

Kids Column

John 2:1-11

Mary asks Jesus for a Miracle



In today's Gospel we hear the story of Jesus' first miracle. Wine was an important part of a wedding, and Our Lady felt bad for the people when they ran out.

When Mary hinted to Jesus to do something, Jesus said that the time wasn't ready yet. But do you know what? He did what His mother wanted anyway! He told the servants to fill six big jars with water, and when they did it turned into wine! And not just ordinary wine, but the very best.

We can learn from this story that we should listen to our parents. Jesus is God and even He obeys His mother!



Here's another thing: if you need Jesus to help you with anything, pray to His Blessed Mother to ask Him for it. You know He will listen to His Mother!

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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.

Sermons 4 Kids

Word Search Puzzle

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| Galilee | tasted | bridegroom | filled | glory |
| wine | disciples | servants | master | water |
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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.



VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 16TH JANUARY 2022 - YEAR C

The Divine Bridegroom.

Think of these first weeks after Christmas as a season of epiphanies. The liturgy is showing us who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God. Last week and the week before, the imagery was royal and filial: Jesus is the newborn king of the Jews who makes us co-heirs of Israel's promise, beloved children of God. Last week in the liturgy we went to a baptism. This week we're at a wedding. We're being shown another dimension of our relationship with God. If we're sons and daughters of God, it's because we've married into the family.

Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding, Adam and Eve's in the garden and the marriage supper of the Lamb? Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the groom, humanity His beloved and sought after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in the First Reading. When Israel breaks the covenant, she is compared to an unfaithful spouse. But God promises to take her back, to wed her forever in an everlasting covenant. That's why in today's Gospel Jesus performs His first public "sign" at a wedding feast.

Jesus is the divine bridegroom, calling us to His royal wedding feast. By His New Covenant, He will become one flesh with all humanity in the Church. By our baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a husband

The new wine that Jesus pours out at today's feast is the gift of the Holy Spirit given to His bride and body, as the Epistle says. This is the salvation announced to the "families of peoples" in today's Psalm.

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St. Joseph Grande Riviere & Monchy

CONFESIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
5:00-5:45 p.m.
&
by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Is. 62:1-5

Second Reading

1Cor.12:4-11

Gospel

Jn.2:1-11

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.
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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

7:00 a.m.

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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. For him, 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. 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.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Nellie Hall
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Denis Augustin
Bentley Jn. Baptiste

DECEASED

Alfred Julian
Darwyn Louis
Mary Mitchell
Gabriel Demille
Edith Philogene
Raphael Frederick

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY

1Sm.15:16-23
Mk.2:18-22

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TUESDAY

1Sm.16:1-13
Mk.2:23-28

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WEDNESDAY

1Sm.17:32-33,
37,40-51
Mk.3:1-6

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THURSDAY

1Sm.18:6-9, 19:1-7
Mk.3:7-12

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FRIDAY

1Sm.24:3-21
Mk.3:13-19

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SATURDAY

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

| GROS ISLET | CLERGY/RELIGIOUS | INTENTIONS |
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| 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C | | |
| Sat Jan 15 - 6:00 p.m. | Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his Salvation from day to day. Psalm 96:2 | B'day: Adrian Glace Adriel Bousquet, Tamara O'Neil |
| Sun Jan 16 - 7:30 a.m. | | MISSA PRO POPULO |
| 10:00 a.m. | | B'day: Simone Sonson, Lyan Eugene |
| Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m. | | Eucharistic Service |
| Monchy - 10:00 a.m. | | Eucharistic Service |
| WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS | | |
| Mon Jan 17 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i> | Fr. Yvon Tremont | Thks: Althea & Ellen Regis |
| 12:30 p.m. | | Thks: Tyrone Chong & family Holy Spirit: Thomas Louis & family |
| Tue Jan 18 - 6:00 a.m. | Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter | B'day: Prisca Delice Thks St. John Paul: Marjorie Grell |
| Wed Jan 19 - 6:00 a.m. | Fr. Lambert St. Rose | Dc'd: Irvine Blanchard |
| Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m. | | Parishioners |
| Thu Jan 20 - 6:00 a.m. | Fr. Paul Vu | B'day: Helena Michaud |
| 12:30 p.m. | | B'day: Marcia Haywood Kaycee Heywood |
| Monchy - 6:00 p.m. | | Parishioners |
| Fri Jan 21 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i> | Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey Rev. Anthony Louis | Healing: Sandra Anthony |
| 12:30 p.m. | | B'day: Josie Rambally, Agnes Actie |
| Sat Jan 22 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i> | | Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander |