

# Lazarus and the Rich Man

In today's Gospel Jesus tells a parable about a rich man and a poor man. While they were alive, the rich man had everything he wanted. He feasted every day and was never hungry. Meanwhile Lazarus, the poor man, lay in the rich man's gate, always hungry and sick. Even the dogs came to lick the sores on his body.

Once the men died everything changed. The rich man went to Hell. He got what he deserved for thinking only of himself while he was alive. Lazarus, on the other hand, went to be with Abraham in Heaven. He had suffered so much while he was alive, but now he was perfectly happy.

The rich man wanted a drop of water to cool his tongue but Lazarus couldn't help him. He found out what happens if you only think about getting the best for yourself. What does this story make you want to do for the poor and suffering people around you?



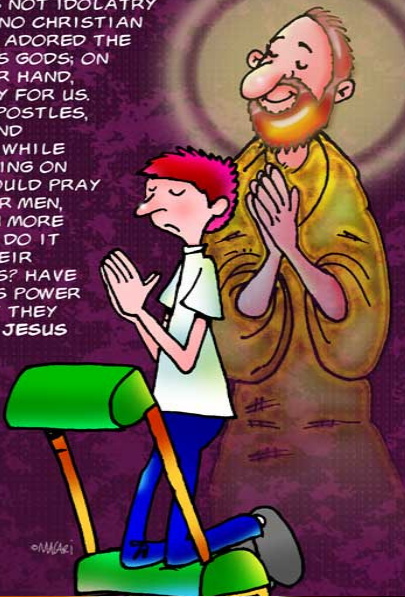
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- SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**  
Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please contact the Parish Office at least **6 weeks** before the date.
- SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**  
Couples must contact the Parish Office to arrange at least **6 months** before the desired date.
- MASS INTENTIONS:**  
Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.


## SAINTS FUN FACTS

by mario d. macari

DO CATHOLICS WORSHIP SAINTS OR THEIR RELICS? SAINT JEROME, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, HAS THE ANSWER: "WE DO NOT WORSHIP THE RELICS OF THE SAINTS, BUT HONOR THEM IN OUR WORSHIP OF HIM WHOSE SAINTS THEY ARE. WE HONOR THE SERVANTS IN ORDER THAT THE RESPECT PAID TO THEM MAY BE REFLECTED BACK TO THE LORD." HONORING THEM, HE SAID, WAS NOT IDOLATRY BECAUSE NO CHRISTIAN HAD EVER ADORED THE SAINTS AS GODS; ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY PRAY FOR US. "IF THE APOSTLES, SAINTS AND MARTYRS, WHILE STILL LIVING ON EARTH, COULD PRAY FOR OTHER MEN, HOW MUCH MORE MAY THEY DO IT AFTER THEIR VICTORIES? HAVE THEY LESS POWER NOW THAT THEY ARE WITH JESUS CHRIST?"



SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, DEFEND US IN THE DAY OF BATTLE, BE OUR SAFEGUARD AGAINST THE WICKEDNESS AND SNARES OF THE DEVIL. MAY GOD REBUKE HIM, WE HUMBLY PRAY, AND DO YOU, O PRINCE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST, BY THE POWER OF GOD, CAST INTO HELL, SATAN AND ALL THE OTHER EVIL SPIRITS, WHO PROWL THROUGH THE WORLD, SEEKING THE RUIN OF SOULS! AMEN!!



POPE LEO XIII PENNED THIS PRAYER IN 1884 IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEING ALLOWED BY GOD TO HEAR A CONVERSATION BETWEEN OUR LORD AND THE DEVIL.

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## Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 28TH SEPTEMBER 2025 - YEAR C

### Raising up the Poor.

The rich and powerful are visited with woe and exile in today's Liturgy, not for their wealth but for their refusal to share it; not for their power but for their indifference to the suffering at their door. The complacent leaders in the First Reading feast on fine foods and wines, reveling while the house of Joseph, the kingdom of Israel, collapses around them.

The rich man in the Gospel also lives like a king, dressed in royal purple and fine linen. The rich man symbolizes Israel's failure to keep the Old Covenant, to heed the commandments of Moses and the prophets. This is the sin of the rulers in the First Reading. Born to the nation God favored first, they could claim Abraham as their father. But for their failure to give, their inheritance is taken away. The rulers are exiled from their homeland. The rich man is punished with an exile far greater: eternity with a "great chasm" fixed between himself and God.

In this world, the rich and powerful make a name for themselves and dine sumptuously, while the poor remain anonymous, refused an invitation to their feasts. But notice that the Lord today knows Lazarus by name, and Joseph in his sufferings, while the leaders and the rich man have no name.

Today's Liturgy is a call to repentance, to heed the warning of One who was raised from the dead. To lay hold of the eternal life He promises, we must pursue righteousness, keep the commandment of love, as Paul exhorts in the Epistle.

The Lord loves the just," we sing in today's Psalm. And in this Eucharist we have a foretaste of the love that will be ours in the next life, when He will raise the lowly to the heavenly banquet with Abraham and the prophets, where we too will rest our heads on the bosom of our Lord.

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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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### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading**  
Am.6:1,4-7  
**Second Reading**  
1Tim.6:11-16  
**Gospel**  
Lk.16:19-31  
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### 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.

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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



Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael - Archangels - Sep 29

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, and the archangels are an order within that hierarchy of angelic hosts.

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 to honour 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.

Each of these archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides. 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

\* The Angelic choirs consist of: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels and Angels.

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THE SICK

Patsy Crafton  
Iris Macauldy  
Marie Joseph  
Anne Marie Felicien

DECEASED

Andre Delice  
Adams Alexis  
Peter Norville  
Martha Mason  
Frances Duval  
Clement Damaze  
Josiah N. Herman  
Elizabeth F. Sonson

WEEKDAY READINGS

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

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


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

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THURSDAY  
Neh.8:1,12  
Mt.18:1-5,10

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

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



MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Sep 27 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Girard Glace Int: Glace family, Sancha James St. Joseph: Stanley Kyle Morand St. Michael: Perlin Verdant & family
Sun Sep 28 -7:30 a.m. <i>St. Matthew, Apostle</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Marie Ambrose, Michael Wilson Mauricia Edward, Ansley Fontenelle Guid: Ariaah Willie, DeMario Lendor
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Sep 29- 6:00 a.m <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael Archangels</i>	Rev. David Popo Rev. Herald Wilson Rev. Gerard Calderon	St. Jude: Aylwin Benjamin Michele & Marlon Benjamin
12:30 p.m.		De'd: Family of David Popo Arthur Baptiste, Egbert Lionel
Tue Sep 30 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Jerome, Priest &amp; Doctor</i>	Rev. Peter Fevrier Sr. Margaret Maynard Sr. Marie Therese Clement	Thks: Marcia Haywood Bernadette Pamphile
Wed Oct 1 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus Virgin &amp; Doctor</i>	Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Fr. Cleophus Joseph Fr. Joseph Akande	Thks: Anthony Robinson
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Mikaela Elliott BVM: Joan Benjamin & family
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Oct 2 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Stephen Quinlan Fr. Philomin Zacharias	Thks: Glace Motors Ltd Miguel Louisy, Ellen Regis
12:30 p.m.		De'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang
Fri Oct 3 - 6:00 a.m.	Archbishop Malzaire Msgr. Michel Francis	Thks: Diane & Richard Palton
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Jose-Anne d'Auvergne
Sat Oct 4 - 6:30 a.m. <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	Fr. Vinoth Santhappan	De'd: Teresa Huntley Holy Souls in Purgatory