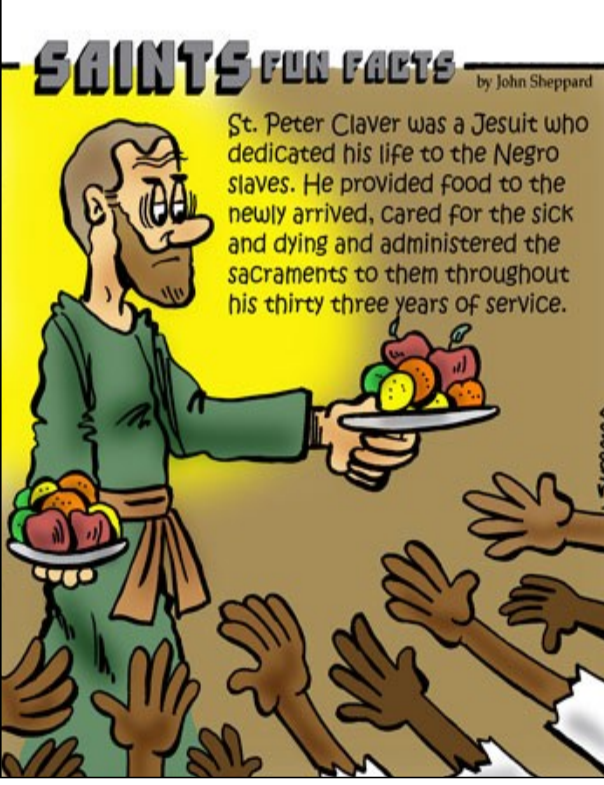
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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026 - YEAR A

Listening to His voice.

As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in the First Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church. He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on rules of discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel.

The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers, similar to those given to Peter. They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners in His name. But the powers He gives the Apostles and their successors depend on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, so the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father.

But today's readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we're to deal with those who trespass against us. Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them. This is the love that Paul, in the Epistle, says we owe to our neighbors.

To love our neighbors as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths.

We should never correct out of anger or a desire to punish. Instead, our message must be that of today's Psalm, urging the sinner to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, the rock of our salvation.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Ez.33:7-9

Second Reading

Rom.13:8-10

Gospel

Mt.18:15-20



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



CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
&
by appointment

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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. It began 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 that 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 fore- shadowing 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”
(adapted from *Byzantine Daily Worship*).

(excerpt: americancatholic.org Wikipedia.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Claudia Joseph

DECEASED

Grissel Leon
Delia Everett
Peter Eugene
Nancy Joseph
Antoine Nelson
Muriel Shearman
Nicholas Alexander

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

1Cor.5:1-8
Lk.6:6-11



TUESDAY

Mi.5:1-4
Mt.11:1-16, 18-23



WEDNESDAY

1Cor.7:25-31
Lk.6:20-26



THURSDAY

1Cor.8:1-7, 11-13
Lk.6:27-38



FRIDAY

1Cor.9:16-19, 22-27
Lk.6:39-42



SATURDAY

1Cor.10:14-22
Lk.6:43-49



MASS INTENTIONS

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INTENTIONS

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Sep 5 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Sep 6 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

Today, if only you
would hear his voice,
“Do not
harden your hearts
Psalm 95:7b-8a NIV

B’day: Laura Stanislaus
Thks: Augusta Toussaint
Wedd Ann: Girard & Jean Glace

MISSA PRO POPULO

Guid & Protec: Demario Lendor
Thks: Jonathan Fontenelle
The McLean family
93rd B’day: Luciana Deterville

B’day: Craig Anderson

Int: Anthony Paul
Thks: Elsa Delice & family

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Sep 7- 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Archbishop Robert Rivas OP
Sr. Frances Nosbisch

Guid: Zoey Hinkson
Thks: Tyra & Rashad Ricketts
Deliv & Healing: Dorina Jn. Marie

Tue Sep 8 - 6:00 a.m.
Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Fr. Amalraj
Fr. Albert Smith
Mother Rosaria Joseph

Int: Bernadette Pamphile
Thks: Shanta King & family

Wed Sep 9 - 6:00 a.m.
St. Peter Claver, priest

12:30 p.m.

Fr. Ezar Herrera
Rev. Andrew Edward
Sr. Benedicta Chanda

B’day: Georgiana Isaac, Julie Radjou
Rovana & Karym Adjodha

Dc’d: Ned Josiah Herman, Cheryl Cyrus

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Thu Sep 10 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fr. Festus Iwuagwu
Rev. Gerard Calderon

B’day: Claude & Mary Severin
Mgmt. & Staff Glace Motors Ltd.

Dc’d:
Family & friends of David & Mary Popo

Fri Sep 11 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fr. Joseph Xavier

B’day: Shurma Felix, Sharon Pancham
Curtis & Dylan Charles

B’day: Micaela Parker
Thks: Mary Wellington & family

Sat Sep 12 - 6:30 a.m.
BVM

Rev. Anthony Louis
Rev. David Popo

Dc’d: Janine Moulton
Holy Souls in Purgatory