

Baby Jesus is Presented in the Temple

On February second we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. That is the day that Saint Joseph and Our Lady took the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate Him to God. The Jews were supposed to dedicate their first-born sons to God, so Mary and Joseph were obedient to the law even though their Baby was God Himself!

This was a most amazing moment, even though almost nobody noticed it: here was the great Temple where the people came to worship God, and now God had actually come into it- as a little Baby! But only Mary and Joseph and the prophets Simeon and Anna knew what had happened.

Saint Paul tells us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. Every time you receive Holy Communion, it's like baby Jesus entering the Temple. When you go to Communion, remember that you know that amazing secret- that even though the rest of the world might not know, you have just received Jesus! What a special moment!



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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.*



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.**



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

CONFESSIONS

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

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 31ST JAN 2021 - YEAR B

Royal Authority.

Last week, Jesus announced that the kingdom of God is at hand. This week, in mighty words and deeds, He exercises His dominion, asserting royal authority over the ruler of this world, Satan.

Notice that the events take place on the sabbath. The sabbath was to be an everlasting sign, both of God's covenant love for His creation, and His deliverance of His covenant people, Israel, from slavery. On this sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation - that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver the world from evil.

"With an unclean spirit" is biblical language for a man possessed by a demon, Satan being the prince of demons. The demons' question: "What have you to do with us?" is often used in Old Testament scenes of combat and judgment. And as God by His Word "rebuked" the forces of chaos in creating the world, and again rebuked the Red Sea so the Israelites could make their exodus, Mark uses the same word to describe Jesus rebuking the demons.

Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in the First Reading. Though He has authority over heaven and earth, He becomes one of our own kinsmen. He comes to rebuke the forces of evil and chaos, not only in the world, but in our lives. He wants to make us holy in body and spirit, as Paul says in the Epistle. In this liturgy, we hear His voice and "see" His works. And as Moses tells us today, we should listen to Him.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Dt.18:15-20
Second Reading
1Cor.7:32-35
Gospel
Mk.1:21-28

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.
✠
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.
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St. Joseph: "With a Father's Heart" (cont'd)

A creatively courageous father, example of love:

Patris Corde highlights "the creative courage" of St. Joseph, which "emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties." "The carpenter of Nazareth," explains the Pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence." He had to deal with "the concrete problems" his family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants. In this sense, St. Joseph is "the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty." As the guardian of Jesus and Mary, Joseph cannot "be other than the guardian of the Church," of her motherhood, and of the Body of Christ. "Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is 'the child' whom Joseph continues to protect." From St Joseph, writes Pope Francis, "we must learn... to love the Church and the poor".

A father who teaches the value, dignity and joy of work:

"A carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family," St Joseph also teaches us "the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour." This aspect of Joseph's character provides Pope Francis the opportunity to launch an appeal in favour of work, which has become "a burning social issue" even in countries with a certain level of well-being, as "there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which St. Joseph is an exemplary patron." Work, he says, "is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion." Those who work "are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us." Pope Francis encourages everyone "to rediscover the value, the importance and the necessity of work for bringing about a new normal from which no one is excluded." Especially in light of rising unemployment due to the pandemic, the Pope calls everyone to "review our priorities" and to express our firm conviction that no person at all should be without work".

(To be continued)

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Iris Macauldy
Mary Alexander
Martha Mason
Rosna Joseph
Nellie Hall

DECEASED

Priscillia Henry
Florence Casimir
James Clarke
Marie Christophe
Patricia Gajadhar
Anthony Darius
Lucretia James

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY
Heb.11:32-40
Mk.5:1-20



TUESDAY
Mal.3:1-4
Lk.2:22-40



WEDNESDAY
Heb.12:4-7,11-15
Mk.6:1-6



THURSDAY
Heb.12:18-19,21-24
Mk.6:7-13



FRIDAY
Heb.13:1-8
Mk.6:14-29



SATURDAY
Heb.13:15-17,20-21
Mk.6:30-34



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat Jan 30 - 6:00 p.m.	OH COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN; LET US KNEEL BEFORE THE LORD, OUR MAKER! PSALM 95:6	Thks: Beverly Skerrett, Zoey Hinkson Sashla Regobert, Laurencia Cadette Guid: Nadeene Blanchard-Martin
Sun Jan 31 - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Nakayla Williams Thks: Juliet Joseph, Quacey Esnard Akil & Catrena Hazell -St Hill
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Feb 1 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Fr. Cleophus Joseph Fr. Joseph Akande	Thks: Tronai Louis Healing: Melissa Modeste
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Francisca Jean & family
Tue Feb 2 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo Fr. Philomin Zacharias	Dc'd: Hazel Louis Willie, Mechtilde & Ermine Volney
Wed Feb 3 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Stephen Quinlan Fr. Arthur Zalewski	B'day: Jean Glace Francis Lastic, Juliana St Hill
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Anazilta & Emmanuel Volney Members of the Volney family
Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Feb 4 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. John Wilson Fr. Vinoth Santhappan Sr. Marie Therese Clement	Dc'd: Louise Medford
12:30 p.m.		B'day: James Jacob
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Feb 5 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr</i>	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Lee Cox Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	Dc'd: Fr. Raymond Laurent
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Jennifer Remy Healing: Michael, Khiry & Kyjuan Moulton
Sat Feb 6 - 6:30 a.m. <i>St. Paul Miki & Companions.</i>	Msgr. Patrick Anthony	Thks: June Burns & family Int: Shanta King & family IHO BVM: Marjorie Grell