

Jesus Shows His Glory



In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain and gave them a vision of His true glory. He shone as bright as the sun- so bright they could hardly look at Him. But did you know that what they saw was only a tiny bit of the true glory of God?

It was so beautiful that Peter wanted Him to stay that way. He offered to build tents for Jesus and Moses and Elijah, who appeared with Him. But the joy of this moment wasn't meant to last forever. It was just a little taste of Heaven.

Jesus gave this experience to the three apostles just a little while before He went to Jerusalem to suffer and die on the cross. He knew that they would be terrified and very sad when He died so He gave them a preview of the glory He would go back to after He rose from the dead. That way they knew they had a reason to hope even when He was killed.

Sometimes we have awful things to suffer through too. Maybe a friend will move away or one of our grandparents will die. But we never have to give up hope because we know that eventually everyone who loves Jesus will live in total happiness in Heaven.



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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.

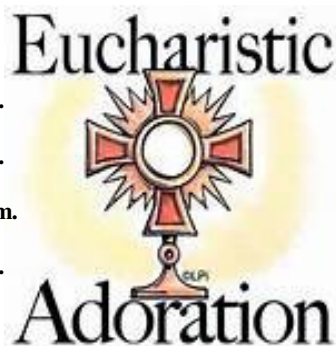
WHAT'S HAPPENING

♦ The parish Youth Lenten Retreat for ages 9 to 14 will be held on Saturday March 18th for one day only. A weekend retreat will be held for youth aged 15 to 25 from March 31st to April 2nd. Registration forms will be available from youth leaders and Catechists soon.

♦ At the Archdiocesan Rally on December 4th, Archbishop Malzaire called for us to join in Prayerful war against crime & violence. He invited the entire nation to four Pontifical Masses at the Cardinal Points on the island. The fourth and final of these Pontifical Masses takes place here at the St. Joseph the Worker Church, Gros Islet, on Sunday, March 19th, from 4:00 p.m. Archbishop Malzaire, all the priests and deacons of the Archdiocese and parishioners from around the island will be in attendance. Following the Mass there will be a candlelight procession around the town of Gros Islet. Please come out in large numbers to lend your prayerful support.

♦ The Archdiocesan Youth and Vocations Commission advises that **World Youth Day 2023** will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, from July 24th to August 6th 2023. World Youth Day is a tri-annual international gathering with the Pope and Catholic youth ages 14-35 years. The overall cost is expected to be EC\$8000.00 per person. The Theme for WYD 2023 is "Mary arose and went with haste." All interested youth are asked to contact their youth leader for further details.

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.



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

CONFESSIONS

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



Listen To Him.

Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses. Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God's presence. He too spoke with God and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter. But in this Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what the Epistle calls God's design "before the beginning of time".

With His promises to Abram in the First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal Himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity. He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram's name to Abraham, promising that he would be father of a host nations. In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham, He raised up Moses, and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David's sons.

In Jesus' transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfills His divine plan from of old. Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the "beloved son" promised to Abraham and again to David. Moses foretold a prophet like him to whom Israel would listen, and Isaiah foretold an anointed servant in whom God would be well pleased. Jesus is this prophet and this servant, as the Voice on the mountain tells us today.

By faith we have been made children of the covenant with Abraham. God calls us, too, to a holy life, to follow His Son to the heavenly homeland He has promised. We know, as we sing in the 7Psalms, that we who hope in Him will be delivered from death. So like our father in faith, we go forth as the Lord directs us: "Listen to Him!"

(stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Gen.12:1-4

Second Reading

2Tim.1:8-10

Gospel

Mt.17:1-9



MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.



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



TUESDAY:
6:00 a.m.



WEDNESDAY
12:30 p.m./ 6:00 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
Variable



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Lenten Reflection:

Lent is a season to be open and to receive. God is waiting to offer us a great gift this Lent: the gift of a relationship with Him! But sometimes, we get caught up in our fear and our guilt and we focus on ourselves and our sin. So we hide.

We can all think of things in our lives that we are ashamed of and hide from others, and maybe even from God's love. But Lent isn't really about us. Lent gives us a chance to look really closely at our lives and think about what we might want to change in it. How can we be better persons? If we only focus on our own sin, it becomes about us and it is a self-absorbed exercise. When we are caught up in guilt, we are looking at ourselves.

What if we change the focus from ourselves, to God's love? Then we come into the amazing awareness that even though we are sinners, we are loved incredibly by God. That is when we become people who are drawn back to that love and to our God.

One of the first things we can realize is that God is *here*. We can read theology books, go to discussions about our faith and take classes to study scripture. All of those are wonderful. But if we do only those things, we never move outside of our heads and into our hearts. God invites us to sit in the quiet and feel God alive and loving us, living in our hearts.

God is saying to us, "Look at me! Don't focus on your guilt or your fears! Jump into my arms and let me love you!" This Lent, God is inviting us to jump into the deep water into a close and loving relationship with Him.

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Prayer can seem mysterious, either because of doubts about the ability of prayer or because it's difficult to incorporate prayer into daily life. The challenge for week 2 is make time in your day to read and pray the Lord's Prayer, then to create your own prayer based on the model of the Lord's Prayer.



When we give of ourselves by using the gifts God has given us to serve others, we are able to uniquely worship God. This week challenges you to explore your gifts and talents and then creatively use those to serve those around you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Henry Kappel
Theresa Huntley

DECEASED

Teresa Felix
Lucius Delice
Carmen Lorde
Tricia Tommy
Alvin Aurelien
Francis Charles
Leontine Arnaud
Marcellina Alexis

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Dan.9:4-10
Lk.6:36-38



TUESDAY

Is.1:10,16-20
Mt.23:1-12



WEDNESDAY

Jer.18:18-20
Mt.20:17-28



THURSDAY

Jer.17:5-10
Lk.16:19-31



FRIDAY

Gen.37:3-4,
12-13, 17-28
Mt.21:33-43,45-46



SATURDAY

Mic.7:14-15,18-20
Lk.15:1-3,11-32

MASS INTENTIONS

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CLERGY /RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

Sat Mar 4 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Mar 5 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere -7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

May your unfailing
love be with us,
Lord, even as we put
our hope in you.

PSALM 33:22

Guid: Augusta Toussaint
Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family
Girard & Jean Glace & family

MISSA PRO POPULO

Thks: Paula Theophilus & family

Int: Parish Youth

Guid & Protec:
Andre, Ross & Melanie Downes

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Mar 6 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tues Mar 7 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed Mar 8 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Mar 9 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fri Mar 10 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat Mar 11 - 6:30 a.m.

Msgr. Patrick Anthony

Arch. Roberts Rivas OP
Sr. Frances Norbisch

Fr. Albert Smith
Mother Rosaria Joseph
Sr. Christine Alphonse

Fr. Amalraj Penigilipadi
Fr. Cezar Herrera
Sr. Giovanna Mabunda

Fr. Will Howard
Rev. Andrew Edward
Sr. Ramona George

Sr. Benedicta Chanda
Sr. Petronilla Banda

Sp. Int: Algitha Richelieu

Dc'd: Alvin Aurelien

Dc'd: Rochelle Leon

Thks: Perlin Verdant

B'day: Thomas & Mary Albert
Thks: Jose- Anne D'Auvergne

Dc'd: Nathan Timaitre

B'day: Nikolai Frederick

Thks: Angela Alphonse
Holy Face of Jesus: Veronica Innocent

Thks: Marcia Haywood & family
Diane & Richard Palton and family

Guid & Protec: Armani Modeste
Int: Donors & Benefactors

Thks: Kadie & Keva Chong
Perlin Verdant, Angela Joseph