

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 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 Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny and St Joseph's Convent Secondary School invite all parishioners to the Opening Mass marking 170 years since the establishment of the school. The Mass will take place at the Cathedral on Wednesday, January 24th from 10:00 a.m.

♦All youth of the Northern Vicariate are invited to the first youth Mass of the year. Come and fellowship with other young people like you. Let's meet at the Sacred Heart Church, Marchand, on Sunday, 28th January. Mass begins at 8 a.m. followed by brunch and activities until 12 p.m. Looking forward to seeing all young people at this Vicariate's first activity for the year.

♦A Mass in honour of Sr. Marie Therese Clement will be held at the Good Shepherd Church, Babonneau on Sunday, January 28th, from 4:00 p.m. Sister Marie Therese was appointed as the General Prioress/Superior of her Congregation, The Dominican Missionaries of our Lady of Delivrande in July 2023. All are invited to attend.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**FOLLOW ME
AND I WILL MAKE YOU
FISHERS OF MEN**
MATTHEW 4:19



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 21ST JAN 2024 - YEAR B

Follow Him.

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. And 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. And 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, and possessions, must be judged in light of the Gospel, Paul says in the Epistle.

The first word of Jesus' 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 could repent 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 today's 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: st.paulcenter.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:
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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The Conversion of St. Paul: January 25th

The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul is unlike other feasts, for Paul's conversion marks a milestone, not only in his own life, but in the life of God's people. Once a persecutor of Christ, he became the Lord's preacher. Once an impediment to the Gospel, he became its great champion. Once a guardian of Israel as an ethnic preserve of holiness, Paul came to serve as a father in the worldwide (literally, catholic) Church that included both Jews and Gentiles.

St. Paul is not just a patron to those who change religious affiliation. St. Paul is everyone's patron because we're all called to conversion, and we're always called to conversion, even if we've been Catholics since the cradle and attending Mass daily for decades. Jesus said: "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven".

This turning is at the root of all our Christian terms and notions about conversion. Conversion is a turning toward God. It is a turning away from sin and from attachment to worldly things and worldly cares. This is the work of a lifetime. It's not the matter of a moment. It's not just "once and done." Unless we turn - unless we become "converts" - we're not Christian. Unless we make a habit of repentance, we're not disciples of Jesus Christ. We must convert again and again.

We celebrate our conversions whenever we go to Confession. We celebrate our conversions, in fact, whenever we resist distraction and turn to our Father God in prayer. St. Paul should be our model for conversion. His conversion was ongoing, lifelong, never easy, but always joyful. "Rejoice in the Lord always," he said in his Letter to the Philippians, "Again I will say, rejoice."

Paul is joyful not because of how good things are getting, but how good God is. That is the fruit of true conversion.

(excerpt: salvationhistory.com)

Therefore if any man be in Christ,
he is a new creature:
old things are passed away;
behold, all things are become new.
2 Corinthians 5:17

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Teresa Huntley

DECEASED

Andrew Inglis
Cecil Graham
Clara Springer
Kirby Gaspard
Dorothy Daniel
Marie M. Charles
Ferdinand Gomez

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

2Sam.5:1-7,10
Mk.3:22-30



TUESDAY

2Sam.6:12-15,17-19
Mk.3:31-35



WEDNESDAY

2Sam.7:4-17
Mk.4:1-20



THURSDAY

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



FRIDAY

2Tim.1:1-8
Lk.10:1-9



SATURDAY

2Sam.12:1-7,10-17
Mk.4:35-41



MASS INTENTIONS

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CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Sat Jan 20 - 6:00 p.m.



B'day: Helena Michaud
Adriel Bousquet, Tamara O'Neil
Wedd Ann: Brice & Paulette Samuel

Sun Jan 21 - 7:30 a.m.

MISSA PRO POPULO

10:00 a.m.

B'day: Agnes Actie
Holy Spirit: The Emanus family

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Thks: St. Omer Joseph

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

Holy Spirit: Margerie Philip & family

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Jan 22 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Cecil Goodman
Rev. Thomas Alexander

Thks: Bernadette Pamphile
Rovana Adjodha

12:30 p.m.

St. Raphael: Cornelius Flavien
Angela Cenac Auguste

Tue Jan 23 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Linus Clovis
Sr. Adinase Mumba

Dc'd: Teresa Willie
Alvin Aurelien

Wed Jan 24 - 6:00 a.m.

*St. Francis de Sales
Bishop & Doctor*

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

B'day: Denzel Roberts

12:30 p.m.

St. Joseph: Myrna Walker & family
Holy Spirit: Paula & Maurice Oculien

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Thu Jan 25 - 6:00 a.m.

Conversion of St. Paul

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

B'day: Terri-Anne Marius
Anne Marie Charles

12:30 p.m.

Thks: Bernise Springer
Daphne Hippolyte & family

Fri Jan 26 - 6:00 a.m.

Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

Rev. Nathalbert Husbands
Sr. Stephania Banda

Healing: Simone & Berkeley Blanchard
Thks: The Louis & Herman families

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Genetha Husbands
Marie Madeleine Charles

Sat Jan 27 - 6:30 a.m.

BVM

Fr. Kevin Murray
Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey

Dc'd: Teresa Willie
Holy Souls in Purgatory