

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

In today's Gospel reading, one of the scribes asked Jesus what was the most important commandment of God. Jesus told him that the most important rule was to love God with everything- our heart, our soul, our mind and all our strength. The next most important rule is to love others as much as we love ourselves.



God made us to love Him. We will never be really happy unless we do. But if we keep God first in our lives then everything else will happen the way God wants it to. If we love God first, then we can love others the way God asks.

What can you do to keep God first in your life? How about saying a prayer as soon as you wake up in the morning, and last thing before you go to bed at night?



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- ♦The Parish Projects collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Please be generous.
- ♦The Mass of the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls) will be held at the Gros Islet Church on Tuesday, November 2nd, at 6:00 a.m. There will be no blessing of graves at the Gros Islet cemetery following the Mass.
- ♦The Group Requiem Mass will be held at the Gros Islet Church on Wednesday, November 24th at 12:30 p.m. The names of your departed loved ones for inclusion in this Mass should reach the parish office by Friday, November 19th.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages, "curing every disease and illness". At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the Coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together, and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. In your wisdom protect our country, Saint Lucia, our region and the whole world from this pandemic. Be with the doctors, nurses and researchers, and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected, and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Mary, comforter of the afflicted, pray for us. Amen.



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

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Loving God.

Love is only law we are to live by, and love is the fulfillment of the Law that God reveals through Moses in the First Reading. The unity of God - the truth that He is one God, Father, Son, and Spirit - means that we must love Him with one love, a love that serves Him with all our hearts and minds, souls and strength. We love Him because He has loved us first. We love our neighbor because we cannot love the God we haven't seen unless we love those made in His image and likeness, whom we have seen. We are called to imitate the love that Christ showed us in laying His life down on the Cross. As we hear in today's Epistle, by His perfect sacrifice on the Cross, He once and for all makes it possible for us to approach God. There is no greater love than to lay down your life. This is perhaps why Jesus tells the scribe in the Gospel that he is not far from the kingdom of God. The scribe recognizes that the burnt offerings and sacrifices of the old Law were meant to teach Israel that it is love that God desires. The animals offered in sacrifice were symbols of the self-sacrifice, the total gift of our selves, that God truly desires. We are called today to examine our hearts. Do we have other loves that get in the way of our love for God? Do we love others as Jesus has loved us? Do we love our enemies and pray for those who oppose and persecute us? Let us tell the Lord we love Him, as we do in the Psalm, and let us take His Word to heart, that we might prosper and have life eternal in His kingdom, the heavenly homeland flowing with milk and honey.

(excerpt: st.paulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

- First Reading**
Dt.6:2-6
- Second Reading**
Heb.7:23-28
- Gospel**
Mk.12:28-34

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
7:00 a.m.
- ✠

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
6.00 - 6.45p.m.
&
by appointment

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

In the Roman Catholic Church, All Souls Day is a solemn celebration commemorating all 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.

The importance of All Souls Day was made clear by Pope Benedict XV (1914-22) when he granted all priests the privilege of celebrating three Masses on All Souls Day: one for the faithful departed; one for the priest's intentions; and one for the intentions of the Holy Father. Only on a handful of other very important feast days are priests allowed to celebrate more than two Masses.

While All Souls Day is now paired with All Saints Day, which celebrates all of the faithful who are in Heaven, it originally was celebrated in the Easter season, around Pentecost Sunday (it still is in the Eastern Catholic Churches). By the tenth century, the celebration had been moved to October; and sometime between 998 and 1030, St. Odilo of Cluny decreed that it should be celebrated on November 2nd in all of the monasteries of his Benedictine congregation. Over the next two centuries, other Benedictines and the Carthusians began to celebrate it in their monasteries as well, and soon it spread to the entire Church.

On All Souls Day, we not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts, through prayer, almsgiving, and the Mass, to their release from Purgatory. There are two plenary indulgences attached to All Souls Day, one for visiting a church and another for visiting a cemetery. (The plenary indulgence for visiting a cemetery can also be obtained every day from November 1 to 8, and, as a partial indulgence, on any day of the year.) While the actions are performed by the living, the merits of the indulgences are applicable only to the souls in 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 Holy Souls in Purgatory, and participation in the Mass of All Souls Day is a good way to begin the month.

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Praying for the Dead.

This is one of the greatest acts of charity we can perform. Through our prayers, we can help the faithful departed during their time in Purgatory, so that they can enter more quickly into the fullness of Heaven. We should pray for the dead throughout the year, especially on the anniversary of their death, but in November, the Month of the Holy Souls, we should pray for the dead every day. We should start with those closest to us - our parents, for instance - but we should also offer prayers for all souls, and especially for those most forsaken.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Nellie Hall
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Denis Augustin
Bentley Jn. Baptiste

DECEASED

Ilene Louis
James Prudent
Kareem Auguste
Thomas M. Jean
Joseph James
Augustin Felix

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Rv.7:2-4,9-14
1Jn.3:1-3
Mt.5:1-12



TUESDAY

Is.25:6-9
Rom.5:5-11
Mk.15:33-39;16:1-6



WEDNESDAY

Rom.13:8-10
Lk.14:25-33



THURSDAY

Rom.14:7-12
Lk.15:1-10



FRIDAY

Rom 15:14-21
Lk.16:1-8



SATURDAY

Rom.16:3-9,16,22-27
Lk.16:9-15

MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat Oct 30 - 2:30 p.m.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> "I love you Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour." Ps. 17 </div>	B'day: Anthony Modeste Emmanuel Lawrence Healing: Andrea Duval Thks: Sherman Robinson, Anthony Louis
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Nov 1 - 6:00 a.m. <i>All Saints</i>	Fr. Cleophus Joseph Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Sr. Marie Therese Clement	Thks: Audra Nicholas B'day: David Moise & family
12:30 p.m.		Holy Spirit: Tronai Louis Int: Mya Norville & family
Tue Nov 2 - 6:00 a.m. <i>All Souls</i>	Fr. Joseph Akande Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo Fr. Philomin Zacharias	All Souls
Wed Nov 3 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Stephen Quinlan	Holy Spirit: Tronai Louis Thks: Stennett Bent & family
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Mary Popo, Chaka Deterville Thks: Thecla Deterville & family
Grande Riviere - 5:30 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Nov 4 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>	Fr. John Wilson Fr. Arthur Zalewski Fr. Vinoth Santhappan	Holy Spirit: Tronai Louis Healing: Amber st. Rose B'day: Richmond & Richard Felix
12:30 p.m.		De'd: Holy Souls in Purgatory
Monchy - 5:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Nov 5 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Lee Cox Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	De'd: Fr. Raymond Laurent Albert & Letitia Laurent Mr. & Mrs. Duval Hippolyte
12:30 p.m.		Holy Spirit: Tronai Louis
Sat Nov 6 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Msgr. Patrick Anthony	De'd: Members of the Severin family Marie Bellot Alexander Emmanuel Milford Alexander