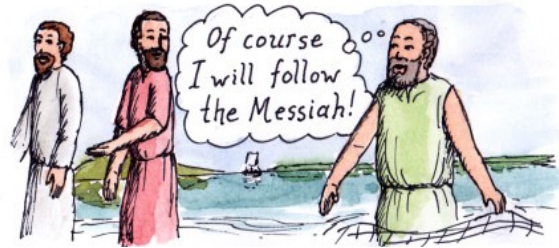


## Be Ready to do God's Will

In today's first reading, God called young Samuel in a special way. Samuel's life had been dedicated to God, and because he was willing to follow God's plan, God made Samuel a holy prophet.

In the Gospel reading, Saint John the Baptist tells his followers that Jesus is the Messiah. Two of them decided to follow Jesus, and one of them, Andrew, went and got his brother Simon. When Simon went to follow Him, Jesus told him that his name would now be "Cephas," or "Peter," which means 'rock.' God had a special plan for Simon Peter. He was to become the leader of the Church- the first pope!

God does not call all of us to very important jobs like the prophet Samuel and Saint Peter. But each of us should follow Jesus and be ready to do His will. If we always try to do what God wants, then we will be ready if He does have a special job for us! How can you do God's will today?



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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 Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny and St Joseph's Convent Secondary School invite all parishioners to the Opening Mass marking 170 years since the establishment of the school. The Mass will take place at the Cathedral on Wednesday, January 24th from 10:00 a.m.

♦All youth of the Northern Vicariate are invited to the first youth Mass of the year. Come and fellowship with other young people like you. Let's meet at the Sacred Heart Church, Marchand, on Sunday, 28th January. Mass begins at 8 a.m. followed by brunch and activities until 12 p.m. Looking forward to seeing all young people at this Vicariate's first activity for the year.

### *Your Servant is Listening (1 Sam.3:10)*

God has something to say to you. Are you willing to listen and pay attention to Him? Here are some suggestions:

1. **Believe** that God has something to say to you. **Believe** that God loves you up close and personal.
2. **Beware of false humility** -- thinking that you're such a bad person that God wouldn't want to have anything to do with you. Remember that Jesus has died for you. *He* makes you worthy of God's love.
3. **Recognize** that false humility is really just another form of denial, or of pride.
4. **Take time to reflect and pray**, paying attention to events as well as things people say to you.
5. **Be open** to seeing and hearing things. God is trying to get in touch with you. God has something He wants to say to you. Begin your next time of prayer with these words: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

(excerpt: catholicweb.com/frcharlesirvin)



### *I Come To Do Your Will.*

In the call of Samuel and of the first Apostles, today's readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ. In the Gospel, John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by.

Samuel is also waiting on the Lord, sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest. Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him, and Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord. The disciples too heard and followed, words we hear repeatedly in the Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord.

These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives. God is constantly calling to each of us personally, by name. He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word. We must desire always, as the apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face. For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in the Epistle.

We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us, and raise us by His power. We must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah.

As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of the Psalm: "Behold I come . . . to do your will O God."

(excerpt: st.paulcenter.com)

### SUNDAY READINGS

#### First Reading

1Sam.3:3-10,19

#### Second Reading

1Cor.6:13-15, 17-20

#### Gospel

Jn.1:35-42

### 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



### CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday  
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.  
&  
by appointment

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**St. Anthony, Abbot - Feast Day January 17th**

Anthony's life was not one of observing, but of becoming. He was born in Lower Egypt in AD 251 to wealthy landowner parents who died when he was about twenty. He inherited their three hundred acres of land and the responsibility for a young sister. One day in church, he heard a reading of Matthew 19:21: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor.....then come, follow me."

Not content to sit still and meditate and reflect on Jesus' words, he walked out of the church and gave away all his property except what he and his sister needed to live on. On hearing Matthew 6:34, "So do not worry about tomorrow", he gave away everything else and entrusted his sister to a convent. He then left to live an ascetic life outside the village, praying, fasting, and performing manual labor. It wasn't enough to listen to words, he had to become what Jesus said. He later headed out into the desert and remained there for 13 years. Though Anthony himself did not organize or create a monastery, a community grew around him based on his example of living an ascetic and isolated life.

Anthony died when he was one hundred and five years old. A life of solitude, fasting, and manual labor in the service of God had left him a healthy, vigorous man until very late in life. And he never stopped challenging himself to go one step beyond in his faith.

Saint Athanasius, who knew Anthony and wrote his biography said, "Anthony was not known for his writings nor for his worldly wisdom, nor for any art, but simply for his reverence toward God." Athanasius' biography helped propagate Anthony's ideals. Athanasius writes, "For monks, the life of Anthony is a sufficient example of asceticism."

We may wonder nowadays at what we can learn from someone who lived in the desert, wore skins, ate bread, and slept on the ground. We may wonder how we can become him. We can become Anthony by living his life of radical faith and complete commitment to God. For his importance among the Desert Fathers and to all later Christian monasticism, he is also known as the Father of Monks.

(excerpt: catholic.org)  
(excerpt: wikipedia.org)

**"He has given me a new song to sing,  
a hymn of praise to our God.  
Many will see what he has done  
and be amazed.  
They will put their trust n the Lord."  
~ Psalm 40:3**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**THE SICK**

Patsy Crafton  
Iris Macauldy  
Martha Mason  
Teresa Huntley

**DECEASED**

Cecil Graham  
Andrew Inglis  
Kirby Gaspard  
Dorothy Daniel  
Marie M. Charles  
Ferdinand Gomez  
Elizabeth Clerville

**WEEKDAY READINGS**



**MONDAY**  
1Sam.15:16-23  
Mk.2:18-22



**TUESDAY**  
1Sam.16:1-13  
Mk.2:23-28



**WEDNESDAY**  
1Sam.17:32-33,  
37,40-51  
Mk.3:1-6



**THURSDAY.**  
1Sam.18:6-9-19:1-7  
Mk.3:7-12



**FRIDAY**  
1Sam.24:3-21  
Mk.3:13-19



**SATURDAY**  
2Sam.1:1-4,11-12,17,  
19,23-27  
Mk.3:20-21



**MASS INTENTIONS**

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
<b>2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B</b>		
Sat Jan 13 - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Thks:</b> Oculien family <b>B'day:</b> Adrian Glace <b>Guid:</b> Algitha Richelieu & family
Sun Jan 14 - 7:30 a.m.		<b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b>
10:00 a.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Sydelle Felicien <b>Thks:</b> The Emanus family
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Marcella Roland, Nigel Francis
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		<b>Thks:</b> John Cherubin & family
<b>WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b>		
Mon Jan 15 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph	<b>Dc'd:</b> James & Paulina Prudent
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Albert Cenac, Bennett Best, Flora Girard
Tue Jan 16 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	<b>Dc'd:</b> Elizabeth Celia Clerville Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed Jan 17 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i>	Fr. Yvon Tremont	<b>Thks:</b> The Charles family Glace Motors Ltd.
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Marie Madeleine Charles Victor George, Horace Sylvester
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Thks:</b> Therese Sylvain & family
Thu Jan 18- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	<b>B'day:</b> Sashla St. Omer <b>IHO Our Lady:</b> Roger Charles
12:30 p.m.		<b>Holy Spirit:</b> Myrna Walker & family <b>Thks:</b> George Felix, The Chong family
Fri Jan 19 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	<b>Dc'd:</b> Irvine & Alexander Blanchard
12:30 p.m.		<b>Sp. Int:</b> Jose-Anne d 'Auvergne <b>IHO Sacred Heart:</b> Myrna Walker & family
Sat Jan 20- 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>		Fr. Paul Vu <b>B'day:</b> Marcia Haywood