

Invitation to the Wedding Feast



Imagine that you live in a great kingdom with a king and queen and many other great people. You hear that the king's son is going to get married and there will be a great wedding feast. All the lords and ladies and rich land owners are invited. On the day of the wedding the servants go out to call the guests to the wedding, but all those important people refuse to go! They say they are too busy with other things, and can't be bothered to go!

Now imagine that you are one of the children in a poor family that lives down a back street. Suddenly you hear people calling out that the king has invited your family to the feast! What excitement! Everybody puts on their best clothes and goes to the castle. In a little while the king comes in and you see him pointing to a man who isn't dressed neatly, and hasn't washed his face or brushed his hair. He sends the man out of the hall.



This is the story that Jesus told about the kingdom of Heaven. Many important people have been invited, but they have decided that they were too busy with other things. But the King has invited us too! We should rejoice and "dress" our souls by being the best we can be! Don't be a half-hearted Christian!



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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.

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts.

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen

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.**



Dressing for the Feast.

Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history. God is the king, Jesus the bridegroom, the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in the First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets. For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies.

Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His Apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people, good and bad alike, to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad.

We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ. As we sing in the Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist.

As Paul tells us in the Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ we will find supplied whatever we need. In the rich food of His body and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever. But are we dressed for the feast? Are we clothed in the garment of righteousness? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Is.25:6-10

Second Reading

Phil.4:12-14,19-20

Gospel

Mt.22:1-14

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.

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. 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. Luke the Evangelist - Feast Day October 18th

St. Luke was born a Greek and a Gentile in Antioch, Syria. He was a physician, and it is believed that he may have also been a slave, as it was not uncommon in his day for slaves to be educated in medicine so the family would have a resident physician.

We know nothing about his conversion, but looking at the language of Acts, we can see that he first joined St. Paul's company at Troas about the year 51. Luke became a close companion of St. Paul and accompanied him on his missionary journeys, and is the only Gentile to have written books in the Bible. He is the writer of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles.

The Gospel of Luke focuses on Christ's compassion for sinners and for those who suffer, the poor and oppressed, encouraging tenderness and compassion for the less fortunate. The Gospel of Luke also stresses the importance of evangelizing to the Gentiles. It is only in his gospel that we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan, hear Jesus praising the faith of Gentiles such as the widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian, and the story of the one grateful leper who is a Samaritan.

Women have an important place in Luke's gospel. Luke writes about the women who accompanied Jesus, such as Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, Martha and Mary and "many other women who used their own resources to help Jesus and His disciples". Mary the mother of Jesus is especially important in Luke's gospel. It is only here that the story of Mary's Annunciation, her visit to Elizabeth, the Magnificat, the Presentation in the temple and Jesus' remaining in Jerusalem are told. In Luke's gospel, we learn the words spoken by the angel to Mary at the Annunciation, "Hail Mary, full of grace" and Elizabeth's words to Mary, "Blessed art thou and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus."

It is believed that Luke lived a long life and died c.74 in Greece. He was the first Christian physician and is venerated by the Catholic Church as the patron saint of physicians and surgeons. St Luke is also considered the patron saint of painters because, according to tradition, he had painted images of Mary and of Jesus.

He is often shown with an ox or a calf because these are the symbols of sacrifice -- the sacrifice Jesus made for all the world.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Theresa Huntley

DECEASED

Marie Altenor
Patrick Charles
Martin Aurelien
Anthony Cigobin
Septimus George
Anne Marie Clovis
Jean Baptiste Eleodore

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Rom.1:1-7
Lk.11:29-32



TUESDAY

Rom.1:16-25
Lk.11:37-41



WEDNESDAY

2Tim.4:10-17
Lk.10:1-9



THURSDAY.

Rom.3:21-30
Lk.11:47-54



FRIDAY

Rom.4:1-8
Lk.12:1-7



SATURDAY

Rom.4:13,16-18
Lk.12:8-12



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Oct 14 - 6:00 p.m.

Surely your goodness and love
will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23:6

Guid: Algitha Richelieu & family
B'day: Calixte George
Kamille Joseph, Nina Chong

Eucharistic Service

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B'day: Sheila Imbert
Int: Felix Finisterre
Thks: Lucella Sandiford James & family

MISSA PRO POPULO

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Oct 16 - 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Errol Frederick
Sr. Rosemarie Minj

Dc'd: Davidson Michaud
Florence & Madalene Auguste

12:30 p.m.

B'day: Teresa Jean Baptiste

Tue Oct 17 - 6:00 a.m.

*St. Ignatius of Antioch
Bishop & Martyr*

Fr. Yvon Tremont

B'day: Dylan Boxill, Myrtle Louis
Marguerite Nicholas, Alix James

Wed Oct 18 - 6:00 a.m.

St. Luke, Evangelist

Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy
Sr. Bernadette Peter

Thks: Diane & Richard Palton

12:30 p.m.

Thks: Cecil Graham

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

No Mass

Thu Oct 19 - 6:00 a.m.

*Sts. Isaac Jogues &
John de Brebuef, priests, &
companions, Martyrs*

Fr. Lambert St. Rose

Wedd Ann: George & Julie Radjou

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Antoine & Rosa Glace
Joseph & Irene Destang

Fri Oct 20 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Paul Vu

B'day:
Jeanne, Keitha & Charms Frederick

12:30 p.m.

B'day: Leo & Brette Macauldy

Sat Oct 21 - 6:30 a.m.

*BVM
Mass at the Shrine*

Rev. Anthony Louis
Rev. John Douglas
Rev. Robert Harvey

Dc'd: Lucy Regobert