

Changing Your Mind

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the parable of the two sons whose father asked them to help in the vineyard. The first son told his father he wouldn't help, but then he changed his mind and did what he was asked. The second son said he would help, but he didn't.



In the end it doesn't matter so much if we say we are going to do what's right. What is important is that we do it. We call ourselves Christians because we believe in Jesus and the Church He gave us, but we only really are being Christians if we do what He says.

I SHOULD HAVE DONE MY HOMEWORK... I'LL DO IT NOW.

Sometimes we decide not to obey God. But if we are sorry afterwards and do what is right, God will not look at the bad things we did. On the other hand, if we do good things and then change to doing bad things, then we have decided to turn away from God, and we will be punished for our sins.



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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

Confirmation:

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

◆Please note that there will be a Retreat for the parents/guardians of **all** F/Communion and Confirmation students on Wed., October 11th at the Gros Islet church from 6:00 p.m. The facilitator is Fr. Albert Smith.

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.**



The True Path.

Choosing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin? This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in the Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day, tax collectors and prostitutes, who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders who said they would serve God in the vineyard but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance.

Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, and in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path. Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the Cross. In this He has shown sinners, each one of us, the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ. This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority, that they had no further need to hear God's Word or listen to God's servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

- First Reading**
Eze.18:25-28
- Second Reading**
Phil.2:1-11
- Gospel**
Mt.21:28-32

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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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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St. Francis of Assisi - Feast Day October 4th

Francis of Assisi was an Italian Catholic friar, deacon and preacher born circa 1181. He was renowned for drinking and partying in his youth and wanted to be a knight. Fighting in a battle between Assisi and the nearby town of Perugia, Francis was captured and imprisoned for ransom. Released after spending nearly a year in prison, he was still intent on becoming a knight. A call for knights for the Fourth Crusade gave him a chance for his dream. But Francis never got farther than one day's ride from Assisi. He had a dream in which God told him he had it all wrong and to return home. Returning home without ever making it to battle, Francis was laughed at, called a coward by the people and raged at by his father for the money wasted on armor.

Now in his early 20s, he began turning his focus toward God. He spent an ever-increasing amount of time at a remote mountain hideaway as well as in old, quiet churches around Assisi praying, looking for answers, and helping to nurse lepers. During this time, while praying at the church of San Damiano, Francis claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to rebuild the dilapidated church and to live a life of extreme poverty.

In order to raise money to rebuild the church, he sold a bolt of cloth from his father's shop, along with his horse. His father was furious upon learning of his son's actions and dragged Francis before the local bishop who ordered Francis to return his father's money. Francis took off his clothes, returning both clothes and money to his father, declaring that God was now the only father he recognized. The bishop gave Francis a rough tunic and, dressed in these clothes, he left Assisi. This event is credited as Francis' final conversion. He began preaching around Assisi and was soon joined by twelve loyal followers.

Francis' embrace of Christ-like poverty was a radical notion at the time. He also felt that nature, all God's creations, were part of his brotherhood, and that a sparrow was as much his brother as the pope. His reputation gradually spread all over the Christian world. With his incredible charisma, he drew thousands of followers. They listened to his sermons and many joined in his way of life, becoming known as Franciscan friars and the Poor Clares.

In 1224 Francis received a vision that left him with the stigmata, marks resembling the wounds Jesus Christ suffered when he was crucified, on his hands and in his side. Francis is the first person who received the stigmata, which would remain visible for the rest of his life.

Years of wandering and poverty made Francis ill and almost blind. He responded to this blindness by writing the beautiful "Canticle of the Sun" that expresses his brotherhood with creation in praising God,

Francis died on October 3rd, 1226, at the age of 44, in Assisi. Two years after his death, he was canonized on July 16th, by Pope Gregory IX. He is the patron saint of ecologists, honoring his boundless love for animals and nature. St. Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in history.

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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

Zech.8:1-8
Mt.18:1-5, 10



TUESDAY

Zec.8:20-23
Lk.9:51-56



WEDNESDAY

Neh.2:1-8
Lk.9:57-62



THURSDAY

Neh.8:1-12
Lk.10:1-12



FRIDAY

Bar.1:15-22
Lk.10:13-16



SATURDAY

Bar.4:5-12,27-29
Lk.10:17-24



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Sept 30 - 6:00 p.m.	~Psalm 25:6-7 (KJV)~ Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.	B'day: Glendon Nicholas Thks: Marcia Haywood Girard Glace & family
Sun Oct 1 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Thks: Charms Florent
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		39th Wedd Ann: Claudette & Antoine Casimir Thks: Catherine Augustin & family
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Int: Parish Youth
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Oct 2 - 7:00 a.m. <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Celestin Nwakwuo Fr. Philomin Zacharias	Thks: Elizabeth Prudent Glace Motors Ltd. B'day: Marie-Ange Williams
Tue Oct 3 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Stephen Quinlan Fr. Arthur Zalewski	Dc'd: Alvina George Albert, Letitia & Raymond Laurent
Wed Oct 4 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Francis of Assisi, Religious</i>	Fr. Vinoth Santhappan Fr. John Wilson	Dc'd: Arthur Baptiste, Egbert Lionel
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Cecil Graham
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Oct 5- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Lee Cox Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	Wedd Ann: Theresa & Constantine Defreitas
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Jose-Anne d' Auvergne
Fri Oct 6 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Patrick Anthony	Thks: Shanta King & family
12:30 p.m.		Guid & Protec: Marva Wellington Thks: Mary Wellington & family
Sat Oct 7- 6:30 a.m. <i>Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Mass at the Shrine</i>	Arch. Robert Rivas OP Sr. Frances Nosbisch	Int: Lynn Joseph OLHR: Perlin Verdant & family Thks: Laurencia Cadette Zoey Hinkson, Sashla St. Omer