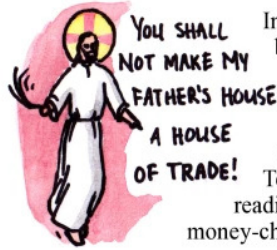
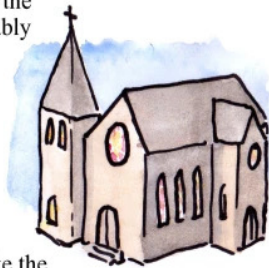


Sacred Places



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.



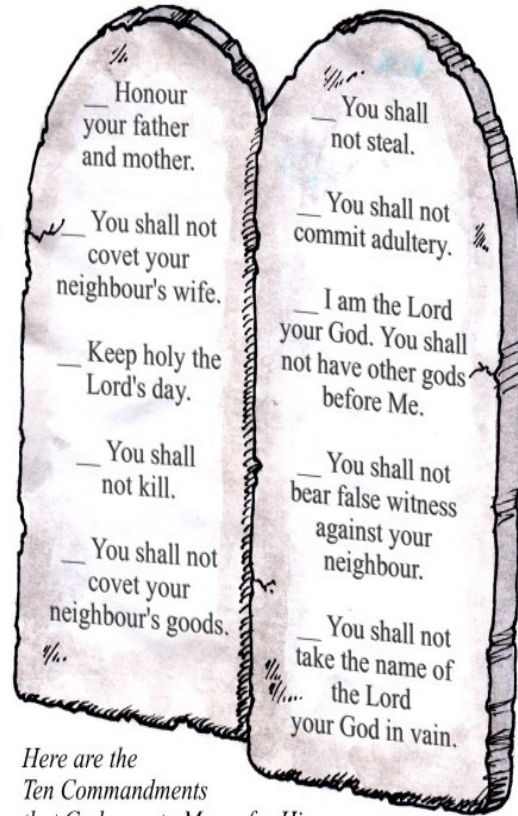
We also have sacred spaces like the Temple. Every Catholic church is a special place made for worshipping God in the Mass. We should always behave respectfully in church, and remember that Jesus is really there in the tabernacle. We can show our respect by walking quietly, not talking inside the Church 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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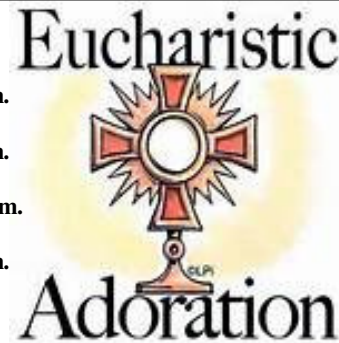
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Third Sunday of Lent
March 3rd, 2024



Here are the Ten Commandments that God gave to Moses for His people. The only problem is that they are in the wrong order! Can you put the right numbers in the spaces?

Weekdays:
6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays:
6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sundays:
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Holidays:
7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



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Sacrifice of Praise.

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, as we sing in the Psalm. 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, 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.

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SUNDAY READINGS

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

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MASS TIMES
GROS ISLET
Morning Prayers:
5:45a.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.
✠
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.
✠
HOLIDAY
Variable
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CONFESSIONS
Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
&
by appointment
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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.” Mt 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

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Teresa Huntley
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Filia Gomez
George Forde
Keith Fletcher
Clement Casimir
Rosaline Williams
Augustin Theophile

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 2- 6:00 p.m.	The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. Psalms 19:8	B'day: Verne Cazaubon Thks: Augusta Toussaint Leandra Verneuil Sp Int: The Glace family
Sun Mar 3 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Jean-Claude Severin Protec/Deliv/Success: Rebecca Foster
Grande Riviere -7:30 a.m.		B'day: Damari Ruiz
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: Margerie Philip & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Mar 4 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vinoth Santhappan Fr. John Wilson	B'day: Angela Alphonse
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Jason Joseph
Tues Mar 5- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Lee Cox Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	Dc'd: Marguerite Arlain Hilarion Angus Hyacinth
Wed Mar 6 - 6:00 a.m.	Msg. Patrick Anthony	Thks: Stennett Bent & family
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Cynthia Labadie
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Dc'd: Nathan Timaitre
Thu Mar 7 - 6:00 a.m.	Arch. Robert Rivas OP Fr. Albert Smith Sr. Frances Norbisch	Thks: Bernadette Pamphile
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Rochelle Leon Rosa & Antoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang
Fri Mar 8 - 6:00 a.m.	Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Christine Alphonse Sr. Giovanna Mabunda	B'day: Sharna Desir Mary & Thomas Albert Thks: Perlin Verdant
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Ingrid d' Auvergne Marie Madeline Charles
Sat Mar 9 - 6:30 a.m.	Fr. Amalraj Fr. Cezar Herrera Rev. Andrew Edward	Thks: Marylin Hyacinth Healing: Cornelius Lesmond