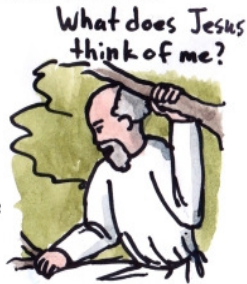


# Does Jesus Want To Forgive Your Sins?

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about a tax collector, Zacchaeus, who was curious about Jesus. Jesus saw that this was a chance for him to turn from his evil ways, so He called him down from his perch in the tree and said He was going to visit him at his house.



Some people were shocked that Jesus went to a sinner's house, but Jesus told them that He had come to save the people who were lost in sin. Zacchaeus was sorry for his sins and promised to pay everyone back for what he had stolen.

Have you ever felt really bad because of something you did? What do you think Jesus would say to you if you were sorry for it? Do you think that there is any sin that Jesus can't forgive? Well there isn't! Jesus came to save us from our sins!



### 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

♦ A Jump Start Rally will be held for all the youth in the Archdiocese on Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Clendon Mason Memorial School in Dennery from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The theme for the Rally is **“Recommit, Recharge, Revive in Christ”**. Registration forms are available from your youth leaders, catechists and ushers.

**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.



### 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.**



## 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 30TH OCT 2022 - YEAR C

*Lover of Souls.*

**L**ord is a lover of souls, the Liturgy shows us today. As we sing in the Psalm, He is slow to anger and compassionate toward all that He has made. In His mercy, our First Reading tells us, He overlooks our sins and ignorance, giving us space that we might repent and not perish in our sinfulness. In Jesus, He has become the Savior of His children, coming Himself to save the lost.

In the figure of Zacchaeus in the Gospel, we have a portrait of a lost soul. He is a tax collector, by profession a “sinner” excluded from Israel’s religious life. Not only that, he is a “chief tax collector.” Worse still, he is a rich man who has apparently gained his living by fraud. But Zacchaeus’ faith brings salvation to his house. He expresses his faith in his fervent desire to “see” Jesus, even humbling himself to climb a tree just to watch Him pass by. While those of loftier religious stature react to Jesus with grumbling, Zacchaeus receives Him with joy.

Zacchaeus is not like the other rich men Jesus meets or tells stories about. He repents, vowing to pay restitution to those he has cheated and to give half of his money to the poor. By his humility he is exalted, made worthy to welcome the Lord into his house. By his faith, he is justified, made a descendant of Abraham.

As He did last week, Jesus is again using a tax collector to show us the faith and humility we need to obtain salvation. We are also called to seek Jesus daily with repentant hearts. And we should make Paul’s prayer in the Epistle our own: that God might make us worthy of His calling, that by our lives we might give glory to the name of Jesus.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading**  
Wis.11:22--12:2  
**Second Reading**  
2Thes.1:11--2:2  
**Gospel**  
Lk.19:1-10

### MASS TIMES

#### GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:  
5:45a.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.  
**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



### CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday  
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.  
5:00-5:45 p.m.  
&  
by appointment

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Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

**St. Charles Borromeo - November 4th**

Charles Borromeo was archbishop of Milan from 1564 to 1584 and a cardinal. He was a leading figure of the Catholic Counter-Reformation against the Protestant Reformation together with St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Philip Neri, and was responsible for significant reforms in the Catholic Church.

Borromeo was born in 1538 near Milan, son of the Count of Arona, his mother a member of the House of Medici. At the age of 12, he dedicated himself to a life of service to the Church. In 1554 his father passed away and Borromeo, although a teenager, assumed responsibility for his household. He continued in his studies and earned a doctorate in canon and civil law.

After Borromeo's uncle, Cardinal Giovanni Angelo Medici became Pope Pius IV in 1559, the new pope asked his nephew to come to Rome and appointed him an honorary prelate to assist and advise the pope. A month later, the pope made his nephew a cardinal. With the new rank came more duties including the government of the Papal States, and the supervision of three Catholic Orders. He was only 23 years old. Young Borromeo used his leadership role in the Vatican to promote learning and established a literary academy.

In 1562 his brother died and his family urged him to leave the service of the church but Borromeo refused. He was ordained to the order of deacon in 1562, to the priesthood in September 1563, and then a bishop in December of that same year. He became Archbishop of Milan in May, 1564.

Borromeo had already developed a reputation as a reformer in Rome, and he continued reforms in Milan which was then the largest diocese in the Catholic Church, and where corruption was rampant. The Reformation was spreading throughout northern Europe, and Borromeo saw clearly that the best defense against Protestant doctrinal errors and claims against the Catholic Church was reform, and the restoration of the Church's integrity. He made the elimination of corruption his mission, and his strategy was to provide education to the many clergy whom he saw as ignorant of the laws of the church, founding schools, seminaries and colleges for clergy.

His work of cleaning up the Church made him enemies, and a member of a small order known as the Humiliati attempted to assassinate him, but failed. Many of his subordinates as well as secular officials complained about him throughout his career, but the existence of these enemies only emboldened Borromeo and served as confirmation that his efforts to eradicate corruption were working.

In 1576, famine and plague struck Milan, and many of the wealthy and powerful fled the city. Borromeo remained, and used his own fortune to feed the starving. Eventually, he convinced the local governor to return to his post and care for the people.

In 1583, Borromeo traveled to Switzerland where heresies, witchcraft and sorcery had been widely reported, and founded a college to educate Swiss Catholics. Eventually, his toil began to take a toll on his health. In 1584, he became ill and returned to Milan where his condition worsened. Charles Borromeo died on November 3, 1584, at the age of 46.

He was canonized in 1610, and is the patron saint of bishops, catechists, cardinals, seminarians, and spiritual leaders.

(excerpt: catholic.org)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**THE SICK**

Carmen Lord  
Coleta Henry  
Martha Mason  
Iris Macauldy  
Patsy Crafton  
Theresa Huntley  
Mary Alexander

**DECEASED**

Henry Philip  
Shani Francis  
Joseph Evans  
Nevern Dujon  
Anthony Joseph

**WEEKDAY READINGS**



**MONDAY**

Phil.2:1-4  
Lk.14:12-14



**TUESDAY**

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



**WEDNESDAY**

Is.25:6-9  
Rom.5:5-11  
Lk.7:11-17



**THURSDAY**

Phil.3:3-8  
Lk.15:1-10



**FRIDAY**

Phil.3:17-4:1  
Lk.16:1-8



**SATURDAY**

Phil.4:10-19  
Lk.16:9-15

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**GROS ISLET**

**CLERGY/RELIGIOUS**

**INTENTIONS**

**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

**Sat Oct 29 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Sun Oct 30- 7:30 a.m.**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.**

**Monchy - 10:00 a.m.**

*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*  
- Psalm 34:18

**B'day:** Monique Louis, Simone Blanchard  
**Int:** Sophia & Ezane Evin & family

**MISSA PRO POPULO**

**B'day:** Veronica & Henderson Pierre

**B'day:** Kasha George, Sharlyn Davidson

**Int:** Gene Norley and family

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon Oct 31 - 6:00 a.m.**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Tue Nov 1- 6:00 a.m.**

*All Saints*

**Wed Nov 2 - 6:00 a.m.**

*All Souls Day*

**6:00 p.m.**

**Thu Nov 3 - 6:00 a.m.**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Fri Nov 4- 6:00 a.m.**

*St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*

**12:30 p.m.**

**Sat Nov 5- 6:30 a.m.**

*BVM*

Sr. Mary Mumba  
Sr. Marie Therese Clement

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

Fr. Athanase Joseph  
Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo  
Fr. Philomin Zacharias

Msgr. Michel Francis  
Fr. Stephen Quinlan  
Fr. Arthur Zalewski

Fr. Vinoth Santhappan  
Fr. John Wilson  
Sr. Mary Lee Cox

Fr. Joseph Raj  
Sr. Mary Mutwiwa

**B'day:** Anthony Modeste  
Douglas Jn. Baptiste  
**Healing:** Kaiesha Henry

**Thks:** Alex Reinette & family

**B'day:** David & Joshua Moise  
**Thks:** Shanta King & family  
**Guid & Protec:** Audra Nicholas

**Dc'd:** Anna Auguste  
Jacinta & Jameson Eugene

**All Souls**

**Dc'd:** Kevin Haywood  
Anthony & Hermancia Flavius

**B'day:** Mary Popo  
**Thks:** Glace Motors Ltd.  
**Healing:** Jose-Anne d'Auvergne

**B'day:** Richard & Richmond Felix  
**Int:** Beatrice Bertome & family

**Healing:** Valerie Leon, Mac Girard  
**Guid & Protec:**  
Virginia d'Auvergne & family  
**Int:** Sophia Evin & children

**Dc'd:** Theonie Gaillard  
Chong & Remy families  
Auguste & Severin families