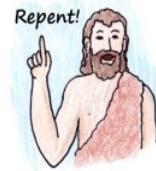


Kids Column

Jn.1:29-34

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.

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**Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will.**

Psalm 40: 9



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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)

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

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.



MONDAY

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



TUESDAY

6:00 a.m.



WEDNESDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 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
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St. Francis de Sales- Feast Day January 24th

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 study in Paris. He went on to obtain a doctorate in law, also studying theology and practicing mental prayer while getting into swordfights and going to parties.

God's will was made clear to Francis while he was out riding. He fell from his horse three times and each time his sword came out of the scabbard, both sword and scabbard 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.

Francis was ordained in 1593 and received an appointment as provost of Geneva. He resided in Annecy (now part of France) because Geneva was under Calvinist control. 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 found a way to get under the door. He 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 a 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)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Marie Joseph
Anne Marie Felicien

DECEASED

Omar Joseph
David Joseph
Cecile Gatneau
Anaclet Richelieu
Joan Moise-Delivry
Pauline d'Auvergne
Anne Marie St. Mark

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY

1Sam.15:16-23
Mk.2:18-22

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TUESDAY

1SAM.16:1-13
Mk.2:23-28

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WEDNESDAY

1Sam.17:32-33,37,
40-51
Mk.3:1-6

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THURSDAY

1Sam.18:6-9—19:1-7
Mk.3:7-12

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FRIDAY

1Sam.24:3-21
Mk.3:13-19

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SATURDAY

2Sam.1:1-4,11-12,17,
19,23-27
Mk.3:20-21

MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Jan 17 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Jan 18 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.



Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family
Arthur Tisson & family
Hester Parker, Perlin Verdant & family
B'day: Tamara O'Neal
Adrian Glace, Adriel Bousquet

MISSA PRO POPULO

B'day: Urika Isaie
Simone Sonson, Kaycee Heywood
Deliv: Dave & Davion Dujon
Thks: David & Veronica Louis & family
Thomas Louis & family

Thks: Catherine Augustin & family

Thks: Anne Marie Felicien & family

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Jan 19 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Lambert St. Rose

12:30 p.m.

Tue Jan 20 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Paul Vu

Wed Jan 21 - 6:00 a.m.
St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Rev. Anthony Louis
Rev. John Douglas
Rev. Robert Harvey

Thu Jan 22 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Cecil Goodman
Rev. Thomas Alexander

12:30 p.m.

Fri Jan 23 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Linus Clovis
Sr. Adinase Mumba

12:30 p.m.

Sat Jan 24 - 6:30 a.m.

Fr. Cecil Goodman
Rev. Thomas Alexander

De'd: James & Paulina Prudent

Int: Ethelina Hilaire
Thks: Renoir d'Auvergne
Hester Parker, Merv Altenor

BVM: Celinda Gopal & children
B'day: Marcia Haywood
Helena Michaud
Int: Ethelina Hilaire

B'day: Jania Louis
Int: Ethelina Hilaire
Thks: Shanta King & family
Thks 4th Ann: Power 97.9 FM

Thks: Diane & Richard Palton

Int: Ethelina Hilaire
Thks: Thomas Theobalds

Int: Ethelina Hilaire

De'd: Teresa Willie, Teresa Huntley

De'd: Christiane Laurent Dussiel