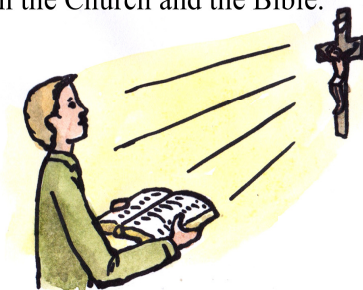


faith...

In today's Gospel we learn a little bit about faith. In fact, Jesus says we only need a tiny bit of faith to do amazing things. If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, He said, you can tell a tree to throw itself into the sea and it will!

But what is faith? Faith is believing. We have faith in our parents and teachers. That means that we believe what they tell us and we trust them. We have faith in our friends too. Faith in God is a little bit different, though. It is a gift He gives us so that we can believe in Him.

When we are baptized God gives us the gift of faith. Then it's up to us to use it. We use that gift when we decide to believe in God and what He tells us in the Church and the Bible.



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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

♦ The closing liturgy for the end of the diocesan phase of the Synod of Synodality at the Minor Basilica has been postponed to Sunday, October 9th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend, particularly members of the parish Synodality team.

Weekdays:
6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays:
6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sundays:
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Holidays:
7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

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.**



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 2ND OCT 2022 - YEAR C

Life by Faith.

Because of his faith, the just man shall live. We hear in today's First Reading the original prophetic line made so central by St. Paul. We are to live by faith in Christ who loved us and gave Himself on the Cross for us.

The world, though, can seem to us as seventh-century Judah seemed to Habakkuk - in the control of God's enemies. The strife and discord we face in our own lives can sometimes cause us to wonder, as the prophet does, why God doesn't seem to hear or intervene when we cry for help.

We can't let our hearts be hardened by the trials we undergo. As the Psalm reminds us, Israel forgot His mighty works, lost faith in the sound words of His promise. They tested God in the desert, demanding a sign. But God didn't redeem Israel from Egypt only to let them die in the desert, and He didn't ransom us from futility only to abandon us in our trials. He is our God and we are the people He shepherds always, though at times His mercy and justice seem long delayed. If we call on the Lord, as the Apostles do in the Gospel, He will increase our faith, stir to a flame the Holy Spirit who has dwelt within us since Baptism.

As Paul tells us in the Epistle, the Lord will always give us the love and self-control we need to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel with a strength that can come from God alone. Our task is to continue doing what He has commanded - to love and to build up His kingdom - trusting that His vision still presses on to its fulfillment, for His vision still has its time.

One day, though we are but "unprofitable servants," we will be invited to eat and drink at our Master's table. It is that day we anticipate with each celebration of the Eucharist.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

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

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
5:00-5:45 p.m.
&
by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Hab.1:2-3;2:2-4

Second Reading
2Tim.1:6-8,13-14

Gospel
Lk.17:5-10

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
5:45a.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.

Monchy: 6:00 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. 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 12 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.

(excerpt: biography.com)
(except: catholic.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Carmen Lord
Coleta Henry
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Patsy Crafton
Theresa Huntley
Mary Alexander

DECEASED

Merona Joseph
Agupite James
Anthony David
Kevin McPhee
Mary Christophe
Anne Marie Louisien

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Gal.1:6-12
Lk.10:25-37



TUESDAY

Gal.1:13-24
Lk.10:38-42



WEDNESDAY

Gal.2:1-2,7-14
Lk.11:1-4



THURSDAY

Gal.3:1-5
Lk.11:5-13



FRIDAY

Gal.3:7-14
Lk.11:15-26



SATURDAY

Gal.3:22-29
Lk.11:27-28



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Oct 1 - 6:00 p.m.	O COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN: LET US KNEEL BEFORE THE LORD OUR MAKER. PSALMS 95:6	Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family B'day: Glendon Nicholas, Arthur Tisson Bless: Augusta Toussaint, Arrienne Augier
Sun Oct 2- 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Augustin Ogbu Marie Ange Williams Guid/Protec: Christiana James & family
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Oct 3 - 7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Arthur Zalewski	De'd: Kareem Auguste, Irvin Mathurin
Tue Oct 4 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Francis of Assisi, Religious</i>	Fr. Vinoth Santhappan Fr. John Wilson	Thks: Anthony Louis Guid/Protec: Shaniah Moncherry Patrick & Veronica Eugene & family
Wed Oct 5 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Lee Cox	De'd: Anne Marie Cadet Theresa & Richard Charles
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Janelle James Sp. Int: Audrey, Rawle & Aiga Charles
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.	Arch. Robert Rivas Msgr. Patrick Anthony Sr. Frances Norbisch	Thks: Mya Norville
Thu Oct 6 - 6:00 a.m.		De'd: Anne Marie Cadet Theresa & Richard Charles
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Glace Motors B'day: Evelyn Nassar Edward
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.	Fr. Albert Smith Sr. Christine Alphonse	Parishioners
Fri Oct 7- 6:00 a.m. <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>		Thks: Shanta King & family IHO OLR: Perlin Verdant & family
12:30 p.m.		Healing: Christiana James Guid/Protec: The Lastic family Virginia d' Auvergne & family
Sat Oct 8- 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Fr. Amalraj Mother Rosaria Joseph	De'd: Denise Mona Gabriel The Hyacinth family