

The Greatest Commandment



What does Jesus say the greatest commandment is? At first you might think that the most important thing would be to not kill anyone, wouldn't you? But that's not what He says! The very most important thing is to love God with our whole heart and soul and mind! It means that we must do everything we do for love of God, and live our whole life completely for Him.

But how can we love God so much? Well, we can practice little by little, loving Him more each day. Paying attention at Mass every Sunday and saying a prayer every day would be a good start. Every morning tell God that you will do everything for Him today and every night before you go to bed, thank God for all that He has done for you and tell Him you're sorry for the bad things you did that day. Then try to think about God through the day.



The second greatest commandment that Jesus tells us is that we should love others as much as we love ourselves. If we really love God then we will want to love other people too, because God loves them! If you don't love others, it shows that you don't really love God as much as you should. What can you do today to start loving God more?



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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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

◆ This Thursday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day. Masses in Gros Islet will be at 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Following the 6:00 p.m. Mass of the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, there will be the blessing of graves at the Gros Islet cemetery if the weather permits. All are encouraged to attend.

◆ **The YOUTH 2000** Team invites all youth to "An Hour with Jesus". This follow up to **YOUTH 2000** takes place on Sunday, November 12th, at 3pm at parishes around the island. Stay tuned for more details or visit **YOUTH 2000's** social media pages.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.
Closed Tuesdays

PRAYER DURING THE HURRICANE SEASON

O Lord, our God and Father, who gives rain and sunshine to your children, we ask you in this rainy season to uphold us and provide for our needs.

You try our patience and test our faith and reliance on you; forgive our sin of ingratitude. So often have we forgotten to thank you for your goodness and acts of mercy. Teach us to look up to you each day, appreciative of rain and sunshine, as you, in your wisdom, through any kind of weather do feed us all.

In your mercy, protect us against hurricanes and tropical storms. Pour out your blessings upon our nation and our people, and make us grateful for the weather we receive from your bountiful hand.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 29TH OCT 2023 - YEAR A

His commandment is love.

Jesus came, not to abolish the Old Testament law, but to fulfill it. And in today's Gospel, He reveals that love of God and of neighbor is the fulfillment of the whole of the law.

Devout Israelites were to keep all 613 commands found in the Bible's first five books. Jesus says today that all these, and all the teachings of the prophets, can be summarized by two verses of this law. He seems to summarize the two stone tablets on which God was said to have engraved the Ten Commandments. The first tablet set out three laws concerning the love of God, such as the command not to take His name in vain; the second contained seven commands regarding love of neighbor, such as those against stealing and adultery. Love is the hinge that binds the two tablets of the law. For we can't love God, whom we can't see, if we don't love our neighbor, whom we can.

But this love we are called to is far more than simple affection or warm sentiment. We must give ourselves totally to God, loving with our whole beings, with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Our love for our neighbor must express itself in concrete actions, such as those set out in the First Reading.

We love because He first loved us. As we sing in the Psalm, He has been our deliverer, our strength when we could not possibly defend ourselves against the enemies of sin and death.

We love in thanksgiving for our salvation. In this we become imitators of Jesus, as Paul tells us in the Epistle, laying down our lives daily in ways large and small, seen and unseen, our lives offered as a continual sacrifice of praise.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Ex.22:20-26
Second Reading
1Thess.1:5-10
Gospel
Mt.22:34-40

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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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
Gros Islet/G. Riviere
7:30 a.m.
Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.

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HOLIDAY
Variable
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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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All Souls Indulgences

During the month of November Holy Church promotes prayers for the souls in Purgatory. The souls in Purgatory are members of the Church just like we are, but of the Church “Suffering”. We are members of the Church “Militant”, and we are like soldiers on the march through the world on the way with our Great Captain towards our heavenly home to join the members of the Church “Triumphant”. We can help the souls in Purgatory through our good works as assigned by the Church, who has the authority from Christ to apply to them the merits of His Passion and death, and the merits of the saints.

A plenary (“full”) indulgence, which is applicable only to the souls in Purgatory is granted to the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a church or an oratory on All Souls Day (November 2nd) .

Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence on All Souls Day:

- Visit a church and pray for souls in Purgatory
- Say one “Our Father” and the “Creed” in the visit to the church
- Say one “Our Father” and one “Hail Mary” for the Holy Father’s intentions
- Worthily receive Holy Communion (ideally on the same day if you can get to Mass.)
- Make a sacramental confession within a week of All Souls Day
- For a plenary indulgence one must be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin (otherwise, the indulgence is partial, not plenary, “full”).

To obtain a Plenary Indulgence for a soul in Purgatory on each of the days from 1-8 November:

- Make a good Confession within a week of before or after All Souls Day
- Be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin, for a plenary indulgence
- Visit a cemetery and pray for the dead
- Say one “Our Father” and one “Hail Mary” for the monthly intentions set by the Pope
- Receive Holy Communion worthily on the same day or soon after

Several indulgences may be gained on the basis of a single confession but only one may be gained after a single good reception of Communion and prayer for the Pope’s intentions. If you are not correctly disposed or if you don’t fulfill the prescribed works and/or the three conditions the indulgence will be partial and not plenary.

(excerpt: smmomaha.org)

What is an Indulgence? An Indulgence is the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Theresa Huntley
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DECEASED

Marie Altenor
Anthony Cigobin
Albert Ferdinand
Anne Marie Clovis

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Rom.8:12-17
Lk.13:10-17



TUESDAY

Rom.8:18-25
Mt.13:18-21



WEDNESDAY

Apoc.7:2-4,9-14
1Jn.3:1-3
Matt.5:1-12



THURSDAY

Wis.3: 1-9
Rom.5:5-11
Mt.11:25-30



FRIDAY

Rom.9:1-5
Lk.14:1-6



SATURDAY

Rom.11:1-2,11-12,
25-29
Lk.14:1,7-11



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Oct 28 - 6:00 p.m.

The LORD is
my rock, and my fortress,
and my deliverer;
my God, my strength, in
whom I will trust.
Psalm 18:2 KJV

B'day: Monique Louis
Marie Ellan Arlette
Thks: Tarbula & Cyrille Amedee

Sun Oct 29 - 7:30 a.m.

MISSA PRO POPULO

10:00 a.m.

Healing: Dwight Frederick
B'day: Marie Augustin, Serena Jean
Holy Spirit: Jenny & Trevor Constantine

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

B'day: Jamie Alcindor
109th B'day: Eldica Nicholas

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

Thks: Margerie Philip & family

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Oct 30 - 6:00 a.m.

Msgr. Theophilus Joseph
Fr. Linus Clovis
Sr. Adinase Mumba

Thks: Bernadette Pamphile & family

12:30 p.m.

Guid: Thomas Louis & family

Tue Oct 31 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Vincent Arulanandam
Rev. Girard Glace
Sr. Mary Muskosa

Thks: Cecil Graham

Wed Nov 1 - 6:00 a.m.

All Saints

Fr. Henry Nmor
Fr. Konrad Mair
Fr. Kenneth Haakyav

Thks: Shanta King & family

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Davidson & Ann Marie Moise

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Thu Nov 2- 6:00 a.m.

All Souls

Rev. Nathalbert Husbands
Sr. Stephanina Banda

B'day: Bernadette Springer
Thks: Glace Motors Ltd.

6:00 p.m.

All the Faithful Departed

Fri Nov 3 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Kevin Murray
Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey

B'day: Mary Popo
Thks: Cuthbert Elizee

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Kevin Haywood, Iris Moody

Sat Nov 4- 6:30 a.m.
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Fr. John Milton

Dc'd: Cyril Matthew, Elizabeth Clement
Louisa & Stanislaus Matthew
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Macauldy & family