

John the Baptist:
Was He the Messiah?

Repent!

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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Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will.
Psalm 40: 9

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

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 18TH JAN 2026 - YEAR A

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.

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

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Is.49:3,5-6
Second Reading
1Cor.1:1-3
Gospel
Jn.1:29-34
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MASS TIMES

Gros Islet
Morning Prayers:
Mon -Fri
5:45 a.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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6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY
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SUNDAY
Gros Islet/G. Riviere
7:30 a.m.
Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.
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HOLIDAY
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St. Francis de Sales- Feast Day January 24th	
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Francis wrote many books, the most famous of which is the <i>Introduction to the Devout Life</i>, 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 <i>Letters of Spiritual Direction</i>. 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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>(excerpt: wikipedia.org)</p>	
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WEEKDAY READINGS	
<div>✠ MONDAY 1Sam.15:16-23 Mk.2:18-22</div> <div>✠ TUESDAY 1SAM.16:1-13 Mk.2:23-28</div> <div>✠ WEDNESDAY 1Sam.17:32-33,37, 40-51 Mk.3:1-6</div> <div>✠ THURSDAY 1Sam.18:6-9—19:1-7 Mk.3:7-12</div> <div>✠ FRIDAY 1Sam.24:3-21 Mk.3:13-19</div> <div>✠ SATURDAY 2Sam.1:1-4,11-12,17, 19,23-27 Mk.3:20-21</div>	

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Jan 17 - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family Arthur Tisson & family Hester Parker, Perlin Verdant & family B'day: Tamara O'Neal Adrian Glace, Adriel Bousquet
Sun Jan 18 -7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Urika Isaie Simone Sonson, Kaycee Heywood Deliv: Dave & Davion Dujon Thks: David & Veronica Louis & family Thomas Louis & family
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Catherine Augustin & family
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: Anne Marie Felicien & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jan 19 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	Dc'd: James & Paulina Prudent
12:30 p.m.		Int: Ethelina Hilaire Thks: Renoir d'Auvergne Hester Parker, Merv Altenor
Tue Jan 20- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Paul Vu	BVM: Celinda Gopal & children B'day: Marcia Haywood Helena Michaud Int: Ethelina Hilaire
Wed Jan 21 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i>	Rev. Anthony Louis Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey	B'day: Jania Louis Int: Ethelina Hilaire Thks: Shanta King & family Thks 4th Ann: Power 97.9 FM
Thu Jan 22 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	Thks: Diane & Richard Palton
12:30 p.m.		Int: Ethelina Hilaire Thks: Thomas Theobalds
Fri Jan 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	Int: Ethelina Hilaire
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Teresa Willie, Teresa Huntley
Sat Jan 24 - 6:30 a.m. <i>St. Francis de Sales Bishop & Doctor</i>	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	Dc'd: Christiane Laurent Dussiel