

Kids Column

Mt.5:1-12

How to be Happy!

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches the eight beatitudes. Beatitude means happiness.

Here are some ideas on how to live the beatitudes:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you share your nice things and don't let your stuff be the most important thing in your life then you will be happy.
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. If you are sad now, remember that in Heaven there will be no more suffering.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Don't be selfish or pushy about things. God will make sure you get everything you need!
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. If you try to do what is right then God will make the right things happen.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. If you forgive other people when they hurt you, then God will forgive you when you are sorry for your sins against Him.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. If God is the center of your life, then your heart is pure and ready to see Him in Heaven when you die.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. God loves peace, and loves it when we try to avoid getting into fights.
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you suffer for the truth, God will give you a joyful reward!



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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.

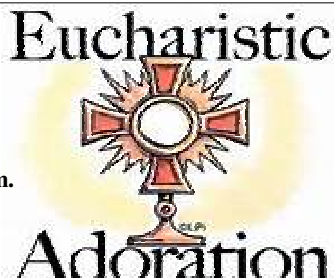
WHAT'S HAPPENING

◆ Thursday, February 2nd, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Please remember to bring your candles to the Masses on that day for blessing.

◆ At the Archdiocesan Rally on December 4th, Archbishop Malzairé called for all Catholics and other Christians to join in Prayerful war against crime & violence in our country. He invited the entire nation to **4 Pontifical Masses at the Cardinal Points on the island. The 2nd of these Pontifical Masses takes place this Thursday, Feb. 2nd, at the Parish of the Assumption of the BVM, Vieux Fort, from 5:00 p.m.** Please make a special effort to attend.

◆ The Archdiocesan Youth and Vocations Commission advises that **World Youth Day 2023** will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, from July 24th to August 6th 2023. World Youth Day is a tri-annual international gathering with the Pope and Catholic youth ages 14-35 years. The overall cost is expected to be ECS\$8000.00 per person. The Theme for WYD 2023 is **"Mary arose and went with haste."** All interested youth are asked to contact their youth leader for further details.

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.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.
Closed Tuesdays



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

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

&
by appointment

Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Participation/Mission

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 29TH JAN 2023 - YEAR A

The Blessings of the Kingdom.

In the readings since Christmas, Jesus has been revealed as the new royal son of David and Son of God. He is sent to lead a new exodus that brings Israel out of captivity to the nations and brings all the nations to God.

As Moses led Israel from Egypt through the sea to give them God's law on Mount Sinai, Jesus too has passed through the waters in baptism. Now, in the Gospel, He goes to the mountain to proclaim a new law, the law of His Kingdom.

The Beatitudes mark the fulfillment of God's covenant promise to Abraham, that through his descendants all the nations of the world would receive God's blessings. Jesus is the son of Abraham, and through the wisdom He speaks today, He bestows the Father's blessings upon "the poor in spirit."

God has chosen to bless the weak and lowly, those foolish and despised in the eyes of the world, Paul says in the Epistle. The poor in spirit are those who know that nothing they do can merit God's mercy and grace. These are the humble remnant in the First Reading, taught to seek refuge in the name of the Lord. The Beatitudes reveal the divine path and purpose for our lives. All our striving should be for these virtues: to be poor in spirit; meek and clean of heart; merciful and makers of peace; seekers of the righteousness that comes from living by the law of Kingdom.

The path the Lord sets before us today is one of trials and persecution, but He promises comfort in our mourning and a great reward. The Kingdom we have inherited is no earthly territory but the promised land of heaven. It is Zion where the Lord reigns forever, and, as we sing in the Psalm, its blessings are for those whose hope is in the Lord.

(excerpt: sstpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Zep.2:3; 3:12-13

Second Reading
1Cor.1:26-31

Gospel
Mt.5:1-12

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.
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

Variable



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The Presentation of the Lord - February 2nd.

This feast marks the presentation of the Jesus in the Temple forty days after he was born. As the firstborn, he belonged to God, and according to the Law, his parents were required to take him to the Temple and “redeem” him by paying five shekels. The Law also required the mother to offer sacrifice in order to overcome the ritual impurity of childbirth.

The feast shows a curious turn of events: the Redeemer seems to be 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 for the day 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.

The drama surrounding Jesus’ conception and birth began in the Temple when the Archangel visited Zechariah the priest, and now the story of Jesus’ infancy comes to a fitting conclusion, again in the Temple. The readings today 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 to purify the priesthood. The Psalm announces to Jerusalem that it is about to receive a great visitor: “The Lord of armies . . . the king of glory.” Christ now 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 feast has been chosen by the Church for the solemn blessing of candles. In AD 638, Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem, proclaimed the importance of the celebration in his sermon: "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."

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"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the light of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Carmen Lord
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Theresa Huntley

DECEASED

Albert Cenac
Victor George
Tricia Tommy
Invest St. Louis
Mary Alexander
Joseph Degazon
Pierre Richardson
Zaccherie Aimable

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

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



TUESDAY

Heb.12:1-4
Mk.5:21-43



WEDNESDAY

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



THURSDAY

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



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 A

Sat Jan 28 - 6:00 p.m.

Psalm 146:7-9, *NIV84*

Thks: Zoey Hinkson, Sashla St. Omer
Laurencia Cadette, Girard Glace family

Sun Jan 29 - 7:30 a.m.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

MISSA PRO POPULO

10:00 a.m.

The LORD sets prisoners free,

Healing: J. Joseph
B'day: Whilhelmina Auguste

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,

Thks: Quacey Esnard
Catherine Augustin & family

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down

The LORD loves the righteous.

Guid & Protec:
Andre, Ross & Melanie Downes

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Jan 30 - 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Winston Taylor
Sr. Margaret Maynard

Dc'd: Mathurine Charles
John & Agnes Deterville

12:30 p.m.

Holy Spirit: Tronai Louis
B'day: Nakayla Williams

Tue Jan 31 - 6:00 a.m.

St. John Bosco, Priest

Sr. Mary Mumba

B'day: Delia Charles
Thks: Herman & Louis families
Kenneth & Marietta Cherry

Wed Feb 1 - 6:00 a.m.

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

20th Ann: Lumnat Distributors
Thks: Kenneth Cherry & family

12:30 p.m.

B'day: Bernice Springer
Healing: Solomon Alexis, George Elisee

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Thu Feb 2 - 6:00 a.m.

Presentation of the Lord

Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo
Fr. Philomin Zacharias
Sr. Marie Therese Clement

Dc'd: Frances Auguste, Martin Jagroop
Simon & Gertrude Gaspard, Hazel Louis

12:30 p.m.

B'day: Marie Jules
Thks: Glace Motors Ltd.

Fri Feb 3 - 6:00 a.m.

Msgr. Michel Francis
Fr. Athanase Joseph
Fr. Stephen Quinlan

B'day: Juliana St. Hill
Francis Lastic, Andre Arlette

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd:
Horace, Villeneuve & Bernadette Sylvester

Sat Feb 4 - 6:30 a.m.

BVM

Fr. Arthur Zalewski
Fr. Vinoth Santhappan

Thks: Jennifer Remy
Stennett Bent & family