

Kids Column

Mt. 18:21-35

If you want to be forgiven...

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story of a king whose servant owed him a lot of money. The king was going to punish the servant, but when the man knelt down and begged for mercy, the king forgave him. Then that same man went and punished a servant who owed him money. When the king found out about this he was very angry.



In this story Jesus is telling us that if we want God to forgive us our sins then we have to forgive the people who have hurt us.

Has anyone ever done something mean to you? How do you feel when that happens? Do you feel loving toward that person? Jesus tells us that we must forgive those people, even when they really hurt us, because we want God to forgive us too. Every time we sin we offend God, and He will still forgive us if we are sorry. If we want God to forgive us, then it's only fair for us to forgive others.



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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.

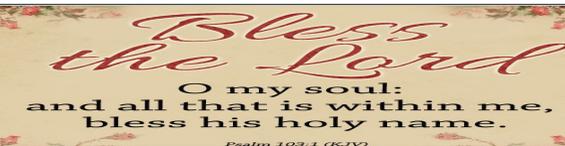
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

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



THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

- THE PROPHECY OF SIMEON
- THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT
- LOSING JESUS IN THE TEMPLE AT JERUSALEM
- MEETING JESUS ON THE WAY TO CALVARY
- THE CRUCIFIXION STANDING AT FOOT OF THE CROSS
- THE PIETA RECEIVING HIS BODY
- PLACING HER DIVINE SON IN THE TOMB



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.



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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 13TH SEPT 2020 - YEAR A

Forgiving from the heart.

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life. Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in the Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master. It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church.

In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (Prov. 24:6; Lev. 16). But Jesus tells Peter that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time.

We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful. But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us? Because, as Paul reminds us in the Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross. Though we deserve to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others, therefore, should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us.

This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ. So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

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

CONFESSIONS

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

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Eccl.27:30-28:7
Second Reading
Rom.14:7-9
Gospel
Mt.18:21-35

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET
Morning Prayers:
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
7:00 a.m.
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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

Iris Macauldy
Priscillia Henry
Martha Mason
Rosna Joseph
Nellie Hall

DECEASED

James Frederick
Joseph Lucette
Philomene Ambrose
Mary Jane Sonson
Antoine Actie
Bernadette Joseph
Cecilia Louis

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Num.21:4-9
Phil.2:6-11
Jn.3:13-17



TUESDAY

1Cor.12:12-14,27-31
Jn.19:25-27



WEDNESDAY

1Cor.12:31-13:13
Lk.7:31-35



THURSDAY

1Cor.15:1-11
Lk.7:36-50



FRIDAY

1Cor.15:12-20
Lk.8:1-3



SATURDAY

1Cor.15:35-37,42-49
Lk.8:4-15



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Sept 12 - 6:00 p.m.	 The Lord is compassion and love, Slow to anger and rich in mercy. Psalm 102:8	B'day: Shurma Felix Zaeda Hinkson, Darwin Florent Suzette Dussiel, Omega John Thks: Chari, Shane & Alaia Verneuil Wedd Ann: John & Ruth Wiggins
Sun Sept 13 - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Ginerva Davidson Thks: Diane Augustin Wedd Ann: Paulinus & Marietta Popo
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Sept 14 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Exaltation of the Cross</i>	Msgr. Justin Barthelmy Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	Deliv: Garfield Leon Healing: George Nicholas
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Joan Alexis Clifford Raymond, Gregor Volson
Tue Sept 15 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	B'day: Sheila Joseph Healing: Andrez Johannes
Wed Sept 16 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Cornelius, Pope & St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>		Guid & Protec: Brenda Nicholas & family Thks: Monica & Kermalyn Prospere
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Kenneth Morgan
Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Sept 17 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Yvon Tremont Rev. Bertrand Clauzel	Thks: George Nicholas & family
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Renetta Joseph-Bruce
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Sept 18 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	Dc'd: Felix & Anestazie Prospere
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Leeann Boxill Thks: Emsco Remy & family Holy Spirit: Mary Wellington & family
Sat Sept 19 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	B'day: André Johannes Thks: Shanta King & family Holy Spirit: Thomas Louis & family