

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today the Church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy. On this day we thank God for His forgiveness and love. It is the mercy of God that lets all of us come back to Him after we have sinned.

We know how much Jesus loves us because He suffered and died for us. When we have sinned, He wants us to be sorry and come back to Him. No matter how big of a sin you do, if you are sorry for it then God will forgive you. He wants to forgive you because He loves you!

Today we should thank God for His mercy and forgiveness and ask Him to look on us and our friends and the whole world with love and forgiveness! Here is a prayer we can say:

*Eternal Father,
I offer You
the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity
of Your
dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the
whole world.*



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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

MASS INTENTIONS:

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

The Annunciation of the Lord.

Mary is asked to say “yes” to a divine plan so vast, so profound and so seemingly impossible that she cannot comprehend it. “How can this be?” she asks, bewildered. She is rooted in the faith of her ancestors, and yet, now an angel has appeared in the midst of everyday life, extending a startling invitation. “You have found favor with God,” the angel says, “and you will conceive and bear His Son.” Will she accept?

It is Mary above all others who can teach us what it means to live by faith, and how to respond when God’s providence disrupts the daily course of our lives, overturning its rhythms and expectations. Despite her fears and uncertainty, she still answered “Yes.” Are we able to respond to God this way?

When we reflect on Mary’s acceptance of the angel’s message, we also reflect on our own calling from God. In the Lord’s Prayer, we pray, “thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” - an echo of Mary’s “Be it done unto me according to your word.”

Each time we commit ourselves to embracing God’s call and accepting His will, we mark a new point on the path of our relationship with Him. For the rest of her life, Mary pondered her extraordinary encounter with God, turning the angel’s message over and over again in her heart. From the manger to the cross, Mary’s life was radically changed - her relationship with God profoundly deepened - the moment she said “Yes.” Mary received and welcomed God’s bearing it to the world.

Angels might not appear on our doorsteps, but we do encounter God daily, and He whispers to us a similar invitation: Will we accept His love and bring it joyously to those around us? Will we trust in His providence, even when we can’t see the path ahead?

Amid the noise of everyday life, will we listen for and embrace His call?

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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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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER- 7TH APRIL, 2024 - YEAR B

God’s Everlasting Love.

Three times in today’s Psalm we cry out a victory shout: “His mercy endures forever.” Truly we’ve known the everlasting love of God, who has come to us as our Savior.

By the blood and water that flowed from Jesus’ pierced side, we’ve been made God’s children. Yet we never met Jesus, never heard Him teach, never saw Him raised from the dead. His saving Word came to us in the Church, through the ministry of the apostles, who in today’s Gospel are sent as He was sent.

He was made a life-giving Spirit and He filled His apostles with that Spirit. As we hear in the First Reading, they bore witness to His resurrection with great power. Through their witness, handed down in the Church through the centuries, their teaching and traditions have reached us. We encounter Him as the apostles did - in the breaking of the bread on the Lord’s day.

There is something liturgical about the way the Gospel scenes unfold. It’s as if John is trying to show us how the risen Lord comes to us in the liturgy and sacraments. In both scenes it is Sunday night. The doors are bolted tight, yet Jesus mysteriously comes. He greets them with an expression used elsewhere by divine messengers, “Peace be with you.” He shows them signs of His real bodily presence, and on both nights the disciples respond by joyfully receiving Jesus as their “Lord.” Isn’t this what happens in the Mass where our Lord speaks to us in His Word, and gives himself to us in the sacrament of His body and blood?

Let us then approach the altar with joy, knowing that every Eucharist is the day the Lord has made when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Acts 4:32-35
Second Reading
1Jn.5:1-6
Gospel
Jn.20:19-31

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.
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SATURDAY
6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.
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SUNDAY
G/Islet/G.Riviere
7:30 a.m.
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Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.
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HOLIDAY
Variable
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Divine Mercy Sunday:

When, after His resurrection, Christ entered the Upper Room, He might have said to His disciples: "Where were you? Why did you abandon me when I was laying down my life for you?" But He did not. Rather, He said, "Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give to you." With these words He forgave their infidelity, dispelled their fears, healed their broken hearts, and shared with them His own joy. In short, the Lord blessed them with Divine Mercy.

Pope Francis has this to say about Divine Mercy: *"It restores hope to those who feel overwhelmed by the burden of sin. The mercy of God is present in our love for those we forgive and those we care for when they suffer: It is a love which is greater than any evil and greater than death itself. "Father, forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." "You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us." And give us the grace to ourselves have mercy on others, especially on those we find it hardest to forgive and most needing to be healed."*

The two ways Pope Francis underlines for becoming instruments of Divine Mercy are to forgive and to heal. To be disposed to do so, he says, is to be a channel of Christ's Peace. The mission the Church entrusts to us is to be a sign and instrument of the Father's Mercy and Christ's Peace, to keep alive the desire to recognize and welcome the numerous signs of the tenderness which God offers to the whole world and, above all, to those who suffer greatly, who are alone and abandoned, and who are without hope of being pardoned or feeling the Father's love.

Faced with the tragic events of in our world today, the immense strain on our poor, frustration of our marginalized, and suffering in our victims of injustice, we can feel helpless and crushed. How can we adequately deal with this evil and the pain it causes? For us on our own it is impossible. Only God can bring us what we need: Divine Mercy and Peace. Our God is a God of Mercy.

It is Jesus who died on the Cross, rose on the third day, and visited the upper room to be with His beloved disciples, who delivers to them the fullness of Mercy and Peace to enjoy and to share with others. He delivers these gifts to us today, throughout the year, and for the rest of our lives for us to enjoy and share with others.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Teresa Huntley
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Marie Sebastien
Andrew Gustave
Marie E. Jn. Baptiste

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Is.7:10-14.8:10
Heb.10:4-10
Lk.1:26-38



TUESDAY

Acts 4:32-37
Jn.3:7-15



WEDNESDAY

Acts 5:17-26
Jn.3:16-21



THURSDAY

Acts 5:27-33
Jn.3:31-36



FRIDAY

Acts 5:34-42
Jn.6:1-15



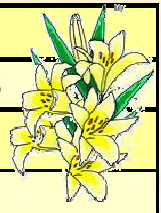
SATURDAY

Acts 6:1-7
Jn.6:16-21



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER		
Sat Apr 6 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Catherine Alexis Layla Samuel, Diane Palton Thks: Augusta Toussaint Sp Int: The George family
Sun Apr 7 - 7:30 a.m. <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Protec/ Deliv/ Success: Rebecca Foster Thks: Caribbean Netball Assn. Jubilee
Grande Riviere – 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Dianne & John Mzondo B'day: Antoine & Godfrey Casimir
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Philomene Frederick
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Apr 8 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Fr. Albert Smith Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Christine Alphonse	Wedd. Ann: Erickson & Prudentia Raymond
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Veronica Louis, D. Weekes Thks: Sophia Evin & children
Tue Apr 9 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Amalraj Fr. Cezar Herrera Sr. Giovanna Mabunda	B'day: Regina Joseph Thks: Cyrillia & Althea Palton
Wed Apr 10 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr</i>	Fr. Joseph Xavier Rev. Andrew Edward Sr. Ramona George	B'day: Zoey Hinkson Thks: Yancy & Anthony Emmanuel
12:30 p.m.		Spiritual Guidance: Malik Loctar Healing: Dwayne & Myah Walker & family
Grande Riviere - 6.00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Apr 11 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Will Howard Sr. Petronilla Banda Sr. Benedicta Chanda	Dc'd: Marie Joseph Gaspard
12:30 p.m.	Fr. Festus Iwuagwu Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Marcellus Serieux	B'day: Maria Fowell, Desiree Roberts
Fri Apr 12 - 6:00 a.m.		Wedd Ann: David & Mary Popo Holy Spirit: Huntley & Wells families
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Members of the Hyacinth family
Sat Apr 13 - 6:30 a.m.	Rev. Anthony Louis Rev. Vincent Norbert Rev. Madison Stanislaus	B'day: Azalea Mc Lean Thks: Diane & Richard Palton



How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use an ordinary rosary.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross
2. Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed
3. On the Our Father beads say:
Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
4. On the Hail Mary beads say:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
5. Repeat for the five decades.
6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.