

# A Full Day's Wages

Today in the Gospel, Jesus tells a story of several men who were hired to work at a vineyard. The owner of the vineyard went out at different times to find men to work. At the end of the day, he gave each man a whole day's wages, even though some had only worked for a little while!

**WOW! HE PAID US A FULL DAY'S WAGE!**



**THAT'S NOT FAIR- THEY GOT A WHOLE DAY'S PAY!**

Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like this too: some people spend their whole lives working for God, and some people only turn to Him at the last minute. God opens Heaven to all the people who choose to love Him.

At first this doesn't seem fair. After all, some people give their whole lives to God and some give hardly any! But here is why it is fair: the only reason that any of us turns to God is because He gave us that grace. Some people have to live their whole lives without God's grace until the very end, but some of us have been given grace all our lives.

**I PAID YOU AS MUCH AS I SAID I WOULD.**



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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

♦Catechism classes will resume as follows:

### First Communion:

- Gros Islet - Sat. Oct 7th - 10:00 a.m.
- G/Riviere - Sat. Oct 7th - 9:00 a.m.
- Monchy - Sat. Oct 7th - 9:30 a.m.

### Confirmation:

- Gros Islet - Sun. Oct 15th - After 10 am Mass
- G/Riviere - Sat. Oct 7th - 9:00 a.m.
- Monchy - Sun. Oct 15th

**Registration for Year 1 closes 29th Sept**

♦**YOUTH 2000** takes place in St. Lucia from September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> at the St. Mary's College. Register now! For details, contact your catechist or youth leader.

### 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.**



## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 24TH SEPT 2023 - YEAR A

### God's Compassionate Love.

The house of Israel is the vine of God, who planted and watered it, preparing the Israelites to bear fruit of righteousness. Israel failed to yield good fruit, and the Lord allowed His vineyard, Israel's kingdom, to be overrun by conquerors. But God promised that one day He would replant His vineyard and its shoots would blossom to the ends of the earth.

This is the biblical backdrop to Jesus' parable of salvation history in today's Gospel. The landowner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise. In the Lord's great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations.

This provokes grumbling in the parable. Doesn't the complaint of those first laborers sound like that of the older brother in Jesus' prodigal son parable? God's ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in the First Reading; and today's readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God's lavish mercy.

Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late after having spent most of their days idling in sin. But even these can call upon Him and find Him near, as we sing in the Psalm. We should rejoice that God has compassion on all whom He has created. This should console us, too, especially if we have loved ones who remain far from the vineyard.

Our task is to continue laboring in His vineyard. As Paul says in the Epistle, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name.

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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

**Parish Priests: Msgr. Michel Francis, Fr. Joseph X. Savarimuthu**  
**Deacons: Rev. Anthony Louis, Rev. David Popo**  
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### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading**  
Is.55:6-9  
**Second Reading**  
Phil.1:20-24,27  
**Gospel**  
Mt.20:1-16

### 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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**Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael - Archangels: Sept 29th**

Angels, messengers from God, appear frequently in Scripture, but only Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are named. According to Catholic tradition, there are nine orders, or choirs, of angels. The archangels are an order of angels within a hierarchy of angelic hosts. Each of these three archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides.

Michael means "Who is like God?". Michael appears in Daniel's vision as "the great prince" who defends Israel against its enemies. In the Book of Revelation, he leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil. Michael is the champion of God's people and the protector of the Church. He is also regarded as the angel who brings the souls of men to their judgment before God, thus being the angel of judgment. Devotion to Michael is the oldest angelic devotion, beginning in the East in the fourth century. The Church in the West began to observe a feast honouring Michael and the angels in the fifth century.

Gabriel means "Power of God". Gabriel also makes an appearance in Daniel's visions, announcing Michael's role in God's plan. His best known appearance is an encounter with a young Jewish girl named Mary, who consents to bear the Messiah. He is also believed to be the angel who comforted Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. Because of this, he is known as the herald angel and the angel of mercy.

Raphael means "God has healed". Raphael's activity is confined to the Old Testament story of Tobit. There he appears to guide Tobit's son Tobiah through a series of fantastic adventures. In this passage he was a companion, protector, and healer. He is also believed to be the angel who stirred the water in the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem, giving its healing properties, as mentioned in the New Testament. He therefore is regarded as a healing angel.

Earlier belief that inexplicable events were due to the actions of spiritual beings has given way to a scientific world-view and a different sense of cause and effect. Yet believers still experience God's protection, communication and guidance in ways which defy description. We cannot dismiss angels lightly.

*"In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord." Ps.138*

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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**

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



**TUESDAY**

Ez.6:7-8,12,14-20  
Lk.8:19-21



**WEDNESDAY**

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



**THURSDAY.**

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



**FRIDAY**

Dan.7:9-10,13-14  
Jn.1:47-51



**SATURDAY**

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



**MASS INTENTIONS**

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
<b>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A</b>		
Sat Sept 23 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Deacon Girard Glace Sancha James, Joycelyn Joseph
Sun Sept 24- 7:30 a.m.		<b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b>
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Charms Florent, Ellen Regis Healing: Simone & Berkley Blanchard
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Parishioners
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Parishioners
<b>WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b>		
Sat Sept 30 - 6:30 a.m. <i>St. Jerome, Priest &amp; Doctor</i>	Sr. Margaret Maynard	Thks: Marcia Haywood Diane & Richard Palton & family St. Michael: Perlin Verdant & family

