

Always be Ready

Have you ever thought to yourself that it would be better to have fun and be bad now, and then be good later? That's what some of the bridesmaids in today's parable were like. They only brought enough oil for their lamps, and didn't bother to bring any extra. But the other bridesmaids had been wise and took along extra flasks to refill their lamps when it got late. When the bridegroom came, those who hadn't brought extra oil were gone, getting more oil, and missed the feast!



Sometimes people say that they have lots of time to change from their evil ways, so they don't repent right away. This parable shows us that it is very foolish to leave important things until later. Nobody knows when they will die, so we should always be ready.



The oil of the bridesmaids is like the grace in our souls. We need to make sure that our soul always has sanctifying grace, which we need to get into Heaven. We lose that grace when we do a serious sin. That is why if we ever commit a serious sin, we should go to confession as soon as we can so that we will always have grace and be ready for when we die.



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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" this Sunday, Nov . 12th, from 3 to 4 pm at the Cathedral. Join us as we continue to experience Jesus in a new way together. Parents feel free to come along.

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.**



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 12TH NOV 2023 - YEAR A

The Bridegroom Comes

According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first "betrothed" to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together. This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in today's Gospel.

In the parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom. In this, He fulfills God's ancient promise to join Himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride. The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church. We were "betrothed" to Jesus in Baptism and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time.

As St. Paul warns in the Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour. We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God, virtues that are extolled in the First Reading and Psalm. We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes.

If we do this, we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry. We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God, hastening toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet which will satisfy our souls.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Wis.6:12-16

Second Reading
1Thess.4:13-18

Gospel
Mt.25:1-13

MASS TIMES

Gros Islet
Morning Prayers:
Mon -Fri
5:45 a.m.

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MONDAY
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY
6:00 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
Monchy: 6:00 p.m.

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FRIDAY
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.

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SATURDAY
6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.

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SUNDAY
Gros Islet/G. Riviere
7:30 a.m.

Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.

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HOLIDAY
Variable
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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. Frances Xavier Cabrini - Feast Day November 13th

Frances Xavier Cabrini was the first ever U.S. citizen to be canonized. Her deep trust in the loving care of her God gave her the strength to be courageous in doing the work of Christ.

Frances was born in 1850 in Italy. Refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher, she began charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadagono, Italy. In September 1877, she was allowed to make her vows there and took the religious habit. When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named Frances prioress of the new Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Seven young women from the orphanage joined her.

Since her early childhood, Frances had wanted to be a missionary in China, but at the urging of Pope Leo XIII, Frances travelled with six of the sisters of her Order to New York City to work with the thousands of Italian immigrants living there. She found disappointment and difficulties with every step.

When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available, and the archbishop advised her to return to Italy. But Frances, truly a valiant woman, was all the more determined to establish that orphanage. And she did. Filled with a deep trust in God and endowed with a wonderful administrative ability, Frances founded sixty seven institutions in thirty five years, including orphanages, schools, and hospitals dedicated to caring for the poor, uneducated, sick, abandoned, and especially for the Italian immigrants who were losing their faith. Her institutions were spread out all over the United States, including New York, Colorado, and Illinois. Frances was known for being as resourceful as she was prayerful, and was always able to find people to donate their money, time, and support for her institutions.

In 1909, Frances became a naturalized citizen of the United States. Eight years later, on December 22, 1917, she died at the age of sixty seven, due to complications from dysentery at one of her own hospitals, the Columbus Hospital, in Chicago.

Frances has two miracles attributed to her. She restored sight to a child who was believed to have been blinded by excess silver nitrate, and she healed a terminally ill member of her congregation.

Frances Xavier Cabrini was beatified on November 13, 1938, by Pope Pius XI and canonized by Pope Pius XII on July 7, 1946. She is the patron saint of immigrants, hospital administrators, impossible causes and India.

(excerpt: franciscanmedia.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Teresa Huntley

DECEASED

Cecil Graham
Marie Altenor
Anthony Cigobin
Albert Ferdinand
Anne Marie Clovis
Martin Sanos Fuet

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Wis.1:1-7
Lk.17:1-6



TUESDAY

Wis.2:23--3:9
Lk.17:7-10



WEDNESDAY

Wis.6:1-11
Lk.17:11-19



THURSDAY

Wis.7:22--8:1
Lk.17:20-25



FRIDAY

Wis.13:1-9
Lk.17:26-37



SATURDAY

Wis.18:14-16, 19:6-9
Lk.18:1-8



MASS INTENTIONS

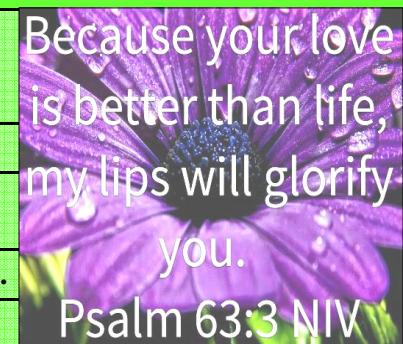
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CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

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Sat Nov 11 - 6:00 p.m.



B'day: Azelia Glace-George
Thks: Dionysia Sealy-Compton
Guid: Algitha Richelieu & family

Sun Nov 12 - 7:30 a.m.

MISSA PRO POPULO

10:00 a.m.

Int: Edith Eudoxie

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

B'day: Lysa Esnard

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Nov 13 - 6:00 a.m.

*St. Frances Xavier
Cabrini, Virgin*

Rev. Madison Stanislaus
Rev. Vincent Norbert
Rev. Anthony Pierre

B'day: Didacus Jules
Thks: Akil & Ravichand St. Hill
Rhonda, Gianna, Aria & Elani Blanchard

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Cecil Graham, Kevin Haywood

Tue Nov 14 - 6:00 a.m.

Msgr. Justin Barthelmy
Sr. Mary Dungdung
Sr. Mercy Masaka

B'day: Sherman Louis
Int: Felix Finistere
Int & Healing: Teresa Huntley

Wed Nov 15 - 6:00 a.m.

Mother Rosaria Joseph
Sr. Christine Alphonse
Sr. Giovanna Mabunda

Dc'd: Verdant family
James & Paulina Prudent
Mathilda Philip, Patsy Dixon

12:30 p.m.

B'day: Kershel St. Helene
Thks: Jacinta St. Helene

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Thu Nov 16- 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Errol Frederick
Sr. Rosemarie Minj

B'day: Rogence Louis, Rogence Louis Jr.
Thks: Diane & Richard Palton & family

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Sacred Heart Members
Rosa & Antoine Glace
Rose Ann Raymond

Fri Nov 17 - 6:00 a.m.

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Religious*

Fr. Yvon Tremont

B'day: Sonia Louis
Ansel James, Rogenia Louis
Wedd Ann: Anthony & Sonia Louis

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Mary Anna Doxerie
Nathalie, Dumond & Hester Joseph

Sat Nov 18- 6:30 a.m.

Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy
Sr. Bernadette Peter

Dc'd: Auguste & Severin family
Juliette Marilyn Geddes