

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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We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus.

1Thes. 4:14

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 should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at least **6 months** before the desired date.

ASSEMBLY SONG

- We are called to be a church united.
We are called to walk in truth and mercy
- We are called to mission by the Spirit
We are called to put the Word in action
- We are called to live our stewardship daily
We are called to serve the poor and needy
- We are called as Salt and Light and Leaven
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We are called to Vision 2020
We are called to be a church united
We are called to love one another.

*We are called, we are called,
Yes, we are called. Yes, we are called.
Yes, we are called. Yes, we are called.*

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.**

VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 8TH NOV 2020 - 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 fulfils 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)

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET
Morning Prayers:
5:45a.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
7:00 a.m.

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CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
6.00 - 6.45p.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 Lombardy, 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

Iris Macauldy
Priscillia Henry
Priscillia St. Martin
Martha Mason
Rosna Joseph
Nellie Hall

DECEASED

Leone George
Claire Leo Nicholas
Kimane Riviere
Joseph Felix
Anthony Charles
Theresa Joseph
Rev. Bertrand Clauzel

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Eze.47:1-2,8-9,12
Jn.2:13-22
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TUESDAY
Ti.2:1-8,11-14
Lk.17:7-10
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WEDNESDAY
Ti.3:1-7
Lk.17:11-19
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THURSDAY
Phlm.7-20
Lk.17:20-25
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FRIDAY
2Jn.4-9
Lk.17:26-37
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SATURDAY
3Jn.5-8
Lk.18:1-8
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| MASS INTENTIONS | | |
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| GROS ISLET | CLERGY/RELIGIOUS | INTENTIONS |
| 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A | | |
| Sat Nov 7 - 6:00 p.m. | O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; <i>my soul thirsts for you;</i> my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. <i>Psalm 63:1</i> | Int: Lorraine Williams Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family B'day: Mikaela Elliot, Kateri Haywood |
| Sun Nov 8 - 7:30 a.m. | | Eucharistic Service |
| 10:00 a.m. | | Eucharistic Service |
| Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m. | | MISSA PRO POPULO |
| Monchy - 10:00 a.m. | | B'day: Shirley Ann Bruno |
| WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS | | |
| Mon Nov 9 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> | Fr. Cezar Herrera Fr. Will Howard Sr. Ramona George | Dc'd: Gilda & Sharma Charles |
| 12:30 p.m. | | Guid & Protec: Victoria & Cecil Clarke |
| Tue Nov 10 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Leo the Great Pope & Doctor</i> | Rev. Andrew Edward Sr. Benedicta Chanda | Healing: Noah Henry Holy Spirit: Anne Marie Charles Thks: Richard Palton & family |
| Wed Nov 11 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</i> | | Thks: Anthony Robinson & family |
| 12:30 p.m. | | Thks: Angela Alphonse B'day: Mary Popo, Darcel Phillip |
| Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m. | Sr. Petronilla Banda Sr. Scholastica Felician | Parishioners |
| Thu Nov 12 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr</i> | | Thks: Stennett Bent & family |
| 12:30 p.m. | | B'day: Elizabeth Melius Healing: Liliane Mathurin |
| Monchy - 6:00 p.m. | Rev. Arnold Clouden Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Marcellus Serieux | Parishioners |
| Fri Nov 13 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Frances Cabrini, Virgin</i> | | B'day: Aldrick Biscette, Didacus Jules |
| 12:30 p.m. | | Dc'd: Kevin Haywood, Egbert Jean Members of the Augustin family |
| Sat Nov 14 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i> | Msgr. Justin Barthelmy Sr. Mary Dungdung | B'day: Sherma Louis Thks: Diane Palton & family |