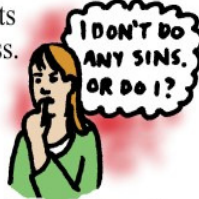


**Jesus Cures Our Blindness**



In today's Gospel reading, a blind man called Bartimaeus called out to Jesus to cure him.

Sometimes we can be blind too. When we don't see the truth about God, or when we can't see our own faults then we have a kind of blindness.



When we find that we can't see ourselves or God clearly, we should be like Bartimaeus and call out to Jesus to help us. If we believe in Him then we will get our sight back too.

When Bartimaeus was cured of his blindness he started to follow Jesus right away. When we can see ourselves and God clearly then we will also want to follow Jesus.



Before you go to bed, ask God to help you remember your sins today and then tell Him you're sorry for them.

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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.

**The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed**  
(All Souls Day)  
November 2nd.

All Souls Day is a solemn celebration remembering all of those who have died and now are in Purgatory being cleansed of their venial sins and the temporal punishments for the mortal sins that they had confessed, and atoning for their sins before entering fully into Heaven.

We not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts, through prayer, almsgiving, and the Mass, to their release from Purgatory.

Praying for the dead is a Christian obligation. In the modern world, when many have come to doubt the Church's teaching on Purgatory, the need for such prayers has only increased.

The Church devotes the month of November to prayer for the souls in Purgatory. Participation in the Mass of All Souls Day is a good way to begin the month.

(excerpt: catholicism.about.com)

**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.**



*Seeing the Son of David.*

Today's Gospel turns on an irony. It is a blind man, Bartimaeus, who becomes the first person outside of the Apostles to recognize Jesus as the Messiah, and his healing is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth.

The scene on the road to Jerusalem evokes the joyful procession prophesied by Jeremiah in the First Reading. In Jesus this prophecy is fulfilled. God, through the Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and lame in their midst. Jesus, as Bartimaeus proclaims, is the long-awaited Son promised to David. Upon His triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, all will see that the everlasting kingdom of David has come. As we hear in the Epistle, the Son of David was expected to be the Son of God. He was to be a priest-king like Melchizedek, who offered bread and wine to God Most High at the dawn of salvation history.

Bartimaeus is a symbol of his people, the captive Zion of whom we sing in the Psalm. His God has done great things for him. All his life has been sown in tears and weeping. Now, he reaps a new life. Bartimaeus should be a sign for us, too. How often Christ passes us by in the person of the poor, in the distressing guise of a troublesome family member or burdensome associate, and yet we don't see Him.

Christ still calls to us through His Church, as Jesus sent His Apostles to call Bartimaeus. Yet how often are we found to be listening instead to the voices of the crowd, not hearing the words of His Church.

Today He asks us what He asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" Rejoicing, let us ask the same thing of Him - what can we do for all that He has done for us?

(excerpt:stpaulcenter.com)

**SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading**

Jer.31:7-9

**Second Reading**

Heb.5:1-6

**Gospel**

Mk.10:46-52

**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.

**G/Riviere:** 6:00 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**

Variable

*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.*

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### THE SICK

Patsy Crafton  
Iris Macauldy  
Martha Mason  
Teresa Huntley  
Marie Joseph

#### DECEASED

Mary Cools  
Jane Marquis  
Andrew Gaetan  
Leona Bruneau  
Therese Marius  
Nicholson Alexis

### WEEKDAY READINGS



#### MONDAY

Eph.2:19-22  
Lk.6:2-19



#### TUESDAY

Eph.5:21-33  
Lk.13:18-21



#### WEDNESDAY

Eph.6:1-9  
Lk.13:22-30



#### THURSDAY

Eph.6:10-20  
Lk.13:31-35



#### FRIDAY

Rev.7:2-4,9-14  
1Jn.3:1-3

Mt.5:1-12



#### SATURDAY

Wis.3:1-9  
Rom.5:5-11

Mk.15:33-39,16:1-6

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### GROS ISLET

#### CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

#### INTENTIONS

### 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Sat Oct 26- 6:00 p.m.

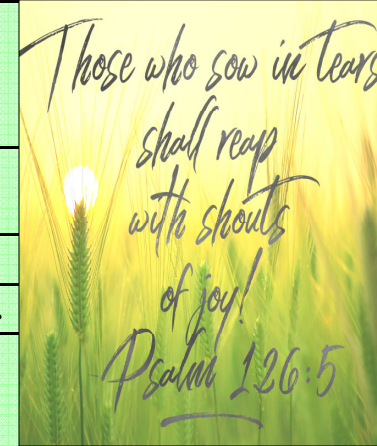
Sun Oct 27 - 7:30 a.m.

Jounen Kweyol

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.



**Sp. Int:** The Glace family  
**B'day:** Renand & Joyce Anerville  
Niara Williams, Rochelle Theophilus

#### MISSA PRO POPULO

**B'day:** Jada Emmanuel, Serena Jean

#### Eucharistic Service

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### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Oct 28 - 6:00 a.m.

Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

12:30 p.m.

Tue Oct 29 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed Oct 30- 6:00 a.m.

Thu Oct 31 - 6:00 a.m.

Fri Nov 1 - 6:00 a.m.

All Saints

12:30 p.m.

Sat Nov 2- 6:30 a.m.

All Souls

Fr. John Milton  
Rev. Gerard Calderon

Rev. David Popo  
Rev. Peter Fevrier  
Rev. Herald Wilson

Sr. Margaret Maynard

Sr. Mary Mumba  
Sr. Marie Therese Clement

Fr. Joseph Akande  
Fr. Ignatius Cetoute  
Fr. Cleophus Joseph

Fr. Athanase Joseph  
Fr. Stephen Quinlan  
Fr. Philomin Zacharias

**Thks:** Jocelyn Café & family  
**B'day:** Gary & Collinthia Eugene  
**St. Jude:** Perlin Verdant & family

**Thks:** Bernice Springer

**B'day:** Monique Louis  
**Thks:** Rodrique Petito  
Gladys Roger, Aude Goussard

**Dc'd:** George Nicholas, Cecil Graham

**B'day:** Anthony Modeste  
**B'day:** Esterlita Rene, Florence Isidore

**Dc'd:** Auguste & Severin families  
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Macauldy & family

**B'day:** Junior James  
**Thks:** Mary Wellington & family

**All the Faithful Departed**