

Who is the Greatest?



In the Gospel reading today the disciples were arguing with each other about who was the greatest. Jesus knew what they were talking about, so He told them that whoever wanted to be great must serve others.

Can you think of anyone who serves you? What about your parents? Priests, teachers and doctors also serve us. How can you serve others?



What would you like to do when you grow up? How will you be able to serve people then?



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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.

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.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages, "curing every disease and illness". At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the Coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together, and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. In your wisdom protect our country, Saint Lucia, our region and the whole world from this pandemic. Be with the doctors, nurses and researchers, and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected, and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Mary, comforter of the afflicted, pray for us.

Amen.



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

CONFESSIONS

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

VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 19TH SEPT 2021 - YEAR B

Servants of all.

In today's First Reading, it's as if we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumblings of the elders, chief priests, and scribes who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him. The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that "the virtuous man" has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers. We hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the Cross: "If the virtuous man is God's Son, God will . . . rescue Him . . .".

The Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers Himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him. But the Apostles don't understand this second announcement of Christ's Passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession, over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed. Again they are thinking not as God but as human beings. And again Jesus teaches the Twelve - the chosen leaders of His Church - that they must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. They must be "servants of all," especially the weak and the helpless, symbolized by the child He embraces and places in their midst.

This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled Himself to come among us. We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name. As James says in the Epistle, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility, not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Wis.2:12,17-20

Second Reading
Jas.3:16-4:3

Gospel
Mk.9:30-37

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
5:45a.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.
Monchy: 6:00 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

7:00 a.m.



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St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist - Feast Day September 21st

St. Matthew was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus and one of the four Evangelists. Christian tradition has always identified him with Levi, mentioned in Mark 2:14 and Luke 5:27. Matthew is thought to have been the name that Christ gave to Levi at his calling.

Matthew was a tax collector at Capernaum, which is traditionally designated as the place of his birth. Tax collectors were despised in the ancient world, especially among the Jews at the time of Christ, who saw the imposition of taxes as a mark of their occupation by the Romans. Jesus' contemporaries were surprised to see the Christ with a "traitor", but Jesus explained that he had come "not to call the just, but sinners." Matthew was the first to put down in writing Jesus' teachings and the account of His life. His Gospel was written in Aramaic, the language that Jesus Himself spoke. Matthew's Gospel is given pride of place in the canon of the New Testament, and was written to convince Jewish readers that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus.

After Christ's Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Matthew is said to have preached the Gospel to the Hebrews for as many as fifteen years (during which time he wrote his Gospel) before heading east to continue his efforts at evangelization. His audiences may have included the Jewish enclave in Ethiopia.

By tradition, Matthew, like all of the apostles with the exception of St. John the Evangelist, was martyred, but accounts of his martyrdom vary widely. All place it somewhere in the East, but, as the Catholic Encyclopedia notes, "it is not known whether he was burned, stoned, or beheaded."

Because of the uncertainty surrounding Matthew's martyrdom, his feast day is not consistent in the Western and Eastern Churches. In the West, his feast is celebrated on September 21; in the East, on November 16. Traditional iconography often shows St. Matthew with a money sack and account books to signify his old life as a tax collector, and an angel above or behind him, to signify his new life as a messenger of Christ.

He is the patron saint of accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, customs officers, money managers, stock brokers and tax collectors.

*"(Jesus) said to (Matthew), 'Follow me.'
And he got up and followed Him." Matt.9:9*

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Nellie Hall
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Denis Augustin
Bentley Jn. Baptiste

DECEASED

Vincent Palmer
Edouard Casimir
Anne Chassang
Elizabeth Alfred
David Marcellin
Isaac Augustin
Henrietta Eugene

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Ez.1:1-6
Lk.8:16-18



TUESDAY

Eph.4:1-7,11-13
Mat.9:9-13



WEDNESDAY

Ez.9:5-9
Lk.9:1-6



THURSDAY

Hag.1:1-8
Lk.9:7-9



FRIDAY

Hag.2:1-9
Lk.9:18-22



SATURDAY

Zec.2:5-9,14-15
Lk.9:43-45



MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat Sept 18 - 2:00 p.m.	God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. Psalm 54:2	Thks: The Destang family The Soower family Stellina Best & family Healing: Roseannise Louis Int: Leroy & Marietta Moore
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Sept 20 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest Paul Chong Hasang and Comp. Martyrs</i>	Fr. Paul Vu	B'day: Norma Boxill Int: Anthony Robinson Thks: Bernadette Pamphile
12:30 p.m.		Deliv: Justina Charles Thks: Joy Boxill & family
Tue Sept 21 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Matthew, Evangelist & Apostle</i>	Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey Rev. Anthony Louis	B'day: Maura Bernard Healing: Arthur Baptiste Holy Spirit: Victoria Charles-Clarke
Wed Sept 22 - 6:00 a.m.		Dc'd: Egbert Lionel Rose, Anne & Mary Anne Willie
12:30 p.m.	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	98th B'day: Thomas Louis B'day: Petua Morris Roystan Nicholas Thks: Catherine Alexis & family
Grand Riviere - 5:30 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Sept 23 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest</i>		Dc'd: Rose, Ann & Mary Anne Willie
12:30 p.m.	Msgr. Theophilus Joseph Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	Dc'd: Loretina Leonce Family of David Popo
Monchy - 5:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Sept 24 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	B'day: Girard Glace, Ellen Regis
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Cecil Graham Mary Wellington & family
Sat Sept 25 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav	Dc'd: Alvina George