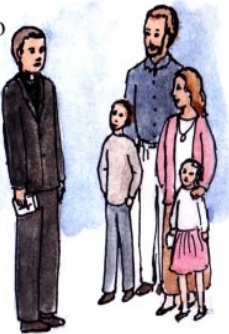


*Should We Let Others See
What We Do for God?*

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus warns the people about some of their leaders. They wore special clothes and made sure that people saw them giving to the poor. They also got the best seats at gatherings. These men were only concerned about outward things and not about being holy and loving in their hearts.

Our Lord wants us to be holy on the inside- to love Him and to love everybody else with our hearts. But we don't always have to show it on the outside. Sometimes we pray together or help people when others can see us, but we should often pray and do good in ways that people won't see, too.

Still, there are some people who do wear special clothes and should get places of honour. Priests and religious sisters and brothers wear clothes that help us to know that they have special jobs. They aren't trying to get attention, but it is a sign that they have given themselves to God. We treat them with extra respect because they have dedicated their lives to God.



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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

♦The St. Joseph the Worker Parish invites you to join our choirs, youth orchestra and liturgical dancers as we celebrate the Feast of St. Cecilia with a musical presentation on Sunday, November 26th from 5pm at the Gros Islet church. Admission is free, but a love offering will be taken up. Please join us for a wonderful celebration.

♦The **YOUTH 2000** Team invites all youth to "An Hour with Jesus" on Sunday, Nov. 12th, from 3 to 4 pm at parishes around the island. Join us as we continue to experience Jesus in a new way together.

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.**



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A Father's Care.

Moses was a humble father figure, preaching the law and practicing it, interceding and begging God's mercy and forgiveness of the people's sins. Though they were Moses' successors, the Pharisees and scribes exalted themselves, making their mastery of the law a badge of social privilege. Worse, they had lorded the law over the people. Like the priests Malachi condemns in the First Reading, they caused many to falter and be closed off from God. In a word, Israel's leaders failed to be good spiritual fathers of God's people. Jesus reminds us today that all fatherhood, in the family or in the people of God, comes from the Father in heaven. He doesn't mean we're to literally call no man "father." He Himself referred to Israel's founding fathers; the Apostles taught about natural fatherhood, and described themselves as spiritual fathers. The fatherhood of the Apostles and their successors, the Church's priests and bishops, is a spiritual paternity given to raise us as God's children. Our fathers give us new life in Baptism and feed us the spiritual milk of the Gospel and the Eucharist. That's why Paul, in the Epistle, can also compare himself to a nursing mother. God's fatherhood likewise transcends all human notions of fatherhood and motherhood. Perhaps that's why the Psalm chosen for today includes one of the rare biblical images of God's maternal care. His only Son has shown us the Father coming to gather His children as a hen gathers her young. We're all brothers and sisters, our Lord tells us, and all of us, even our spiritual fathers, are to trust in Him, humbly, like children on our mothers' laps.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Mal.1:14-2-2,8-10

Second Reading
1Thess.2:7-9,13

Gospel
Mt.23:1-12

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.
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



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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DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA - 9th NOVEMBER

Why commemorate a church dedication that happened in fourth century Rome? First, because St. John Lateran is no ordinary church. It is the cathedral church of the Pope and still known as “the mother of all the world’s churches.” But more than that, because God has from all time intended the church building to be a symbol of His Church and our bodies.

This is what the readings for today’s feast invite us to consider. God’s prototype for the church is the Jerusalem Temple, described in the First Reading and Psalm. It is God’s “holy dwelling,” site of His presence in our midst, source of the “living waters” of all life and blessing.

But God intended the Temple to give way to the Body of Christ. That is what our Lord’s words and actions in this Sunday’s Gospel are intended to dramatize. Christ’s Body is now the dwelling of God’s glory among us. It is the new source of living waters, the living bread, the new sanctuary where people will worship in Spirit and in Truth.

By Baptism, we are joined to His Body in the Church. The Spirit of God comes to dwell in us and makes us “God’s building...the temple of God”. Jesus drove out the sellers of oxen, sheep and doves, signaling an end to the animal sacrifices that formed the worship of the old Temple. In the spiritual worship of the new Temple, we offer our bodies, our whole beings, as a living sacrifice.

Like living stones built on the cornerstone of Christ, together we are called to build up the new Temple of God, the Church. As the Jerusalem Temple was, so the Church will always be under construction until at last it is perfected in the new Jerusalem, our mother Church, come down from heaven.

(excerpt: salvationhistory.com)

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 this Month of the Holy Souls, we should devote some time every day in prayer for the dead. 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.

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Theresa Huntley



DECEASED

Marie Altenor
Martin Sanos
Anthony Cigobin
Albert Ferdinand
Anne Marie Clovis

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Rom.11:29-36
Lk.14:12-14



TUESDAY

Rom.12:5-16
Lk.14:15-24



WEDNESDAY

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



THURSDAY

Eze.47:1-2,8-9,12
Jn.2:13-22



FRIDAY

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



SATURDAY

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



MASS INTENTIONS

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CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

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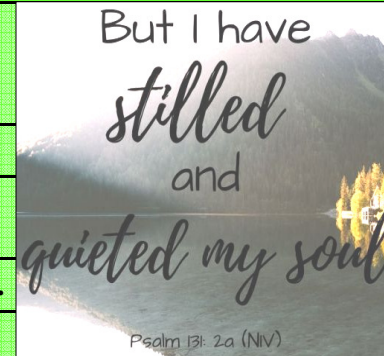
Sat Nov 4 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Nov 5 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.



B'day: Anastasia Elibox
Guid: Augusta Toussaint
Wedd Ann: Sylma & Felix Finistere

MISSA PRO POPULO

B'day: Richmond & Richard Felix
Thks: Kenny, Ryan & St. Rose Cox

Thks: Catherine Augustin & family

Int: Gene Norley & family

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Nov 6 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue Nov 7 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed Nov 8 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Nov 9 - 6:00 a.m.

*Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica*

12:30 p.m.

Fri Nov 10 - 6:00 a.m.

*St. Leo the Great
Pope & Doctor*

12:30 p.m.

Sat Nov 11 - 6:30 a.m.

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Msgr. Patrick Anthony
Fr. Joseph Xavier

Arch Bishop Rivas OP
Fr. Albert Smith
Sr. Frances Norbisch

Mother Rosaria Joseph
Sr. Christine Alphonse
Sr. Giovanna Mabunda

Fr. Amalraj
Fr. Cezar Herrera
Sr. Ramona George

Rev. Andrew Edward
Sr. Benedicta Chanda

Sr. Petronilla Banda
Sr. Scholastica Felician

B'day: Mikaela Elliot

De'd: The Chong & Remy families
The Yeck & John families

B'day: Kateri Haywood, Maria Hippolyte
Wedd Ann: Delia & Julian Charles

De'd: Kenneth James
Philomene & Elizabeth Macauldy

Thks: Rachel

De'd: George Roland

90th B'day: Agatha St. Edward
Thks: Althea & Ellen Regis

De'd: Marcellina Alexis
Camille & Ledwin Moise

B'day: Winston Gaetan
Thks: Stennett Bent & family

De'd: Rene Joseph, Ricky Langelier
Members of the David family

De'd: Elizabeth Clement
Marie Headley, Winston Taylor