

Saint Paul Teaches About Love

SORRY I BROKE THIS. I FORGIVE YOU.

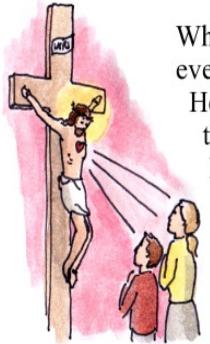


In today's second reading St. Paul tells us what real love is like. It is patient, kind, and forgiving, and it rejoices in the truth. Love never fails! No matter how important you are, or talented, or smart, what really makes you great is loving others.

LET'S PLAY A GAME YOU LIKE!



Who do you love? Can you love someone who bothers you or doesn't like you? Love isn't just a nice feeling about somebody. It means deciding to want what is best for that person. You really can love people that you don't get along with! It's a decision that you can make.



Who was the most loving person ever? Jesus! Think of how much He must have loved us to die on the cross for us even though we hurt Him by our sins! Every day tell Jesus that you love Him, and show it to Him by loving the people around you.

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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.

Word Search Puzzle

Lk.4:21-30

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SYNAGOGUE	WORDS	PHYSICIAN
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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.
5.00-5:45 p.m.
&
by appointment

VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 30TH JANUARY 2022 - YEAR C

Prophet to the Nations.

God's words in the First Reading point us beyond Jeremiah to Jesus. Like Jeremiah, Jesus was consecrated in the womb and sent as a "prophet to the nations." Like the prophets before Him, Jesus too faces hostility. In today's Gospel, the crowd in His hometown synagogue quickly turns on Him, apparently demanding a sign, some proof of divine origins, that He's more than just "the son of Joseph."

The sign He gives them is that of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. From their colorful careers Jesus draws two stories. In each, the prophets bypass "many . . . in Israel" to bestow God's blessings on non-Israelites who had faith that the prophets were men of God. None, not one in Israel was found deserving, Jesus emphasizes. His point isn't lost on His audience. They know He's likening them to the "many . . . in Israel" in the days of the prophets. That's why they try to shove Him off the cliff. As He promised to protect Jeremiah, the Lord delivers Jesus from those who would crush Him.

And as were Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is sent to proclaim God's gift of salvation, not exclusively to one nation or people, but to all who realize in faith that from the womb God alone is their hope, their rescuer, their rock of refuge, as we sing in today's Psalm. Prophecies, Paul tells us in the Epistle, are partial and pass away when the perfect comes. In Jesus, the word of the prophets has been brought to perfection, fulfilled in those who have ears to hear. Greater than the gifts of faith and hope, Jesus shows us how to love as He loved, to love God as our Father, as the one who formed us in the womb and destined us to hear His saving Word. This is the salvation, the mighty works of the Lord, that we, like the psalmist, are thankful to proclaim daily in the Eucharist.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Jer.1:4-5,17-19

Second Reading

1Cor.12:31-13:13

Gospel

Lk.4:21-30

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
5:45a.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.
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.



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - February 2nd

This feast marks the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, forty days after He was born. As the firstborn, He belonged to God, and according to the Law, Mary and Joseph were required to take Him to the Temple to “redeem” Him by paying five shekels. At the same time, the Law required the child’s mother to offer sacrifice in order to overcome the ritual impurity brought about by childbirth.

The Gospel for the feast day shows a curious turn of events: the Redeemer is redeemed, and she who is all-pure presents herself to be purified. Such is the humility of our God; such is the humility of the Blessed Virgin. They submit to the law even though they are not bound by it.

The Gospel nowhere mentions Jesus’ “redemption,” but seems to describe a religious consecration such as a priest might undergo. Luke tells us that Jesus is “presented” in the Temple, using the same verb that Paul uses to describe the offering of a sacrifice. Another parallel is the Old Testament dedication of Samuel to the Temple as a priest.

All the readings for this feast concern Jerusalem, the Temple, and the sacrificial rites. The first reading comes from the Prophet Malachi, who called the priests to return to faithful service, and foretold a day when a Messiah would arrive with definitive purification of the priesthood. The Psalm announces to Jerusalem that it is about receive a great visitor, “The Lord of armies ... the King of glory.” Christ arrives as the long-awaited priest and redeemer. He is also the sacrifice. Indeed, as His life will show, He is the Temple itself.

This day has been chosen by the Church for the solemn blessing of candles, which is why the day is also called Candlemas, the Mass of the candles. In AD 638, Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem, proclaimed the importance of the celebration in his sermon to the church: "Our bright shining candles are a sign of divine splendor of the One who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of His eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ."

“Now dismiss Thy servant, O Lord, in peace, according to Thy word: For mine own eyes hath seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared in the sight of all the peoples, a light to reveal Thee to the nations and the glory of Thy people Israel. “ Lk.2 : 29-32

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Nellie Hall
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Denis Augustin

DECEASED

Bryan Gustave
Darwyn Louis
Mary Mitchell
Gabriel Demille
Harris Eleodore
Edith Philogene
Raphael Frederic

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

2Sam.15:13-14,
30, 16:5-13
Mk.5:1-20



TUESDAY

2Sam.18:9-10,14,
24-25, 30-19:3
Mk.5:21-43



WEDNESDAY

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



THURSDAY

1Kgs.2:1-4,10-12
Mk.6:7-13



FRIDAY

Sir.47:2-13
Mk.6:14-29



SATURDAY

1Kgs.3:4-13
Mk.6:30-34



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Jan 29 - 6:00 p.m.		Sp. Int: Tova Verneuil Felix Finistere, Arny Ambrose
Sun Jan 30 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Patrice Bosso Dianne, Denzel & Tiffany Parris
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Parishioners
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jan 31 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i>	Sr. Mary Mumba Sr. Marie Therese Clement	Thks: Beverly Skerrett B'day: Nakayla Williams
12:30 p.m.		Holy Spirit: Thomas Louis & family
Tue Feb 1 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Akande Fr. Cleophus Joseph Fr. Ignatius Cetoute	Int: Cecil Graham B'day: Quacey Esnard, Bernise Springer 19th Ann: Lumnat Distributors Ltd.
Wed 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 Martin Jagroop, Frances Auguste
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Marie C. Jules Healing: Lawrence Charles Int: Ginette Gustave, Bernadette Pamphile
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Sirah Ferdinand-Philip
Thu Feb 3 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Arthur Zalewski Fr. Stephen Quinlan	B'day: Francis Lastic, Juliana St. Hill
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Andre Arlette Thks: Donors & Benefactors
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Feb 4 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. John Wilson Fr. Vinoth Santhappan Sr. Mary Lee Cox	Thks & Protec: John Gallion
12:30 p.m.		B'day: James Jacob Guid & Protec: Virginia D'Auvergne
Sat Feb 5 - 6:30 a.m. <i>St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr</i>	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	Thks: Jennifer Remy Anthony Louis Althea & Ellen Regis