

Kids Column

Mark 1:14-20

Come, follow Me...



If God asked you to come and follow Him right now would you be ready to drop everything and follow? In today's Gospel reading that's exactly what happened to Simon and Andrew and James and John.

They had been working at their fishing nets when Jesus walked past and called them to follow Him.

We are all called to follow Jesus in some way. God wants some people to give up their lives for others like Jesus did, and some people He wants to look after the poor and sick. Some people are called to care for children and some to build things. Some people are called to be special followers of Our Lord as priests and religious.



Do you know how you can best follow Jesus? When you're young the best way to be like Him is to be kind to everyone and honour and obey your parents like the



Child Jesus did. Also, you can already start praying that when the time comes you will be know how to follow Our Lord in the way that you can serve Him best.

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

Prayer to St. Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.*



**Come Follow Me, And I
will make you fishers
of men!**

Mt.4:19

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

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 24TH JAN 2021 - YEAR B

Following Christ.

The calling of the brothers in today's Gospel evokes Elisha's commissioning by the prophet Elijah. As Elijah comes upon Elisha working on his family's farm, so Jesus sees the brothers working by the seaside. As Elisha left his mother and father to follow Elijah, so the brothers leave their father to come after Jesus.

Jesus' promise - to make them "fishers of men" - evokes Israel's deepest hopes. The prophet Jeremiah announced a new exodus in which God would send "many fishermen" to restore the Israelites from exile, as once He brought them out of slavery in Egypt. By Jesus' Cross and Resurrection, this new exodus has begun.

The apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church, a new family based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father's will. From now on, even our most important worldly concerns - family relations, occupations, possessions - must be judged in light of the Gospel, as Paul says in the Epistle.

Jesus' admonition in the Gospel, "Repent", means we must totally change our way of thinking and living, turning from evil, doing all for the love of God. We should be consoled by Nineveh's repentance in the First Reading. Even the wicked Nineveh repented at Jonah's preaching, and in Jesus we have "something greater than Jonah".

We have God come as our savior, to show sinners the way, as we sing in the Psalm. This should give us hope that loved ones who remain far from God will find compassion if they turn to Him. But we, too, must continue along the path of repentance, striving daily to pattern our lives after His.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Jon.3:1-5,10

Second Reading

1Cor.7:29-31

Gospel

Mk.1:14-20

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
5:45a.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

7:00 a.m.



CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
6.00 - 6.45p.m.
&
by appointment

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St. Joseph: “With a Father’s Heart”

In his Apostolic Letter “Patris Corde” (With a Father’s Heart), Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Holy Father wrote “Patris Corde” against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble St. Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

A beloved, tender, obedient father:

St. Joseph, “concretely expressed his fatherhood” by making an offering of himself in love “a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home,” writes Pope Francis, quoting Paul VI. And because of his role at “the crossroads between the Old and New Testament,” St Joseph “has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people”. In him, “Jesus saw the tender love of God,” the one that helps us accept our weakness, because “it is through” and despite “our fears, our frailties, and our weakness” that most divine designs are realized. “Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser,” emphasizes the Pontiff, and it is by encountering God’s mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we “experience His truth and tenderness,” because “we know that God’s truth does not condemn us, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us”

St. Joseph is also a father in obedience to God: with his ‘fiat’ he protects Mary and Jesus and teaches his Son to “do the will of the Father.” Called by God to serve the mission of Jesus, he “cooperated... in the great mystery of Redemption,” “and is truly a minister of salvation”.

Welcoming the will of God:

Joseph is “an accepting Father,” because he “accepted Mary unconditionally”, an important gesture even today, says Pope Francis, “in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident.” But the Bridegroom of Mary is also the one who, trusting in the Lord, accepts in his life even the events that he does not understand, “setting aside his own ideas” and reconciling himself with his own history.

Joseph’s spiritual path “is not one that explains, but accepts”, which does not mean that he is “resigned.” Instead, he is “courageously and firmly proactive,” because with “Holy Spirit’s gift of fortitude,” and full of hope, he is able “to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments.”

In practice, through St. Joseph, it is as if God were to repeat to us: “Do not be afraid!” because “faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad,” and makes us aware that “God can make flowers spring up from stony ground.”

Joseph “did not look for shortcuts but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it.” For this reason, “he encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak” *(To be continued)*

(excerpt: vaticannews.va)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Iris Macauldy
Priscillia Henry
Martha Mason
Rosna Joseph
Nellie Hall

DECEASED

A. Gloria James
Lucita Lucien
James Clarke
Marie Christophe
Magdalena Lawrence
Anthony Darius
Lucretia James

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY
Acts.22:3-16
Mk.16:15-18



TUESDAY
2Tim.1:1-8
Mk.3:31-35



WEDNESDAY
Heb.10:11-18
Mk.4:1-20



THURSDAY
Heb.10:19-25
Mk.4:21-25



FRIDAY
Heb.10:32-39
Mk.4:26-34



SATURDAY
Heb.11:1-2,8-19
Mk.4:35-41



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Sat Jan 23 - 6:00 p.m.



Thks: The Destang family
B'day: Raymona Kerr, Adrian Glace
Adriel Bousquet, Tamara O'Neil

Sun Jan 24 - 7:30 a.m.

MISSA PRO POPULO

10:00 a.m.

B'day: Denzel Roberts

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Service

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Jan 25 - 6:00 a.m.
Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

Fr. Konrad Mair
Fr. Henry Nmor
Fr. Kenneth Haakyav

Blessings: Florence Lastic & family

12:30 p.m.

B'day: Anne Marie Charles

Tue Jan 26 - 6:00 a.m.
Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops

Rev. Nathalbert Husbands
Sr. Stephania Banda

Guid: Alex Blanchard
Holy Spirit / Healing:
Victoria Charles-Clarke

Wed Jan 27 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fr. Kevin Murray
Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey

Thks: Tronai Louis

Thks: Brigit Evans & family
Success: Melissa Hackshaw

Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Dc'd: Josephine Altenor

Thu Jan 28 - 6:00 a.m.
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Dr.

Fr. John Milton
Rev. Gerard Calderon

Thks: Members of the Charles family

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Teresa Willie

Monchy - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Fri Jan 29 - 6:00 a.m.

Rev. David Popo
Rev. Peter Fevrier
Rev. Herald Wilson

Dc'd: Mathurine Charles
Lucretia James

12:30 p.m.

Thks: Vernetta Brooks & family
Health, Deliv & Protec:
Clerina, Odilia & Sylvius Auguste

Sat Jan 30 - 6:30 a.m.
BVM

Rev. Winston Taylor
Sr. Margaret Maynard

B'day: Diane, Denzel & Tiffany Parris