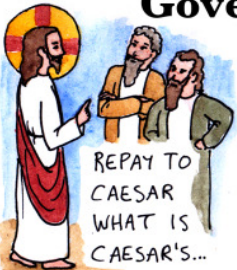



Should we Obey the Government?



REPAY TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S...

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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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.**

ASSEMBLY SONG

- We are called to be a church united.
We are called to walk in truth and mercy

Chorus: *We are called, we are called, Yes, we are called. (Repeat)*

- We are called to mission by the Spirit
We are called to put the Word in action
- We are called to live our stewardship daily
We are called to serve the poor and needy
- We are called as Salt and Light and Leaven
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- We are called to Vision 2020
We are called to be a church united
We are called to love one another

We are called, we are called, Yes, we are called. Yes, we are called. Yes, we are called. Yes, we are called.

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SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG; SING TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH!

PSALM 96:1

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 should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at least **6 months** before the desired date.



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

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VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 18TH OCT 2020 - YEAR A

Lord of all.

The Lord is king over all the earth, 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 today's 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, 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
1Thes.1:1-5

Gospel
Mt.22:15-21

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET
Morning Prayers:
5:45a.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.
✝
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
7:00 a.m.
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World Mission Sunday: “Here am I, send me” (Isaiah 6:8).

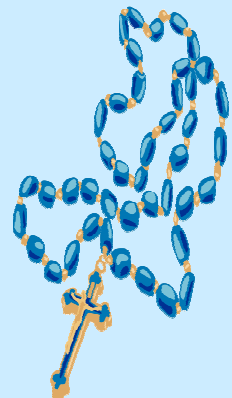
World Mission Sunday, observed in every nation on earth, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church’s missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. It reminds us that the world is our parish. Even in the disorientation and fear provoked by the current international pandemic, Pope Francis tells us that the Lord continues to ask “Whom shall I send?” This is where the call to mission emerges as an “invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour” through “service and intercessory prayer”, Pope Francis continues.

The Holy Father says that our mission, our call, our willingness to be sent originate in Jesus’ own vocation as “the Father’s Missionary”. “Our personal vocation” is rooted in “the fact that we are sons and daughters of God in the Church”. Thus the baptized members of the Church are sent forth in her name. Through our witness and proclamation of the Gospel, God continues “to manifest His love”. This is how He is able to “touch and transform hearts, minds, bodies, societies and cultures in every place and time.”

The challenge for the Church’s mission right now is that of “ understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic”, Pope Francis acknowledges. As people die alone or are abandoned, as others lose their jobs, the need for social distancing or saying at home, the Pope says that we are invited “to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God”. This situation can increase our awareness of the need to relate to others, he says. God will touch our hearts through prayer which will always open us to understand others’ needs.

God’s question expressed by the Prophet Isaiah “Whom shall I send?” is addressed once more to us and awaits a generous and convincing response: ‘Here am I, send me!’ World Mission Sunday is a day on which we can reaffirm through prayer, reflection and material help our active participation in Jesus’ mission in His Church.

(excerpt: vaticannews.va)



“Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world.”

Our Lady of Fatima - May 13, 1917

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“ There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Rosary”

Sr. Lucy of Fatima

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK
Iris Macauldy Priscillia Henry Martha Mason Rosna Joseph Nellie Hall Priscillia St. Martin
DECEASED
Leone George Constance Beaubrun Philomene Ambrose Marie Celine Ishmael Cluis Alfred
WEEKDAY READINGS
✠ MONDAY Eph.2:1-10 Lk.12:13-21 ✠ TUESDAY Eph.2:12-22 Lk.12:35-38 ✠ WEDNESDAY Eph.3:2-12 Lk.12:39-48 ✠ THURSDAY Eph.3:14-21 Lk.12:49-53 ✠ FRIDAY Eph.4:1-6 Lk.12:54-59 ✠ SATURDAY Eph.4:7-16 Lk.13:1-9 ✠

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Oct 17 - 6:00 p.m.		Int: Lorraine Williams Thks & Healing: Atkins Sisters B'day: Myrtle Octave Marguerite Nicholas, Alix James
Sun Oct 18 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		30th Ann: Caribbean Metals Ltd.
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Oct 19 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Isaac Jogues & John de Brebeuf</i> <i>Priests & Martyrs</i>	Fr. Lambert St. Rose Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy	Int: Vanessa Goring B'day: Laura, Cleo & Lee Moise
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Nathalie & Dumont Joseph
Tue Oct 20 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Paul Vu Sr. Bernadette Peter	B'day: Leo & Brette Macauldy
Wed Oct 21 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey Rev. Anthony Louis	Dc'd: Patrick Joseph Maria Bernard, Norman Jean
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Celine Johannes
Thu Oct 22 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander Sr. Adinase Mumba	Dc'd: Joseph & Josephine Louis Lucy Regobert, Huntley family members
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Margerie Philip & family
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Oct 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Theophilus Joseph Fr. Linus Clovis Rev. Girard Glace	B'day: Sabina Louis
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Richard & Theresa Charles Anne Marie Cadet, Octavie Gervis
Sat Oct 24 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Sr. Mary Muskosa	B'day: Olientia Blenman, Kingsley St. Hill 30th Ann: Goodwill Charity Group