

# Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, besides being the second Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. It is the special day when we remember the mercy of God.



Mercy is when a person treats another better than they deserve. God does not owe us anything, since everything we have comes from Him. When we sin we offend God, but because He is merciful He forgives us when we are sorry.

Jesus' dying on the cross was the biggest act of mercy. He gave up His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins and go to Heaven! Thank God today for all He has given you, especially giving up His life so that you can go to Heaven!



Here are some easy prayers you can say to ask God to be merciful to us:

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
Have mercy on us!  
Jesus, I trust in You!*

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

### 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.

## Wordsearch Puzzle

sermons4kids.com

John 20:19-31

Y J M N P S M B J D J Y D J S  
 C X I T A T F M L H O Y W A X  
 W X R K N Y G X P O F O M E D  
 X M A D V Y G E A X C O R E H  
 R X C C J V D R L X H K V S A  
 T L L U V E D A E T N E E D M  
 T K E S H E H I R C I N S D S  
 O X S C W B A S S L O C Y N T  
 G R U O L K N Z E C L R G D N  
 E O H D Q Z D B H J I I D E P  
 T S I U J J S A S R S P F E Z  
 H N T F E K D P I A M I L B D  
 E T W U S N K D D U L G E E E  
 R S R N U K P S E S L V H N S  
 R P T V S V D O U B T I N G B

JESUS	TOGETHER	DOUBTING	RECORDED
MIRACLES	SIGNS	SHOWED	BELIEVED
DOORS	LIFE	HANDS	DISCIPLES
TOUCHED	THOMAS	SIDE	LOCKED

*This is the day*  
that the LORD has made;

let us  
*rejoice*  
& be glad in it.

-Psalm 118:24



# Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Participation/Mission

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - 16TH APRIL, 2023 - YEAR A

*His Mercy Endures Forever.*

We are children of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Through this wondrous sign of His great mercy, the Father of Jesus has given us new birth, as we hear in today's Epistle.

The First Reading sketches the "family life" of our first ancestors in the household of God. We see them doing what we still do, devoting themselves to the Apostles' teaching, meeting daily to pray and celebrate "the breaking of the bread." The Apostles saw the Lord. He stood in their midst, He showed them His hands and sides. They heard His blessing and received His commission: to extend the Father's mercy to all peoples through the power and Spirit He conferred upon them.

We must walk by faith and not by sight. We must believe and love what we have not seen. Yet, the invisible realities are made present for us through the devotions the Apostles handed on. Notice the experience of the risen Lord in the Gospel is described in a way that evokes the Mass. Both appearances take place on a Sunday. The Lord comes to be with His disciples. They rejoice, listen to His Word, and receive the gift of His forgiveness and peace. He offers His wounded body to them in remembrance of His Passion. They know and worship Him as their Lord and their God.

Thomas' confession is a vow of faith in the new covenant. As promised long before, in the blood of Jesus we can now know the Lord as our God and be known as His people. This confession is sung in the heavenly liturgy, and in every Mass on earth we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have believed.

In the Mass, God's mercy endures forever, as we sing in the Psalm. This is the day the Lord has made, when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

### CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday  
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.  
&  
by appointment

Parish Priest: Msgr. Michel Francis, Fr. Festus Iwuagwu  
 Deacons: Rev. Anthony Louis, Rev. David Popo  
 Rev. Winston Taylor, Rev. Madison Stanislaus.  
 Address: P.O. Box Choc 8192, Castries LC02 801, Saint Lucia  
 Tel: (758) 450-8325 / (758) 450-9390 ☎ Cell: (758) 285-8831  
 Email: [st.joseph\\_church@hotmail.com](mailto:st.joseph_church@hotmail.com) ☎ Youtube: Gros Islet Church  
 Website: [www.grosisletchurch.org](http://www.grosisletchurch.org) ☎ Facebook: [facebook.com/grosisletchurch](https://www.facebook.com/grosisletchurch)

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



### SUNDAY READINGS

#### First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

#### Second Reading

1Pet.1:3-9

#### Gospel

Jn.20:19-31

### MASS TIMES

#### GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:  
5:45a.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.  
Monchy: 6:00 p.m.



#### FRIDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.



#### SATURDAY

6:30 a.m./6:00 p.m.



#### SUNDAY

G/Islet/G.Riviere  
7:30 a.m.



#### Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.



#### HOLIDAY

Variable



**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 means 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.

(excerpt: [onlineministries.creighton.edu/kevinkersten](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/kevinkersten))

**CHRIST IS RISEN**

*He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**THE SICK**

Patsy Crafton  
Martha Mason  
Iris Macauldy  
Teresa Huntley

**DECEASED**

Prisca Delice  
John Francois  
Felix Mathurin  
Brian Ambrose  
Dedra Mathurin

**WEEKDAY READINGS**



**MONDAY**

Acts 4:23-31  
Jn.3:1-8



**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 - YEAR A - 2023**

Sat April 15 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun April 16 - 7.30 a.m.  
*Divine Mercy Sunday*

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.



**B'day:** Liesl Glace, Joy Boxill  
**Thks:** The Destang family  
The Nicholas family

**MISSA PRO POPULO**

**Thks:** Marabel & Cornelius Michaud

**B'day:** Emilie Promesse  
Jennifer Louis, Agatha Louis-Bishop

**B'day:** Earl Huntley  
**Sp. Int:** William Delice & family

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon April 17 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue April 18 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed April 19 - 6:00 a.m.

Thu April 20 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fri April 21 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat April 22 - 6:30 a.m.

Fr. Yvon Tremont

Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy  
Sr. Bernadette Peter

Fr. Lambert St. Rose

Fr. Paul Vu  
Rev. John Douglas

Rev. Anthony Louis  
Rev. Robert Harvey

Fr. Cecil Goodman  
Rev. Thomas Alexander

**Thks:** Earl Huntley  
Stella Chong & family  
**Sp. Int:** Jeannine Blanchard & family

**Dc'd:**  
Albert, Letitia & Raymond Laurent

**Thks:** Bernitha Clery  
**Wedd Ann:** Peter & Alison Lewis

**B'day:** Leonie Lesmond  
**Thks:** Stennett Bent & family

**Sp. Int:** William & Michael Dussiel  
Audrey & Rawle Charles & family

**Dc'd:** John Collins, St. John families

**Dc'd:** Teresa Gaspard  
**Thks:** Shanta King & family  
**Sp. Int:** Ike Blanchard & family

**Wedd Ann:** David & Veronica Louis

**Dc'd:** Marie Headley, Dedra Mathurin  
Loretta Hippolyte, Marcia Pilgrim

