

**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 things 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.
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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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:****Word Search Puzzle**

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FILLED	MEEK	MERCY	POOR	EARTH
KINGDOM	INHERIT	HEAVEN	BLESSED	SPRIT

THE BEATITUDES	
1) Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for there is the kingdom of heaven	5) Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy
2) Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted	6) Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.
3) Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.	7) Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called sons of God.
4) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.	8) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

**Blessings of His Kingdom.**

In the readings since Christmas, Jesus has been revealed as the new royal son of David and the 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 today's 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: stpaulcenter.com)

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**SUNDAY READINGS****First Reading**

Zep.2:3.3:12-13

**Second Reading**

1Cor.1:26-31

**Gospel**

Matt.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.

**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**

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## The Presentation of the Lord - February 2nd.

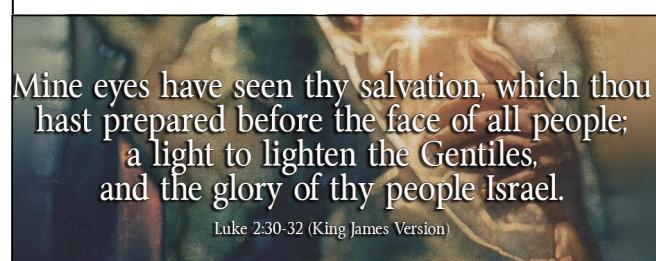
This feast marks the presentation of the Jesus in the Temple forty days after he was born. As the firstborn, he belonged to God, and according to the Law, his parents were required to take him to the Temple and "redeem" him by paying five shekels. The Law also required the mother to offer sacrifice in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

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com/sharefaith.com)



Mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Luke 2:30-32 (King James Version)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### THE SICK

Patsy Crafton  
Iris Macauldy  
Marie Joseph  
Anne Marie Felicien

#### DECEASED

Omar Joseph  
Cecile Gatneau  
Anaclet Richelieu  
Joan Moise-Delivry  
Pauline d'Auvergne  
Anne Marie St. Mark

### WEEKDAY READINGS



#### MONDAY

Mal.3:1-4  
Heb.2:14-18  
Lk.2:22-40



#### TUESDAY

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



#### WEDNESDAY

2Sam.24:2,8-17  
Mk.6:1-6



#### THURSDAY

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



#### FRIDAY

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



#### SATURDAY

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



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### GROS ISLET

#### CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

#### INTENTIONS

#### 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

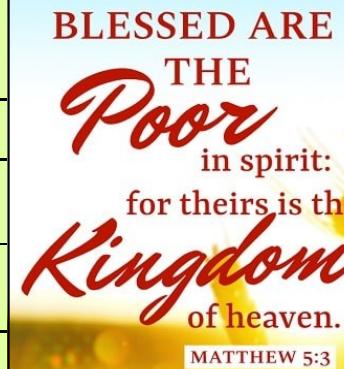
Sat Jan 31 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Feb 1 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.



#### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Feb 2 - 6:00 a.m.  
*Presentation of the Lord*

Fr. Athanase Joseph  
Fr. Stephen Quinlan  
Fr. Philomin Zacharias

12:30 p.m.  
*St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr*

Archbishop Gabriel Malzaire  
Msgr. Michel Francis  
Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo

Wed Feb 4 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Vinoth Santhappan

12:30 p.m.  
*Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.*

Thu Feb 5 - 6:00 a.m.  
*St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr*

Fr. Angus Evumude  
Fr. John Wilson  
Sr. Mary Lee Cox

12:30 p.m.  
*St. Paul Miki & Companions Martyrs*

Msgr. Patrick Anthony  
Fr. Joseph Raj  
Sr. Mary Mutwiwa

12:30 p.m.

Sat Feb 7 - 6:30 a.m.  
*Mass at the Shrine*

Archbishop Robert Rivas  
Sr. Frances Nobsisch

#### INTENTIONS

Int: David Jr. Popo  
B'day: Nakayla Williams  
Thks: The Destang family

#### MISSA PRO POPULO

B'day: Shirley Lubin, Marie Jules  
Julianna Octave, Mataeo John

B'day: Quacey Esnard  
Thks: The Albertin family

B'day: Veronica Dijon

B'day: Ronnie St. Omer  
Spencer & Liam St. Omer

Dc'd: Frances Auguste, Ansgar Khan

B'day: Juliana St. Hill  
Emalie Popo, Francis Lastic

Dc'd: Gertude & Simon Gaspard

Dc'd: Madge, Bert & Danielle Edmunds

#### Parishioners

Thks: Shanta King & family

Thks: Jennifer Remy

Thks: Bernadette Pamphile

Thks: Mary M. Wellington & family  
Healing: David Nolan  
Patricia Scarborough

Holy Souls in Purgatory