

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.

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I M I D T R I Z V E B M A D R
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N S L H N Q R G U B A R W J K
U H G S Z L W R U W H I F E G
G B Z Y G D G T X R E V Q B N

MONEY	HOUR	EQUAL	WORKERS	VINEYARD
LANDOWNER	HEAVEN	GRUMBLE	KINGDOM	GENEROUS
WAGES	HIRED	UNFAIR	RIGHT	RECEIVED

SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

Sts. Cosmas and Damian were brothers born in Arabia and were skilled in the practice of medicine. As Christians, they never took a fee for their services.

Under Diocletian's persecution of Christians, they were arrested and underwent various torments. They are the patron saints of pharmacists.



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

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
&
by appointment

Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Participation/Mission

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026 - 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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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.



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. 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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday: 9:00am to 2:00p.m.
Closed Tuesdays, Weekends & Holidays

(excerpt: catholicism.about.com)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Claudia Joseph

DECEASED

Delia Everett
Rose Eugene
Peter Eugene
Titus Albertie
Nancy Joseph
Antoine Nelson
Auguste Tommy
Monica M. Joseph
Joseph Jn. Baptiste

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Eph.4:1-7,11-13
Mt.9:9-13
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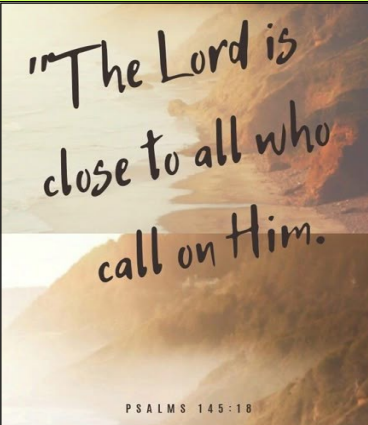
TUESDAY
Prov.21:1-6,10-13
Lk.8:19-21
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WEDNESDAY
Prov.30:5-9
Lk.9:1-6
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THURSDAY
Ecc.1:2-11
Lk.9:7-9
✠

FRIDAY
Ecc.3:1-11
Lk.9:18-22
✠

SATURDAY
Ecc.11:9-12:8
Lk.9:43-45
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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Sep 19 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Alyna Grace Elliott Gloria Cyril, Hyde Constantine Felix Joycelin Joseph, Pamela Deterville Thks: The Destang family
Sun Sep 20 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Norma Boxill Thks: Emsco Remy & family Thomas Louis & family
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Mary Marshall & family
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Guid: Kaelan, Kateri & Kate Haywood
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Sep 21 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist</i>	Rev. Anthony Louis Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey	B'day: Maura Bernard Int: Miguel Louisy, Ellen Regis
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Egbert Lionel
Tue Sep 22 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	B'day: Jeremiah Hyacinth
Wed Sep 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	B'day: Calvin George Thks: Mary Sidoine
12:30 p.m.		Deliv: Dorina Jn. Marie
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Sep 24 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	Dc'd: Christiane Laurent Dussiel
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Nadia Mc Lean
Fri Sep 25 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Henry Nmor Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav	Dc'd: Alvina George
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Mary Wellington & family In Gratitude: For Answered Prayers
Sat Sep 26 - 6:30 a.m. <i>Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs</i> BVM	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephanía Banda	Thks: Mary Lucien