

John the Baptist:

Was He the Messiah?



Everybody thought that John the Baptist was a great preacher and prophet. Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save their people. But John knew that was not his job. When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptized, John pointed at Him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the people that he was not the great one; Jesus was.

Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us. If we are really good then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus.



John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptized. God wants some people to teach about Him by teaching and preaching to the people. But for most of us, the best way to teach others about God is by living a good life and loving God. If you really do your best to love God then your life will be like St. John the Baptist's and point the way to Jesus.



What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?

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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 Archdiocesan Catechetical Dept. invites catechists in the Northern Vicariate to a meeting on Sat., January 21st, at the RC Boys School, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please make a special effort to attend.

◆ All youth, both male & female, who have already made their First Communion and are interested in being altar servers are invited to a meeting at the Gros Islet Church on Sat., January 21st, from 9:00 a.m.

◆ At the Archdiocesan Rally on December 4th, Archbishop Malzaira called for all of us to join in Prayerful war against crime & violence in our country. He invited the entire nation to 4 Pontifical Masses at the Cardinal Points on the island. **The 2nd of these Pontifical Masses takes place on Thursday, Feb. 2nd, at the Parish of the Assumption of the BVM from 5:00 p.m.** Please make a special effort to attend.

Weekdays:
6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays:
6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sundays:
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Holidays:
7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.
Closed Tuesdays**

*He has given me a new song to sing
a hymn of praise to our God!*
Psalm 40:3



A Perfect Offering.

Jesus speaks through the prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading. He tells us of the mission given to Him by the Father from the womb: "The Lord said to me, " You are my servant".

Servant and Son, our Lord was sent to lead a new exodus, to raise up the exiled tribes of Israel, to gather and restore them to God. More than that, He was to be a light to the nations, that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Before the first exodus, a lamb was offered in sacrifice and its blood painted on the Israelites' door posts. The blood of the lamb identified their homes and the Lord "passed over" these in executing judgment on the Egyptians. In the new exodus, Jesus is the "Lamb of God," as John beholds Him in the Gospel today. Our Lord sings of this in the Psalm: He has come, He says, to offer His body to do the will of God.

The sacrifices, oblations, holocausts, and sin-offerings given after the first exodus had no power to take away sins. They were meant not to save, but to teach. In offering these sacrifices, the people were to learn self-sacrifice - that they were made for worship, to offer themselves freely to God and to delight in His will.

Only Jesus could make that perfect offering of Himself. Through His sacrifice, He has given us ears open to obedience and made it possible for us to hear the Father's call to holiness, as Paul says in the Epistle. He has made us children of God, baptized in the blood of the Lamb. We are to join our sacrifice to His, to offer our bodies - our lives - as living sacrifices in the spiritual worship of the Mass.

(excerpt: sstpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Is.49:3, 5-6

Second Reading
1Cor.1:1-3

Gospel
Jn.1:29-34

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

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.

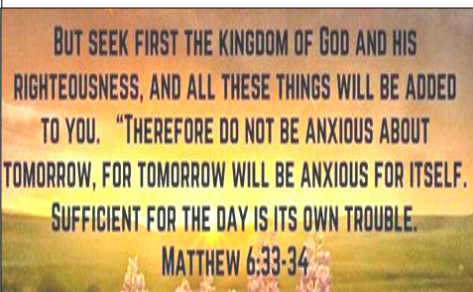
Though Anthony himself did not organize or create a monastery, a community grew around him based on his example of living an ascetic and isolated life.

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.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Carmen Lord
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Patsy Crafton
Theresa Huntley

DECEASED

Eulalie Duval
Marie Louison
Mary Alexander
Audrey Augustin
William Louison
Antoine Marshall
Zacherie Aimable
Pierre Richardson

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.3:13-19



SATURDAY

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



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Jan 14 - 6:00 p.m.	<p>I delight to Do thy will Oh my God</p> <p><small>Psalm 40-8</small></p>	B'day: Sydelle Felicien, Adrian Glace Adriel Bousquet, Tamara O'Neil
Sun Jan 15 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Thks: Bridget Evans & family
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Therese Silvain Hygenia Roachford
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Guid: Parish Youth
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jan 16 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	B'day: Marcella Lorde Thks: Mary Sidoine & family Deliv: Sophia Evin & children
12:30 p.m.		Holy Spirit: Tronai Louis Guid & Protec: Renoir d'Auvergne
Tue Jan 17 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i>	Fr. Yvon Tremont	Guid & Protec: Andre, Ross & Melanie Downes
Wed Jan 18 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	B'day: Erma Jules-Smith Terrel Smith, Sashla St. Omer
12:30 p.m.		De'd: Jerona & Louis Benjamin Jacinta Clement, Jeannette Knights
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Jan 19 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	Deliv: Jocelyn Pattay & family Sp. Int: Dilly Severin, The Etienne family
12:30 p.m.		De'd: Irvine Blanchard Rosa & Antoine Glace Joseph & Irene Destang
Fri Jan 20 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Paul Vu	Thks: Bernadette Pamphile & family B'day: Marcia Haywood, Helena Michaud
12:30 p.m.		Holy Spirit: Tronai Louis Deliv: Jocelyne Café & family
Sat Jan 21 - 6:30 a.m. <i>St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i>	Rev. John Douglas Rev. Anthony Louis Rev. Robert Harvey	B'day: Agnes Actie Thks: Diane & Richard Palton & family