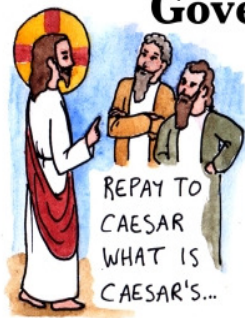


Should we Obey the Government?



The Pharisees in today's Gospel reading were trying to trick Jesus and make Him say something wrong. They asked Him whether they should pay taxes to the pagan emperor. If He said no then He would be speaking against the emperor, but if He said yes then it would seem like He was saying that it was good for the Jews to be ruled by the pagan Romans.

But Jesus knew what the Pharisees were trying to do. He told them to show Him a coin, and asked them whose picture was on it. They said it was Caesar's (the Roman emperor's), so Jesus told them, "Then repay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." He was telling them that they should obey the rulers of the land, but also that they should obey God.

We have two kinds of laws: God's laws and the laws of our governments. Both are for our own good, but God's laws are more important. We should obey the government's laws as long as they agree with God's laws, but we must always obey God's laws. Can you think of some laws that the government makes that are for our good?

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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.**



Jesus is Lord.

The Lord is king over all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. Governments rise and fall by His permission, with no authority but that given from above. In effect, God says to every ruler what He tells King Cyrus in the First Reading: "I have called you . . . though you do not know me." The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem.

Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power. Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins. The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in the Gospel, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar," are a pointed reminder of this, and they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight.

The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven, we are called to be a light to the world, working in faith, laboring in love, and enduring in hope, as the Epistle counsels. We owe the government a concern for the common good and obedience to laws, unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church. But we owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image. But we bear God's own image. We owe Him our very lives, all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love.

We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will, until from the rising of the sun to its setting, all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Is.45:1,4-6

Second Reading

1Thess.1:1-5

Gospel

Mt.22:15-21

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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CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

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by appointment

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World Mission Sunday 2023 - Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move.

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday 2023, reflects on the theme “Hearts on fire, feet on the move,” based on the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35). The hearts of the two disciples were downcast because of the death of Jesus, in whom they had believed. Then, as they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them. Today, as then, the Risen Lord remains close to his missionary disciples and walks beside them, particularly when they feel disoriented, discouraged, fearful of the mystery of iniquity that surrounds them and seeks to overwhelm them.

Pope Francis invites all of us to "set out once more, illumined by our encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by his Spirit. Let us set out again with burning hearts, with our eyes open and our feet in motion. Let us set out to make other hearts burn with the word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist, and to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation that God, in Christ, has bestowed upon all humanity."

On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. As we pray and respond here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish and school throughout the world. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions. In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses.

Our Lady of the Way, Mother of Christ’s missionary disciples and Queen of Missions, pray for us.

“Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?’” Lk. 24:30-32

(excerpt: usccb.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Theresa Huntley



DECEASED

Marie Altenor
Anthony Cigobin
Albert Ferdinand
Anne Marie Clovis

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Rom.4:20-25
Lk.12:13-21



TUESDAY

Rom.5:12,15,17-21
Lk.12:35-38



WEDNESDAY

Rom.6:12-18
Lk.12:39-48



THURSDAY

Rom.6:19-23
Lk.12:49-53



FRIDAY

Rom.7:18-25
Lk.12:54-59



SATURDAY

Eph.2:19-22
Lk.6:12-19



MASS INTENTIONS

| GROS ISLET | CLERGY/RELIGIOUS | INTENTIONS |
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| 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A | | |
| Sat Oct 21 - 6:00 p.m. | <p>Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, <i>Give to the Lord</i> GLORY AND STRENGTH. PSALM 96:7</p> | B'day: Ken Joseph Thks: The Destang family Jenny & Trevor Constantine Bar Anniv: Lorraine Williams |
| Sun Oct 22 - 7:30 a.m. <i>World Mission Sunday</i> | | MISSA PRO POPULO |
| 10:00 a.m. | | Thks: Yanille James, Celia Cox & family B'day: Francisca Morille Anwar Deterville, Melinda Hyacinth |
| Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m. | | Eucharistic Service |
| Monchy - 10:00 a.m. | | Eucharistic Service |
| WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS | | |
| Mon Oct 23 - 6:00 a.m. | Msgr. Theophilus Joseph Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba | Int: Felix Finistere |
| 12:30 p.m. | | B'day: Sabina Louis |
| Tue Oct 24 - 6:00 a.m. | Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa | B'day: Kingsley St. Hill Olienthia Blenman |
| Wed Oct 25 - 6:00 a.m. | Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav Fr. Henry Nmor | Thks: Cecil Graham |
| 12:30 p.m. | | Int: Anthony Robinson |
| Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m. | | Parishioners |
| Thu Oct 26- 6:00 a.m. | Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephania Banda | Int: Bernadette Pamphile & family |
| 12:30 p.m. | | B'day: Niara Williams |
| Fri Oct 27 - 6:00 a.m. | Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey | De'd: Sr. Margaret Mary O.C |
| 12:30 p.m. | | Int: Felix Finistere |
| Sat Oct 28- 6:30 a.m. <i>Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles</i> <i>Mass at the Shrine</i> | Fr. John Milton | St. Jude: Perlin Verdant & family Thks: Vernetta Brooks & family |