

Kids Column

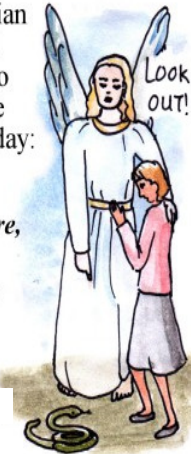
Guardian Angels



On October 2nd we celebrate the feast of the Guardian Angels. Did you know that God has an angel specially looking after you? God gave you a guardian angel to help guard you against temptation and danger.

Angels are pure spirits. Even though we draw them like people with wings, they don't have bodies, so they don't take up space. They can see and understand much more than we can, and they know God much better than we do, too. They are very powerful and can help us very much.

We should try to talk to our Guardian Angel every day. Thank your angel for looking after you, and ask him to keep protecting you from evil. Here is a good prayer you can say every day:



*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side
to light, to guard, to rule and guide.
From sinful state O keep me free,
and at death's hour my helper be.
Amen.*

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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

Saint Francis of Assisi

was a wealthy young man of privilege, served as a soldier and was a prisoner of war. He heard God's call and went on to be one of the most venerated Catholic saints. He designed the first Nativity set and was the first man ever recorded to receive the Stigmata, the wounds of Christ.



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.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 29TH SEPT 2024 - YEAR B

Belonging to Christ.

Today's Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, recorded in the First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God's Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the Apostles. Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans.

The Spirit blows where it wills, and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God in every nation under heaven. God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. But really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve.

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in the Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church. But as Jesus says, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples.

Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal, causing others to doubt or lose faith? Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father's will? Are we living, as this Sunday's Epistle warns, for our own luxury and pleasure while neglecting our neighbors? We need to keep meditating on His Law. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them.

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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

Num.11:25-29

Second Reading

Jas.5:1-6

Gospel

Mk.9:38-43,

45,47-48

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

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, 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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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Teresa Huntley
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Mary Felicien
Celsus Norville
Violet Benjamin
St. Juste George
Gregory Louison
Magdeleine Lubin
Mary Jean Mendes

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Job 1:6-22
Lk.9:46-50



TUESDAY

Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23
Lk.9:51-56



WEDNESDAY

Job 9:1-13,14-16
Mt.18:1-5,10



THURSDAY

Job 19:21-27
Lk.10:1-12



FRIDAY

Job 38:1,12-21;40:3-5
Lk.10:13-16



SATURDAY

Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17
Lk.10:17-24



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Sat Sept 28- 6:00 p.m.

Sun Sept 29 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

The law of
the LORD
is perfect
reviving
the soul

Psalm 19:7

Thks: Julitta Herman & family
B'day: Deacon Girard Glace
Mauricia Edward, Xéda Samuel
St. Michael: Perlin Verdant & family

MISSA PRO POPULO

B'day: Akeelah Didier
IHO St. Michael: Hester Parker
Andrew Edward, Mikaela Elliott

Guid & Protec: Marcella Roland
Wedd Ann:
Claudette & Antoine Casimir

Parishioners

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Sept 30 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue Oct 1 - 6:00 a.m.

*St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
Virgin & Doctor*

Wed Oct 2 - 6:00 a.m.

The Holy Guardian Angels

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Oct 3 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fri Oct 4 - 6:00 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi, Religious

12:30 p.m.

Sat Oct 5- 6:30 a.m.

Mass at the Shrine

Sr. Margaret Maynard
Sr. Mary Mutwiwa

Fr. Ignatius Cetoute
Fr. Cleophus Joseph
Sr. Marie Therese Clement

Fr. Athanase Joseph
Fr. Stephen Quinlan
Fr. Philomin Zacharias

Msgr. Michel Francis
Fr. Arthur Zalewski

Fr. Vinoth Santhappan
Fr. John Wilson

Fr. Joseph Raj
Sr. Mary Lee Cox

Thks: Marcia Haywood
Ellen Regis, Miguel Louisy

Thks: Mauricia Edward
80th Ann: 1944 F/ Comm Group

Thks: Red Dot
Bapt. Anniv: Micaela Parker

B'day: Marie Ange Williams
Thks: Bernadette Pamphile

90th B'day: Marie Augier
Thks: The Augier family
Stennett Bent & family

Parishioners

Dc'd: Cecil Graham
Albert, Letitia & Raymond Laurent

Holy Spirit: Huntley & Wells families

Thks: Diane & Richard Palton

Thks: Donors & Benefactors

Thks: Glace Motors Ltd.
Rachel Myers & family