

### 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 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.

### SAINT'S FUN FACTS

SAINT PADRE PIO SEZ:

"DON'T LET TEMPTATIONS FRIGHTEN YOU. THEY ARE THE TRIALS OF THOSE SOULS WHOM GOD WANTS TO PUT TO THE TEST WHEN HE SEES THEM STRONG ENOUGH TO SUSTAIN THE BATTLE, WEAVING WITH THEIR OWN HANDS THE CROWN OF GLORY. UP TO NOW YOUR LIFE HAS BEEN THAT OF AN INFANT, NOW THE LORD WANTS TO TREAT YOU AS AN ADULT. AND AS THE TRIALS OF ADULT LIFE ARE MUCH GREATER THAN THOSE OF AN INFANT, THIS IS WHY YOU FIND YOURSELF RATHER DISORGANIZED IN THE BEGINNING. BUT THE SOUL WILL ACQUIRE ITS CALM, AND THE CALM WILL NOT DELAY IN COMING. BE PATIENT A WHILE LONGER AND EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT WELL!" (LETTERS 111, P 630).



#### 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.**



### Born to Serve.

In today's First Reading, it's like 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 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.

(excerpt:stpaulcenter.com)

### 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:  
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

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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**Saint Pio, Priest: Feast Day September 23**

There are saints who have been known for healing, saints who could "read" souls, saints who were known for levitation, who bore the stigmata, were seen in apparition, who had the "odor of sanctity" or who could understand languages they didn't know. But Padre Pio, who died on September 23, 1968, had all these charisms, and more. He was also the first priest to bear the stigmata - the holy wounds of Christ.

Padre Pio was born on May 25, 1887, at Pietrelcina, in the Archdiocese of Benevento, Italy, and given the name Francesco. At sixteen, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars, where he took the Franciscan habit and the name Pio. In 1907 he made his solemn profession. He was ordained a priest in 1910 but stayed at home with his family until 1916 for health reasons. In September of that year, Padre Pio was hearing confessions when he felt pain in his hands and feet and noticed the stigmata. The bleeding wounds smelled of roses, and although they continued to weep, they never became infected. He was sent to the friary of San Giovanni Rotondo and remained there until his death in 1968.

Word began to spread about Padre Pio's stigmata and people came from far and wide to see him. As his spiritual influence increased, so did the voices of his detractors. Accusations against Padre Pio poured in to the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, and by June 1922, restrictions were placed by the Holy See on the public's access to Padre Pio. His daily Mass time was varied each day without announcement to diminish the crowds, and he was ordered not to answer correspondence from people seeking spiritual direction. He was further ordered to desist from all activities except the celebration of the Mass, which was to be done in private. It was also rumored that plans were being made to transfer Padre Pio, but both local and Church authorities were afraid of public riots and he remained at the friary of San Giovanni Rotondo. Despite the restrictions and controversies, Padre Pio's ministry continued.

Finally, in 1933, Pope Pius XI ordered the Holy See to reverse its bans and Padre Pio's faculties were gradually restored. On the level of social charity, Padre Pio committed himself to relieving the pain and suffering of many, chiefly through the founding of the House for the Relief of Suffering which opened on May 5, 1956. Padre Pio placed the Cross of the Lord at the centre of his life and work as his strength, his wisdom and glory. Inflamed by love of Jesus Christ, he became like Him in the sacrifice of himself for the salvation of the world.

For Padre Pio, faith was life; he did everything in the light of faith. Faith led him always to accept God's mysterious will. He was devoted to prayer and passed the day and a large part of the night in conversation with God. He would say: "In books we seek God, in prayer we find Him. Prayer is the key which opens God's heart." On June 16, 2002, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio of Pietrelcina.

(excerpt: michaeljournal.org)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**THE SICK**

Patsy Crafton  
Iris Macauldy  
Martha Mason  
Teresa Huntley  
Marie Joseph

**DECEASED**

Azaira Bertin  
Roger Walcott  
Mary Felicien  
Violet Benjamin  
St. Juste George  
Magdeleine Lubin  
Mary Jean Mendes

**WEEKDAY READINGS**



**MONDAY**

Prov.3:27-34  
Lk.8:16-18



**TUESDAY**

Prov.21:1-6,10-13  
Lk.8:19-21



**WEDNESDAY**

Prov.30:5-9  
Lk.9:1-6



**THURSDAY**

Ecc1.1:2-11  
Lk.9:7-9



**FRIDAY**

Ecc1.3:1-11  
Lk.9:18-22



**SATURDAY**

Ecc1.11:9-12:8  
Lk.9:43-45



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**GROS ISLET**

**CLERGY/RELIGIOUS**

**INTENTIONS**

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

Sat Sept 21- 6:00 p.m.

Sun Sept 22 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

**BEHOLD,  
GOD IS MY HELPER;  
THE LORD IS THE  
UPHOLDER  
OF MY LIFE.**

PSALM 54:4 ESV

**B'day:** Maura Bernard  
Renetta Joseph-Bruce  
**Thks:** The Destang family  
**BVM:** Genevieve Gregg & family

**MISSA PRO POPULO**

**B'day:** Judith Nurse  
Leeann & Norma Boxill  
Thecla & Phadra Norley  
**Thks:** Calixte George Jnr & family

**Healing:** Sylvie Sayers  
**B'day:** Danny Augustin  
**Wedd Ann:** Imelda & Marcellus Albertin

**B'day:** Sheena Cherry

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon Sept 23 - 6:00 a.m.**  
*St. Pius of Pietrelcina  
Priest*

Fr. Linus Clovis  
Sr. Adinase Mumba

**B'day:** Calvin George  
**Thks:** Valdene Belrose  
**Healing & Deliv:** Leonard Prospere

12:30 p.m.

**Dc'd:** Berthilia Vite  
Claude Bodley, Jerome Peter Popo

**Tue Sept 24 - 6:00 a.m.**

Fr. Vincent Arulanandam  
Rev. Girard Glace  
Sr. Mary Muskosa

**B'day:** Nadia McLean, Ellen Regis  
**Thks:** Emsco Remy & family

**Wed Sept 25 - 6:00 a.m.**

Fr. Konrad Mair  
Fr. Henry Nmor  
Fr. Kenneth Haakyav

**Thks for Graces Rec'd:**  
Yolande & Yohann Ferdinand

12:30 p.m.

**B'day:** Jerome Cazaubon

**Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.**

**Parishioners**

**Thu Sept 26 - 6:00 a.m.**

Rev. Nathalbert Husbands  
Sr. Stephaniana Banda

**Dc'd:** Family of David Popo  
Bertha Calliste, Cecil Graham

12:30 p.m.

**Dc'd:** Rosa & Antoine Glace  
Irene & Joseph Destang

**Fri Sept 27 - 6:00 a.m.**  
*St. Vincent de Paul, Priest*

Fr. Kevin Murray  
Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey

**B'day:** Tristan Matthews  
Ansley Fontenelle  
**Int:** Jose Ann d'Auvergne

**Sat Sept 28 - 6:30 a.m.**  
*BVM*

Fr. John Milton

**Dc'd:** Charles & Egbert Lionel  
Alexander & Elda Lionel