

Use Your Talents!

God has given each of us talents, or things that we're good at. In today's parable, Jesus tells about a master who gave three of his servants large amounts of money, which were also called talents. Two of the men used the talents and earned more, but one just hid his talent and didn't use it at all. When the master returned he rewarded the men who had used theirs, but punished the man who hadn't.



Some people have many talents and can do lots of good things. Other people can only do a few things well. But no matter what you can do, God wants you to do your best.



What are some things you're good at? What are some things you are not very good at? Rather than think about the things we can't do, we should be happy to do the things we can, and do them for God! Some people are good at drawing or writing. They can make people happy and teach people about God by drawing pictures or writing stories or letters. Some people are good at talking to people and making friends. They can show God's love and make people happy. Some people have a talent of being patient with others, and show Jesus' love that way. What are your talents? How can you use them to bring people closer 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 Group Requiem Mass will be held at the Gros Islet Church on Wednesday, November 29th, at 12:30 p.m. Please give names of your departed loved ones for inclusion in this Mass along with your offering at the parish office.

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.**



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 19TH NOV 2023 - YEAR A

He Comes.

The day of the Lord is coming, Paul warns in today's Epistle. What matters isn't the time or the season but what the Lord finds us doing with the new life, the graces He has given to us.

This is at the heart of Jesus' parable in the Gospel. Jesus is the Master. Having died, risen, and ascended into heaven, He appears to have gone away for a long time. By our Baptism, He has entrusted to each of us a portion of His "possessions," a share in His divine life. He has given us talents and responsibilities according to the measure of our faith.

We are to be like the worthy wife in the First Reading and the faithful man we sing of in the Psalm. Like them, we should walk in the "fear of the Lord", in reverence, awe, and thanksgiving for His marvelous gifts. This is the beginning of wisdom. This is not the "fear" of the useless servant in the parable. His is the fear of a slave cowering before a cruel master, the fear of one who refuses the relationship that God calls us to. God has called us to be trusted servants, fellow workers using our talents to serve one another and His kingdom as good stewards of His grace. In this, we each have a different part to play.

Though the good servants in the parable were given different numbers of talents, each "doubled" what he was given. Each earned the same reward for his faithfulness, greater responsibilities and a share of the Master's joy.

So let us resolve again in this Eucharist to make much of what we've been given, to do all for the glory of God. That we, too, may approach our Master with confidence and love when He comes to settle accounts.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Prov.31:10-13,
19-20,30-31

Second Reading

1Thess.5:1-6

Gospel

Mt.25:14-20

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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St. Cecilia - Feast Day November 22nd

Has there ever been a time when music has helped you? Music has a way of helping us express emotions. It can be used for prayer or for play. Some people use music for comfort, or for the enjoyment of themselves and others. It makes sense that this powerful method of expression would be attributed to one of the most famous Roman martyrs of the early church, St. Cecilia, who is venerated in the Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican faiths.

According to legend, she was a noble Roman who, as a child, had vowed her virginity to God. When she was married against her will to the future saint Valerian, then a pagan, she told him that an angel of God wished her to remain a virgin. He promised to respect this wish if he were allowed to see the angel. She replied that he would if he were baptized. On his return from baptism he found Cecilia talking to the angel. She then converted his brother Tiburtius, who also saw the angel.

The brothers became adamant witnesses to Christ, and along with Cecilia distributed alms and buried those who died glorifying Christ. It did not take long for the Roman Prefect Turcius Almachius to notice and condemn them to death. Cecilia was taken before the prefect and condemned to suffocation in the baths of her home. She remained unscathed after spending quite a while in the overheated room, much to the frustration of her captors, and the prefect sent in an executioner to finish the job. The executioner struck her neck three times with a sword in an attempt to decapitate her, but failed to separate her head from her shoulders. Cecilia was left to die, bathed in a pool of her own blood. Miraculously, she lived three more days, preaching, converting pagans, favoring the poor, and making arrangements for her house to be dedicated as a place of worship. After three days of suffering in prayer, St. Cecilia died.

At the beginning of the ninth century, Pope Paschal I discovered her incorrupt relics in the catacomb of St. Praetextatus and had them moved to Rome, to a basilica in Trastevere that now bears her name, believed to be on the site of the house where she lived and died.

She became the patron of music and musicians because it was said that, as the musicians played at her wedding, Cecilia "sang in her heart to the Lord". In art she is often represented playing the organ. St Cecilia is one of several virgin martyrs commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass in the Latin Church.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Teresa Huntley

DECEASED

Cecil Graham
Marie Altenor
Anne Marie Clovis
Msgr. Theo Joseph
Helen Bruno Florton

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

1Mac.1:10-15,
41-43,54-57,62-64
Lk.18:35-43



TUESDAY

2Mac.6:18-31
Lk.19:1-10



WEDNESDAY

2Mac.7:1,20-31
Lk.19:11-28



THURSDAY

1Mac.2:15-29
Lk.19:41-44



FRIDAY

1Mac.4:36-37,
52-59

Lk.19:45-48



SATURDAY

1Mac.6:1-13

Lk.20:27-40



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

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Sat Nov 18 - 6:00 p.m.



B'day: Julius Charles
Thks: The Destang family
Guid & Protec: Sancha James

Sun Nov 19 - 7:30 a.m.

B'day: Tariq Monplaisir
Int: Edwin & Elizabeth Laurent

10:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Service

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

MISSA PRO POPULO

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

Int: Felix Finistere

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Nov 20 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Paul Vu
Fr. Konrad Mair

Protec & Healing: Teresa Huntley
Thks: Jeanne Frederick & family

12:30 p.m.

Healing: Josette Hilaire
Int: Jean Noel Reinette

Tue Nov 21 - 6:00 a.m.
Presentation of the BVM

Rev. John Douglas
Rev. Anthony Louis
Rev. Robert Harvey

B'day: Zidane Philip
Thks: Anthony Louis

Wed Nov 22 - 6:00 a.m.
St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

Fr. Cecil Goodman
Rev. Thomas Alexander

B'day: Carole Jn. Marie
Protec: Alex Reinette

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Norman Jean, Frances Auguste
Patrick Joseph, Maria Bernard

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Thu Nov 23 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Linus Clovis
Sr. Adinase Mumba

B'day: Eric Gaspard
Thks: Perlin Verdant & family

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace
Irene & Joseph Destang

Fri Nov 24 - 6:00 a.m.
*St. Andrew Dung- Lac, Priest,
& Companions, Martyrs*

Fr. Vincent Arulanandam
Rev. Girard Glace
Sr. Mary Muskosa

Healing: Jocelyn Café
Sophia Evin, Nathalie Reinette

12:30 p.m.

B'day: Ethelina Macauldy

Sat Nov 25 - 6:30 a.m.
BVM

Fr. Henry Nmor
Fr. Kenneth Haakyav

Dc'd: Lucia Leonce, St. John Brooks
Members of the Raphael family