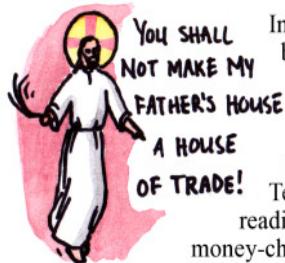
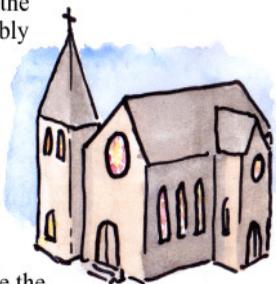


Sacred Places



In the old times, people would bring animals to offer as sacrifices to God. By the time that Our Lord was born, there were people who were selling animals right in the area of the Temple. In today's Gospel reading Jesus drives the animals and money-changers out of the sacred space.

At one time the men who sold the animals for sacrifices were probably really helping the people who came to the Temple from far away. But now they were just trying to make money, and they were taking up space that was supposed to be used for people to worship God.



We also have sacred spaces like the Temple. Every Catholic church is a special place made for worshipping God in the Mass. We should always behave respectfully in church, and remember that Jesus is really there in the tabernacle. We can show our respect by walking quietly, not talking inside the Church unless it is necessary, and by paying attention when Mass is going on. Maybe you can be a good example to your friends of how to act in church!



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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.

More Ways to Keep Lent

Let us as Catholics use this season of Lent as a new awakening for our spiritual growth and Christian maturity by:

- 1) Participating in the Mass each day, or at least a few days during the week.
- 2) Setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer.
- 3) Reading some Scripture, alone or better still, with family or others.
- 4) Setting aside some money to help the poor and to provide shelter for the homeless.
- 5) Abstaining from smoking or alcohol.
- 6) Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- 7) Participating in the "Stations of the Cross" on Fridays. (with family or Virtually)
- 8) Visiting the sick and those in nursing homes (when such visiting is again allowed).

Fr. Andrew Ibegbulem, OSA

(excerpt: sfspirit.com)



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In Spirit and in Truth.

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple but to fulfill it, to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan. He is the Lord the prophets said would come to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples. The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands. Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves.

Notice in today's First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices, only that Israel heed His commandments. His law was a gift of divine wisdom. It was a law of love perfectly expressed in Christ's self-offering on the Cross.

This is the "sign" Jesus offers in the Gospel today, the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as Paul tells us in the Epistle. Jesus' body, destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later, is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple and together builds us into a dwelling place of God.

In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires.

We are to offer praise as our sacrifice. This means imitating Christ, offering our bodies, all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

First Reading
Ex.20:1-17
Second Reading
1Cor.1:22-25
Gospel
Jn.2:13-25

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.

MONDAY:
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY:
6:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
12:30 & 6:00 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./5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY
Gros Islet/G. Riviere
7:30 A.M.

Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.

HOLIDAY
7:00 a.m.

St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
6.00 - 6.45p.m.
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Lenten Reflection: Prayer

“But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.” Matthew 6:6

One of the most important parts of true prayer is that it takes place deep in the inner room of your soul. It is there in the inner depths of your being that you will meet God. St. Teresa of Ávila, one of the greatest spiritual writers in the history of our Church, describes the soul as a castle in which God dwells. Meeting Him, praying to Him and communing with Him requires that we enter into the deepest and innermost chamber within this castle of our soul. It is there, in the innermost dwelling, that the full glory and beauty of God is discovered.

God is not just a God who is “out there” far away in Heaven. He is a God who is closer and more intimate than we could ever imagine. Lent is a time, more than any other time of the year, when we must strive to make that journey inward so as to discover the In-dwelling of the Most Holy Trinity.

What does God want of you this Lent? It’s easy to begin Lent giving up a favorite food or doing an extra good deed. Some choose to use Lent as a time to get in better physical shape; others decide to dedicate more time to spiritual reading or other holy exercises. All of this is good and useful. But you can be certain that the deepest desire of our Lord for you this Lent is that you pray.

Prayer, of course, is much more than saying prayers, saying the rosary, or meditating upon Scripture. The great mystics have taught us that there are many levels to prayer. Prayer is ultimately a relationship with God. It’s an encounter with the Triune God who dwells within you. True prayer is an act of love between you and your Beloved. It’s an exchange of persons: your life for God’s. Prayer is an act of union and communion by which we become one with God and God becomes one with us.

So while we often begin with the recitation of prayers, such as the beautiful prayer of the rosary, from there we meditate, ponder and reflect deeply upon the mysteries of our Lord and His life. We come to know Him more fully and, little by little, discover that we are no longer just thinking about God, but we are gazing at Him face to face.

During this holy season of Lent, reflect upon your practice of prayer. If the images of prayer presented here intrigue you, then make a commitment to discover more. Commit yourself to the discovery of God in prayer. There is no limit and no end to the depth to which God wants to draw you through prayer. True prayer is never boring. When you discover true prayer, you discover the infinite mystery of God. And this discovery is more glorious than anything you could ever imagine in life.

(excerpt: catholic-daily-reflections.com)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Mary Alexander
Nellie Hall
Denis Augustin

DECEASED

Lon Duquesne
Augustin Paul
Joseph Ferdinand
Emmanuel Gaston
Randolph Mathurin
Joseph St. Louis
Joseph Reynold

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

2Kgs.5:1-15
Lk.4:24-30



TUESDAY

Dan.3:25,34-43
Mt.18:21-35



WEDNESDAY

Deut.4:1,5-9
Mt.5:17-19



THURSDAY

Jer.7:23-28
Lk.11:14-23



FRIDAY

Hos.14:2-10
Mk.12:28-34



SATURDAY

Hos.5:15-6:6
Lk.18:9-14



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY /RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B		
Sat Mar 6- 5:00 p.m.		Int: Lorraine Williams B'day: Anthony Bousquet, Leilani Glace Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family
Sun Mar 7 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Health: Carole & Chris Jn Marie & family
Grande Riviere -7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Mar 8 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Albert Smith Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Christine Alphonse	Thks: Perlin Verdant
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Mary & Thomas Albert
Tues Mar 9 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cezar Herrera Fr. Amalraj Penigilipadi Sr. Giovanna Mabunda	B'day: Nikolai Frederick
Wed Mar 10 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Will Howard Rev. Andrew Edward Sr. Ramona George	Dc'd: Lucretia James
12:30 p.m.		Int: Benefactors & Volunteers
Grande Riviere -5:00 p.m.		Dc'd: Estephanie Charlery
Thu Mar 11 - 6:00 a.m.	Sr. Benedicta Chanda Sr. Petronilla Banda Sr. Scholastica Felician	Int: Bernadette Pamphile & family
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Florence Lastic Perlin Verdant, Angela Joseph
Monchy - 5:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Mar 12 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Arnold Clouden Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Marcellus Serieux	B'day: Monica Richard
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Kadie & Keva Chon Int: Vernetta Brooks & family
Sat Mar 13 - 6:30 a.m.	Rev. Vincent Norbert Rev. Anthony Pierre Rev. Madison Stanislaus	Thks: Diane & Richard Palton & family Int: Anthony Robinson & family