

*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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**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.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

♦ YOUTH 2000 is an international, spiritual initiative established to draw young people ages 12-35 to a deep and lasting union with Jesus Christ. It will take place in Saint Lucia from September 29th to October 1st, 2023 at the Saint Mary's College. Registration costs EC\$10 and it can be paid on the first day of the Prayer Festival or upon registration. Registration with a T-shirt costs EC\$30. T-shirts purchased separately cost EC\$25.

♦ Also, we are looking for accommodations for some of the pilgrims. If you are willing to host a young person during the festival, please contact the team at 384-8708.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.**  
**Closed Tuesdays**

**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.**



**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 10TH SEPT 2023 - 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.

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

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**TUESDAY**  
6:00 a.m.

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**WEDNESDAY**  
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.  
**G/Riviere:** 6:00 p.m.

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**THURSDAY**  
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.  
**Monchy:** 6:00 p.m.

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

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**SATURDAY**  
6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.

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**SUNDAY**  
**Gros Islet/G. Riviere**  
7:30 a.m.  
**Gros Islet/Monchy**  
10:00 a.m.

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**HOLIDAY**  
Variable  
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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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***The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - September 14th***

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by St. Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine, the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary, and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation.

Early in the fourth century St. Helena went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre over the tomb. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman. The Cross immediately became an object of veneration. To this day the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Basilica's dedication.

The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, fifteen years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden. Pope Benedict summed it up beautifully when he said: "This feast reminds us of the meaning of this great mystery: God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that men might be saved. The Son of God became vulnerable, assuming the condition of a slave, obedient even to death, death on a cross. By His Cross we are saved. The instrument of torture which, on Good Friday, manifested God's judgment on the world, has become a source of life, pardon, mercy, a sign of reconciliation and peace.

By raising our eyes towards the Crucified One, we adore Him who came to take upon Himself the sin of the world and to give us eternal life. And the Church invites us proudly to lift up this glorious Cross so that the world can see the full extent of the love of the Crucified One for all, for us men. She invites us to give thanks to God because from a tree which brought death, life has burst out anew. On this wood Jesus reveals to us His sovereign majesty, He reveals to us that He is exalted in glory. Yes, "Come, let us adore Him!" In our midst is He who loved us even to giving His life for us, He who invites every human being to draw near to Him with trust."

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**THE SICK**

Patsy Crafton  
Iris Macauldy  
Martha Mason  
Theresa Huntley

**DECEASED**

Edwin A. King  
Florence Philip  
Florina Frederic  
Patrick Charles  
Leyland Alcindor  
Gertrude C. Charles  
Jean Baptiste Eleodore

**WEEKDAY READINGS**



***MONDAY***

Col.1:24 -2:3

Lk.6:6-11



***TUESDAY***

Col.2:6-15

Lk.6:12-19



***WEDNESDAY***

Col.3:1-11

Lk.6:20-26



***THURSDAY***

Num.21:4-9

Jn.3:13-17



***FRIDAY***

1Tim.1:1-2,12-14

Jn.19:25-27



***SATURDAY***

1Tim.1:15-17

Lk.6:43-49



**MASS INTENTIONS**

| GROS ISLET   | CLERGY/RELIGIOUS   | INTENTIONS  |
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| <b>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A</b>   |  |   |
| Sat Sept 9 - 6:00 p.m.   |  | <b>Thks:</b> Monica Richard & family<br><b>Guid:</b> Algitha Richelieu & family<br><b>B'day:</b> Suzette Dussiel, Julie Radjou<br>Omega John, Martha Joseph             |
| Sun Sept 10 - 7:30 a.m.  |  | <b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b>   |
| 10:00 a.m.   |  | <b>B'day:</b> Mary & Claude Severin<br><b>90th B'day:</b> Luciana Deterville<br><b>85th B'day:</b> Theresa Hyacinth-Joseph<br><b>New Year:</b> Lions Club of Gros Islet |
| Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.   |  | <b>B'day:</b> Ginerva Davidson  |
| Monchy - 10:00 a.m.  |  | <b>B'day:</b> Vaughan Edwin   |
| <b>WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b>   |  |   |
| Mon Sept 11 - 6:00 a.m.  | Sr. Scholastica Felician   | <b>B'day:</b> Sharon Pancham<br>Shurma Felix, Marie Angele Joye   |
| 12:30 p.m.   |  | <b>B'day:</b> Mekuey Henry, Micaela Parker  |
| Tue Sept 12 - 6:00 a.m.  | Fr. Festus Iwuagwu<br>Rev. Wilfred Harris<br>Rev. Marcellus Serieux    | <b>B'day:</b> Mandy Boxill<br>Zaeda Hinkson, Philomene Lorde  |
| Wed Sept 13 - 6:00 a.m.<br><i>St. John Chrysostom<br/>Bishop &amp; Doctor</i>                | Rev. Madison Stanislaus<br>Rev. Vincent Norbert<br>Rev. Anthony Pierre | <b>Thks:</b> Shanta King & family<br><b>Sp. Int:</b> Jeannine Blanchard & family  |
| 12:30 p.m.   |  | <b>Dc'd:</b> Kevin Haywood, Janine Moulton<br>Kenneth Morgan, Merona Joseph   |
| Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.   |  | <b>Parishioners</b>   |
| Thu Sept 14- 6:00 a.m.<br><i>Exaltation of the Cross</i>                                     | Msgr. Justin Barthelmy<br>Sr. Mary Dungdung<br>Sr. Mercy Masaka        | <b>Dc'd:</b> Joseph Ludovic, Joseph Lemorin<br>Jacinta Clement, Jeannette Knights   |
| 12:30 p.m.   |  | <b>B'day:</b> Garfield Leon<br><b>Thks:</b> Kateri Parker   |
| Fri Sept 15 - 6:00 a.m.<br><i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>  | Rev. Jeremy Joseph<br>Sr. Marie Joseph                                 | <b>Dc'd:</b> James & Paulina Prudent<br>Darwin Louis, Conrad Glasgow  |
| 12:30 p.m.   |  | <b>B'day:</b> Sheila Joseph   |
| Sat Sept 16 - 6:30 a.m.<br><i>St. Cornelius, Pope &amp;<br/>St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i> | Rev. Errol Frederick<br>Sr. Rosemarie Minj                             | <b>Thks:</b> Mya Norville<br>Thomas Louis & family  |