

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus is talking about the end of all things. He speaks of some frightening signs and warnings, things like the sun, moon and stars failing, and times of trouble.

But in the midst of that doom and gloom, there is a beautiful and hopeful promise. For one thing, Jesus promises that He would return, and when that happens, he'll take us to Heaven! That's a joyful thought.

He also says that even if Heaven and Earth pass away, His words never will. All things change. All things pass away. But the Word of God will last forever, and He keeps His promises. We can count on it! We can rejoice and eagerly anticipate the return of Jesus.

And when will that happen? Well, we don't know. That's another promise - nobody knows. Some people say it's coming very soon, but we really don't know. Because of that, we need to be ready all the time.

The Gospel says to "stay awake!" Pay attention, don't drift away from faith, because He could come at any moment. Being ready means that we keep loving and serving God, and we eagerly expect that His words will prove true. In this world of change and confusion, we cling to that.

(excerpt: ministry-to-children.com)

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.

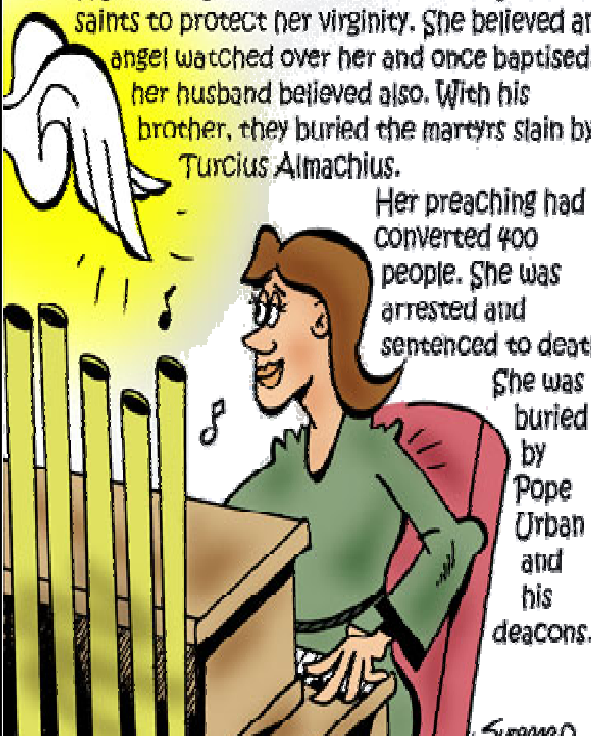
MASS INTENTIONS:

Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.

-SAINTS FUN FACTS- *St. Cecilia*
by John Sheppard

A Roman Virgin who beseeched the angels and saints to protect her virginity. She believed an angel watched over her and once baptised, her husband believed also. With his brother, they buried the martyrs slain by Turcius Almachius.

Her preaching had converted 400 people. She was arrested and sentenced to death. She was buried by Pope Urban and his deacons.



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.



Hope in Tribulation.

In today's Gospel, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem. Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope, telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory.

The Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen since the beginning of God's creation. He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God's creation, a devolution of the world to its original state of formlessness and void.

First, the human community - nations and kingdoms - will break down. Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart. Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted. Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence. God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning: the sun, the moon and the stars. Into this "uncreated" darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come.

Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed. Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament: clouds, glory, and angels. He shows Himself to be the fulfillment of all God's promises to save "the elect," the faithful remnant. As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust.

We are to watch for that day, when His enemies are finally made His footstool. We can wait in confidence knowing that we will one day delight at His right hand forever.

(excerpt:stpaulcenter.com)

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
&
by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Dan. 12:1-13

Second Reading

Heb.10:11-14,18

Gospel

Mk.13:24-32

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

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - November 21

The Presentation or Dedication of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates "that dedication of herself which Mary made to God from her very childhood under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who filled her with grace at her Immaculate Conception."

While the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary was not generally celebrated in the West until the 11th century, it appears in most of the earliest calendars of the Eastern Churches. Derived from accounts in apocryphal literature, especially the Protoevangelium of James, the feast seems to have first appeared in Syria.

The Protoevangelium of James, while an extra-biblical document, is the source of many details of Mary's life that became universally accepted by the Church, including the names of her parents, the story of her birth, her age at her betrothal to St. Joseph, St. Joseph's advanced age and his status as a widower with children by his first wife. It also played a large role among Christians, both Eastern and Western, in recognizing Mary as the new Temple, the true Holy of Holies.

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary first rose to prominence in Jerusalem, where it was associated with the dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary the New, built near the ruins of the Temple in Jerusalem, where the Protoevangelium of James tells the story of Mary's presentation at the age of three. In gratitude for being granted a child after years of infertility, Mary's parents, Sts. Joachim and Anna, had vowed to dedicate Mary to the service of God at the Temple. When they presented her at the Temple, she stayed willingly, showing her dedication to God even at that young age. When Mary left the Temple at the age of 12 after her betrothal to Joseph, she remained pure and chaste, and at the Annunciation, God came to dwell in her.

The Feast of the Presentation first made its way to the West through monasteries in Southern Italy in the 9th century and by the 11th century, it had spread to other locales. Under the influence of a French nobleman, Philippe de Mazières, Pope Gregory XI began celebrating the feast during his papacy.

Pope Sixtus IV first placed the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the universal calendar in 1472, but in the Tridentine reform of the calendar in 1568, Pope Pius V removed the feast. It was restored 17 years later by Pope Sixtus V, and remains in the Roman calendar today as a memorial.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.
Closed Tuesdays**

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
Rev.1:1-4;2:1-5
Lk.18:35-43



TUESDAY
Rev.3:1-6,14-22
Lk.19:1-10



WEDNESDAY
Rev.4:1-11
Lk.19:11-28



THURSDAY
Rev.5:1-10
Lk.19:41-44



FRIDAY
Rev.10:8-11
Lk.19:45-48



SATURDAY
Rev.11:4-12
Lk.20:27-40



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Sat Nov 16- 6:00 p.m.

Sun Nov 17 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.



B'day: Azelia Glace, Sonia Louis
Wedd Ann: Anthony & Sonia Louis

Eucharistic Service

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B'day: Deborah Desir
Thks: Geoffrey family, Hospitality Team

MISSA PRO POPULO

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Nov 18 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue Nov 19 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed Nov 20 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

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

12:30 p.m.

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

12:30 p.m.

Sat Nov 23- 6:30 a.m
BVM

Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy
Sr. Bernadette Peter

Fr. Lambert St. Rose

Fr. Paul Vu

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

Fr. Cecil Goodman
Rev. Thomas Alexander

Fr. Linus Clovis
Sr. Adinase Mumba

Dc'd: Members of the Verdant family
Rosa & Antoine Glace

Dc'd: Abandoned Souls
Members of Sacred Heart Confraternity

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

Int: Bernadette Pamphile
B'day: Ruth, Brianna & Eric Lastic

Dc'd: Cecil Graham, Brigit Evans

Parishioners

B'day: Zidane Philip
Thks: Perlin Verdant & family

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

Thks: Miguel Louisy, Ellen Regis
Int: Parish Choirs & Musicians

Dc'd: Members of the Parish choirs and
musicians

B'day: Eric Gaspard, Iris Macauldy