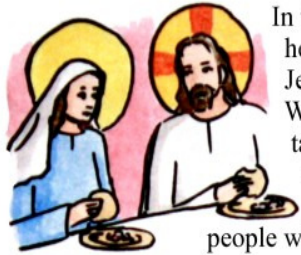


Mary asks Jesus for a Miracle



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:

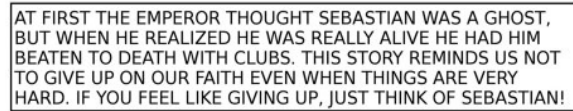
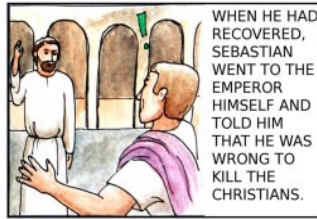
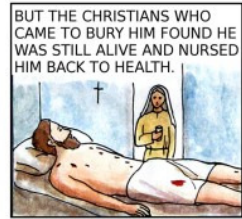
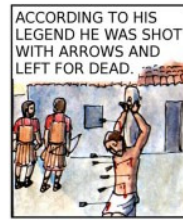
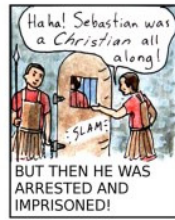
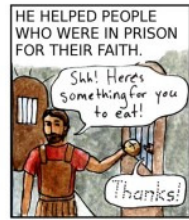
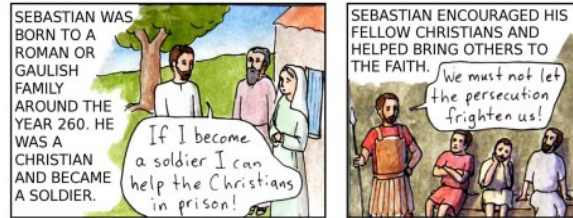
Couples must contact the Parish Office to arrange at least **6 months** before the desired date.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.

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SAINTS FUN FACTS

by mario d. macari
WHILE OUT RIDING ONE AFTERNOON, GOD MADE IT QUITE PLAIN TO SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES THE ROAD HE WAS TO TAKE IN LIFE! SAINT FRANCIS FELL FROM HIS HORSE THREE TIMES! EACH TIME HE FELL, HIS SCABBARD FELL FROM HIS BELT AND HIS SWORD FELL FROM HIS SCABBARD! EACH TIME, THE SWORD AND THE SCABBARD LANDED IN THE SHAPE OF A CROSS!



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 19TH JANUARY 2025 - 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 today's First Reading. When Israel breaks the covenant, she is compared to an unfaithful spouse. But God promises to take her back, to "espouse" her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant. That's why in the 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 the 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 nations" in the Psalm.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

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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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:

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.



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

St. Francis de Sales- Feast Day 24th January

Born a nobleman in France in 1567, Francis knew for many years that he had a vocation to the priesthood. However, his father wanted him to be a soldier and sent him to Paris to study. He went on to obtain a doctorate in law, but also studied theology and practiced mental prayer while getting into swordfights and going to parties.

God's will was made clear to Francis while he was out riding. Francis fell from his horse three times and each time his sword came out of the scabbard, both items resting on the ground in the shape of the cross. He interpreted this and other signs as a call from Christ to a life of sacrifice and self-giving love for the Church.

He was ordained in 1593 and received an appointment as provost of Geneva. In his capacity as provost, Francis engaged in enthusiastic campaigns of evangelism in the area which had become almost completely Calvinist. He had doors slammed in his face and rocks thrown at him. So Francis wrote out his sermons, made copies by hand and slipped them under the doors. This is the first record we have of religious tracts being used to communicate with people. By the time he left his post four years later, many of the inhabitants had returned to the Church. It was a triumph of faith and effective administration.

His diocese became famous throughout Europe for its efficient organization, zealous clergy and well-instructed laity. During his years as bishop, de Sales acquired a reputation as a spellbinding preacher and an ascetic. His motto was, "He who preaches with love, preaches effectively." He believed the worst sin was to judge someone or to gossip about them.

Francis wrote many books, the most famous of which is the *Introduction to the Devout Life*, written specially for laypeople. In it he counseled charity over penance as a means of progressing in the spiritual life. He also left the mystical work, the "Treatise on the Love of God", and many of his letters are compiled in the *Letters of Spiritual Direction*. His writings on the perfections of the heart of Mary as the model of love for God influenced the development of the devotion to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Along with St. Jane Frances de Chantal, de Sales founded the women's Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Visitandines).

He suffered a stroke from which he died in December 1622. Francis de Sales was canonized in 1665 by Pope Alexander VII and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1877.

He is the patron saint of writers and journalists because of his extensive use of broadsheets and books both in spiritual direction and in his conversion campaigns. Francis also developed a sign language in order to teach a deaf man about God. Because of this, he is also the patron saint of the deaf.

(excerpt: wikipedia.org)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK**

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Remy Daniel
Evans Florent
Justin St. Helen
Theresa Ann Joseph
Mary Agatha Louis

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

Acts 22:3-16
Mk. 16:15-18



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Jan 18- 6:00 p.m.	DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS, HIS WONDERFUL DEEDS AMONG ALL PEOPLES. - PSALM 96:3	Thks: The Compton family B'day: Tamara O'Neil, Sashla St. Omer Adrian Glace, Adriel Bousquet
Sun Jan 19 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Thks: Mary Sidoine & family B'day: Simone Sonson, Kaycee Heywood
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Marcella Roland Therese Sylvain & children
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: Agatha Charles & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jan 20 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	B'day: Helena Michaud
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Horace Sylvester
Tue Jan 21 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i>	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	B'day: Agnes Actie Janai Louis
Wed Jan 22- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Paul Vu	Int: Bernadette Pamphile Thks: Stennett Bent & family
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Cyril Chastanet Cecil Graham, Brigit Evans
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Jan 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. John Douglas Rev. Anthony Louis Rev. Robert Harvey	Dc'd: Simone & Lennox Belrose Teresa Willie, Marie Celine Lawrence
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Diane & Richard Palton & family
Fri Jan 24 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St Francis de Sales Bishop & Doctor</i>	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	Dc'd: Teresa Huntley Joseph & Ethel Eugene
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Denzel Roberts
Sat Jan 25 - 6:30 a.m. <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>	Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	B'day: Anne Marie Charles Thks: Shanta King & family