

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9th November

Why commemorate a church dedication that happened in fourth century Rome? 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 this 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 the 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,

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.

- SAINTS FUN FACTS -

Saint Charles Borromeo along with Saint Ignatius of Loyola and others, led the effort to fight the Protestant Reformation.

He is credited with the founding of seminaries for the education of priests.

He is also celebrated as a Saint of learning and the arts.



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 - 3RD NOV 2024 - YEAR B

The Law of Love.

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 can't 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 the 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 today's 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. 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:stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Deut.6:2-6

Second Reading

Heb.7:23-28

Gospel

Mk.12:28-34

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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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 23 year old nephew a cardinal. With the new rank came more duties including the government of the Papal States, and the supervision of three Catholic Orders. 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, and 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 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. Borromeo died on November 3, 1584, at the age of 46. Canonized in 1610, he is the patron saint of bishops, catechists, cardinals, seminarians, and spiritual leaders.

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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

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



TUESDAY

Phil.2:5-11
Lk.14:15-24



WEDNESDAY

Phil.2:12-18
Lk.14:25-33



THURSDAY

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



FRIDAY

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



SATURDAY

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



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat Nov 2- 6:00 p.m.		B'day Brice Samuel, Bernadette Springer Thks: Azari Anerville, Augusta Toussaint
Sun Nov 3 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Thks: Jeanne, Charms & Keitha Frederick
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Catherine Augustin & family
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Cuthbert Elizee
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Nov 4 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>	Fr. Vinoth Santhappan Fr. John Wilson	B'day: Mary Popo Richmond & Richard Felix
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Kevin Haywood, Theonie Gaillard Chong & Remy families, Alexis family
Tue Nov 5 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Lee Cox Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	B'day: Danquah Theophilus Thks: Stennett Bent & family Huntley & Wells families
Wed Nov 6 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Patrick Anthony	Dc'd: Leonard Leon Stephen Macauldy, Joseph Ludovic
Thu Nov 7 - 6:00 a.m.	Arch Bishop Rivas OP Sr. Frances Nosbisch	B'day: Teresa Modeste Maria Hippolyte, Sandra Haynes Kateri Haywood, Danielle Theophilus
Fri Nov 8 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Albert Smith Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Christine Alphonse	Dc'd: Kenneth James
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Christiana James & children Diane & Richard Palton
Sat Nov 9- 6:30 a.m. <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	Fr. Cezar Herrera Rev. Andrew Edward Sr. Ramona George	Thks: Glace Motors Ltd Mikaela & Imani Elliott