

The Church is a Body

The Catholic Church isn't a building. Did you know that? The Church is actually the group of people who have been baptized into the Faith. All the different kinds of people in the Church work together, just like a person's body.



Think about the different parts of your body. What do your eyes do? What about your ears? Hands? Feet? Brain?

Now think about the Church. It has a pope, bishops and priests, teachers, doctors, musicians, mothers and fathers, and even children. What do each of these people do for the Church?

What is your job in the Church right now? What do you think it will be when you are grown up?



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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.

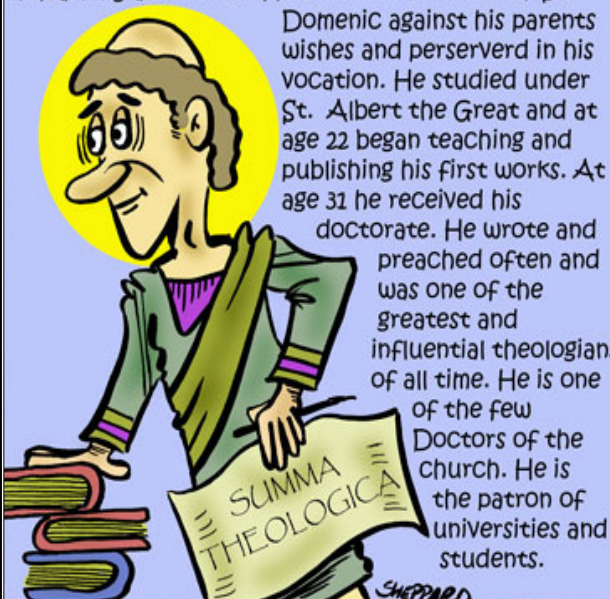
MASS INTENTIONS:

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

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Thomas Aquinas surpassed all his fellow students in learning and virtue. He entered the order of St. Dominic against his parents wishes and persevered in his vocation. He studied under St. Albert the Great and at age 22 began teaching and publishing his first works. At age 31 he received his doctorate. He wrote and preached often and was one of the greatest and influential theologians of all time. He is one of the few Doctors of the Church. He is the patron of universities and students.



ENTHrone THE BIBLE IN YOUR HOME

Throughout our Catholic tradition, the book of sacred Scripture has been the honored symbol of God's living word present among us. Processions, bowing, candles, and incense express our church's reverence for the inspired word as it is enthroned, opened, and proclaimed in Catholic worship.

You are encouraged to observe the ancient practice of Bible enthronement in your home, so that it may be a continual reminder to seek and live God's word each day.

Reverently place the open Bible on a table, shelf, or bookstand. You may adorn the space with a candle, crucifix, or flowers. It will serve as a spot for regular Bible reading and prayer.

"I would like so much for all Christians to be able to comprehend 'the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus Christ,' through diligent reading of the Word of God, for the sacred text is nourishment of the soul and the pure and perennial source of spiritual life for all of us." – POPE FRANCIS



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 26TH JANUARY 2025 - YEAR C

New Day.

The meaning of today's liturgy is subtle and many-layered. In today's First Reading, Babylon having been defeated, King Cyrus of Persia decreed that the exiled Jews could return home to Jerusalem. They rebuilt their ruined temple and under Nehemiah finished rebuilding the city walls. The stage was set for the renewal of the covenant and the re-establishment of the Law of Moses as the people's rule of life. Ezra reads and interprets the Law and the people respond with a great "Amen!"

Israel, as we sing in the Psalm, is rededicating itself to God and His Law. The scene seems like the Isaiah prophecy that Jesus reads from in the Gospel. Read all of Isaiah 61. The "glad tidings" Isaiah brings include these promises: the liberation of prisoners, the rebuilding of Jerusalem, the restoration of Israel as a kingdom of priests and the forging of an everlasting covenant. It sounds a lot like the First Reading.

Jesus, in turn, declares that Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Him. The Gospel scene, too, recalls the First Reading. Like Ezra, Jesus stands before the people, is handed a scroll, unrolls it, then reads and interprets it.

We witness in today's Liturgy the creation of a new people of God. Ezra started reading at dawn of the first day of the Jewish new year. Jesus also proclaims a "sabbath," a great year of Jubilee, a deliverance from slavery to sin, a release from the debts we owe to God.

The people greeted Ezra "as one man," and, as the Epistle teaches, in the Spirit the new people of God, the Church, is made "one body" with Him.

(excerpt:stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Neh.8:2-6,8-10

Second Reading

1Cor.12:12-30

Gospel

Lk.1:1-4;4:14-21

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

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. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

St. Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican friar and priest born in 1225 in the Lazio region of Italy, is considered the Church's greatest theologian and philosopher. Much of modern philosophy was conceived in development of, or in opposition to, his ideas, particularly in the areas of ethics, natural law, metaphysics, and political theory.

At the forefront of medieval thought was a struggle to reconcile the relationship between theology (faith) and philosophy (reason). People were at odds as to how to unite the knowledge they obtained through revelation with the information they observed using their minds and their senses. Not only were they compatible, according to Thomas's ideology, they could work in collaboration. He believed that revelation could guide reason and prevent it from making mistakes, while reason could clarify and demystify faith.

Unlike many in the Church of the time, Thomas embraced several ideas put forward by Aristotle. He attempted to synthesize Aristotelian philosophy with the principles of Christianity. Thomas is the author of many works, the best known of which are the *Summa Theologica* and the *Summa contra Gentiles*. His commentaries on Sacred Scripture and on Aristotle are also an important part of his body of work.

Thomas' Eucharistic hymns form a part of the Church's liturgy, and he is held to be the model teacher for those studying for the priesthood. In modern times, under papal directives, the study of his works is used as a core of the required program of study for those seeking ordination as priests and deacons, for religious formation and for other students of the sacred disciplines e.g. Catholic Theology, Church History, Liturgy and Canon Law as well as Philosophy.

He died in 1274, was canonized in 1323 and declared Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius V who called him "the most brilliant light of the Church."

He is the patron saint of schools, including colleges and universities, and students.

(excerpt: wikipedia.com)

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

Grant me, O Lord my God,
A mind to know you, a heart to seek you,
Wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you,
Faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
And a hope of finally embracing you.

Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Remy Daniel
Evans Florent
Martin Satney
Justin St. Helen
Princess McNeil
Veronica Dubois
Francis Leandre

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Heb.9:15,24-28
Mk.3:22-30



TUESDAY

Heb.10:1-10
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

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CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

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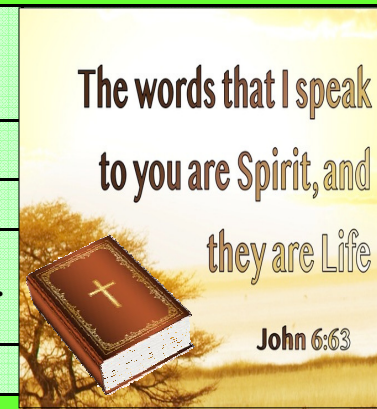
Sat Jan 25 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Jan 26 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.



Thks: The Destang family
Brice & Pauletta Samuel
Sp. Int: The Glace & George families

MISSA PRO POPULO

B'day: Whilhelmina Auguste

B'day: Linelle Dantes, Letitia Anderson
Thks: Zoey Hinkson, Sashla St. Omer
Laurencia Cadette

Int: Anne Marie Paul

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Jan 27 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue Jan 28 - 6:00 a.m.

*St. Thomas Aquinas
Priest & Doctor*

Wed Jan 29 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Jan 30 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fri Jan 31 - 6:00 a.m.

St John Bosco, Priest

12:30 p.m.

Sat Feb 1 - 6:30 a.m.

*BVM
Mass at the Shrine*

Fr. Kevin Murray
Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey

Fr. John Milton

Rev. David Popo
Rev. Gerard Calderon
Rev. Herald Wilson

Rev. Peter Fevrier
Sr. Margaret Maynard

Sr. Mary Mumba
Sr. Marie Therese Clement

Fr. Cleophus Joseph
Fr. Ignatius Cetoute
Fr. Joseph Akande

Dc'd: Teresa Huntley

Guid: Kateri Haywood
Healing: Alana Raymond

Dc'd: Teresa Willie

Thks: Glace Motors Ltd.
Charlinn Louis-Nsima
Cyrillia & Althea Palton

Dc'd: Mathurine Charles

Dc'd: Zacherie Aimable

Thks: Jacinta & Valerie Belrose

Dc'd: Janine Ernest-Moulton

Thks: Jose Anne d' Auvergne

B'day: Takira Glasgow
Thks: Miguel Louisy, Ellen Regis

Dc'd: Hazel Louis
Holy Souls in Purgatory