

Kids Column

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

♦ Given the increasing number of Covid-19 cases on island, the Ministry of Equity, Social Justice, Local Government and Empowerment in collaboration with NEMAC advises the following in regards to funerals until further notice:

A maximum of 50 persons (including the celebrant and the bereaved family/relatives) are permitted at funeral services and at the cemetery.

Attendance at funeral services should be by invitation. A list of attendees is to be submitted to the church before the funeral service.

There is to be no gathering of persons outside the church or spill-over room/tent before, during or after the funeral service.

Funerals are to be booked with the church at least 8 days before the date of the funeral to allow for advising the Police for monitoring purposes.

Please be guided accordingly.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages, "curing every disease and illness". At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the Coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together, and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. In your wisdom protect our country, Saint Lucia, our region and the whole world from this pandemic. Be with the doctors, nurses and researchers, and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected, and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Mary, comforter of the afflicted, pray for us. **Amen.**



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
6.00 - 6.45p.m.
&
by appointment

VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 17TH JAN 2021 - YEAR B

Hearing the Call.

In the call of Samuel and of the first Apostles, today's readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ.

Notice in the Gospel that 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 Him. 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 today's Psalm: "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will."

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
1sam.3:3-10,19
Second Reading
1Cor.6:13-15
Gospel
Jn.1:35-42

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.
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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
7:00 a.m.
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Below are excerpts from a homily given by Benedict XVI in December 2005:

The Pope today presented St. Joseph, the adoptive father of Jesus, as a model of recollection. Joseph's silence in the Gospel, the Holy Father said, "does not demonstrate an empty interior, but rather the fullness of faith that he carries in his heart. Let's allow ourselves to be 'infected' by the silence of St. Joseph!" Silence "is so lacking in this world which is often too noisy, which is not favorable to recollection and listening to the voice of God," Benedict XVI said. "... let us cultivate interior recollection so as to receive and keep Jesus in our lives." He suggested that the faithful establish in these days "a kind of spiritual dialogue with St. Joseph so that he helps us live to the fullest this mystery of faith."

The Bishop of Rome recalled that his predecessor, Pope John Paul II, "who was very devoted to St. Joseph," dedicated the apostolic exhortation "Redemptoris Custos" (Custodian of the Redeemer) to the adoptive father of Jesus. In that 1989 document, John Paul II gave "a particular importance to the silence of St. Joseph," observed Benedict XVI.

Such a silence was "permeated with the contemplation of the mystery of God, in an attitude of total availability to the divine will," Benedict XVI said. "A silence through which Joseph, together with Mary, guard the Word of God, known through sacred Scripture, comparing it continually to the events of the life of Jesus; a silence interwoven with constant prayer, a prayer of blessing of the Lord, of adoration of his holy will and of boundless confidence in his providence."

The Holy Father added: "It is not exaggerated to say that Jesus will learn - on a human level - precisely from 'father' Joseph this intense interior life, which is the condition of authentic righteousness, the 'interior righteousness,' which one day he will teach to his disciples."

In this the year of St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church and patron of our own parish church, let us all learn from him and follow his example.

Prayer to St. Joseph

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son, all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Iris Macauldy
Priscillia Henry
Martha Mason
Rosna Joseph
Nellie Hall

DECEASED

Monica Devaux
A. Gloria James
Lucita Lucien
James Clarke
Marie Christophe
Magdalene Lawrence

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Heb.5:1-10
Mk.2:18-22



TUESDAY

Heb.6:10-20
Mk.2:23-28



WEDNESDAY

Heb.7:1-3,15 -17
Mk.3:1-6



THURSDAY

Heb.7:25—8:6
Mk.3:7-12



FRIDAY

Heb.8:6-13
Mk.3:13-16



SATURDAY

Heb.9:2-3,11-14
Mk.3:20-21



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat Jan 16 - 6:00 p.m.		Int: Lorraine Williams B'day: Simone Sonson Kaycee Haywood Wedd Ann: Brice & Pauletta Samuel
Sun Jan 17 - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Prisca Delice, Marcia Haywood
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jan 18 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	Thks: Tronai Louis B'day: Sashla Regobert Erma & Terrel Smith
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Irvine Blanchard Horace Sylvester Sylvester & Felicien families
Tue Jan 19 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	B'day: Patricia Ann Robinson Guid & Protec: Victoria Charles-Clarke
Wed Jan 20 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Paul Vu	B'day: Marcia Haywood Helena Michaud
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Cleo Phillip Thks: Cecil Graham, Myrna Walker David & Veronica Louis & family
Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Jan 21 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i>	Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey Rev. Anthony Louis	B'day: Agnes Actie
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Janine Moulton
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Jan 22 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Theophilus Joseph Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	Int: Bernadette Pamphile
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Vernetta Brooks & family
Sat Jan 23 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	Dc'd: Teresa Willie