Kids Column

Jn.10:27-30

The Sheep and the Shepherd

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about His sheep. Do you know who His sheep are? We are His sheep! He loves us and protects us just like a shepherd cares for his sheep. And what do the sheep do in return? They listen to His voice and follow Him.

We also hear about Jesus being called the "Lamb of God." When He became man, He was like one of the sheep in God's sheepfold. But He was not the same as all the rest of us. He never did any sins Himself, but he died for us on the cross to save us from our sins. That is why at every Mass we say, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us."

Now that Jesus is not visibly here on earth, He has left us another shepherd to care for His flock. Do you know who that is? It's the pope! God gives him grace to guide and protect the Church. Can you say a Hail Mary for Pope Francis today?



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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

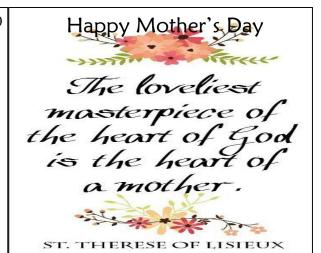
Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 weeks before the date.

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.



God's Masterpiece

God took the fragrance of a flower, The majesty of a tree, The gentleness of morning dew, The calm of a quiet sea.

The beauty of the twilight hour, The soul of a starry night, The laughter of a rippling brook, The grace of a bird in flight.

Then God fashioned from these things, A creation like no other, And when his masterpiece was through, He called it simply - Mother.

Herbert Farnham

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

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The Sheep of His flock

Israel's mission, to be God's instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth, is fulfilled in the Church. By the "Word of God' that Paul and Barnabas preach in today's First Reading, a new covenant people is being born, a people who glorify the God of Israel as the Father of them all.

The Church for all generations remains faithful to the grace of God given to the Apostles, and continues their saving work. The Good Shepherd of the Gospel is the enthroned Lamb of the Second Reading. In laying down His life for His flock, the Lamb brought to pass a new Passover, by His blood freeing "every nation, race, tribe and language" from bondage to sin and death.

The Church is the "huge number, impossible to count" John sees in his vision. God swore to Abraham that his descendants would be too numerous to count, and in the Church, as John sees, this promise is fulfilled.

The Lamb rules from the throne of God, sheltering His flock, feeding their hunger with His own Body and Blood, leading them to "springs of living water" that well up to eternal life. The Lamb is the eternal Shepherd-King, the son of David foretold by the prophets. His Church is the Kingdom of all Israel that the prophets said would be restored in an everlasting covenant.

It is not a kingdom any tribe or nation can jealously claim as theirs alone. The Shepherd's Word to Israel is addressed now to all lands, calling all to worship and bless His name in the heavenly Temple.

This is the delight of the Gentiles - that we can sing the song that once only Israel could sing - today's joyful Psalm: "He made us...we are His people, the sheep of His flock."

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CONFESSIONS

Parish

the Worker

Every Saturday 9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

by appointment

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First Reading

Acts 13:14.43-52

Second Reading

Apoc.7:9,14-17

Gospel Jn.10:27-30

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.

FRIDAY 6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m. SUNDAY

G/Islet/G.Riviere 7:30 a.m.

Gros Islet/Monchy 10:00 a.m.

> HOLIDAY Variable

A Resurrection People

An excerpt from the writings of Fr. Antony Kadavil

The season of Easter gives us the joyful message that we are a "Resurrection people." This means that we are not to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits and dangerous addictions. It gives us the Good News that no tomb can hold us down anymore, not the tomb of despair, discouragement, doubt, nor death. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the real presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives.

Easter reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives will have an Easter Sunday and that Jesus will let us share in the power of His Resurrection. Each time we display our love of others, we share in the Resurrection. Each time we face a betrayal of trust, we share in the Resurrection of Jesus. Each time we fail in our attempts to ward off temptations but keep on trying to overcome them, we share in the Resurrection. Each time we continue to hope, even when our hope seems unanswered, we share in the power of Jesus' Resurrection.

In short, the message of Easter is that nothing can destroy us – not pain, sin, rejection or death – because Christ has conquered all these, and we too can conquer them if we put our faith in Him. For the true Christian, every day must be an Easter Day, lived joyfully in the close company of the Risen Lord.

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A Mother's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of mothers. May these bearers of life also be bearers of your Word. May they teach and train up their children in the way they should go, so when they are old they will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6). Even when the children are already grown, help mothers to sow the seeds that will bear the Fruit of Your Spirit. Just as a mother's work is never done, and her prayers for her children will never end. A piece of her heart is always with them.

Lord, we've learned that this huge responsibility is one that has no job description. There's no special college degree, no on-the-job training program. Help each mother to realize that You offer something even better than those things: Your Spirit and Your Word.

May the Holy Spirit guide each mother as she seeks for wisdom. Illuminate the Scriptures for her. Help her encourage her children to honor You. Give her a church family that will come alongside her and show the love of Christ to her and her family. Place godly mentors in her life and also in the lives of her children. May they seek You and find You.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Marie Joseph
Anne Marie Felicien

DECEASED

Clair Clovis
Mary Norley
Gregory Glasse
Catherine Alexis
Carme Montoute
Elizabeth McVane
Vernesia Pierre-Louis

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY

Acts 11:1-18 Jn.10:1-10

TUESDAY

Acts 11:19-26 Jn.10:22-30

WEDNESDAY

Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Jn.15:9-17

THURSDAY

Acts 13:13-25 Jn.13:16-20

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FRIDAY

Acts 13:26-33 Jn.14:1-6

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SATURDAY

Acts.13:44-52 Jn.14:7-14

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MASS INTENTIONS

CLERGY / RELIGIOUS INTENTIONS

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat May 10 - 6:00 p.m.

GROS ISLET

Sun May 11 - 7:30 a.m.

Good Shepherd Sunday Jubilee of Mothers

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere -7:30a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat May 17 - 6:30 a.m.

Mass at the Shrine

(Psalm 100) WE ARE HIS PEOPLE,

Int: The George family

Thks: Zella Stewart & family Algitha Richelieu & family

MISSA PRO POPULO

B'day: Giovanny Modeste

Shirley Hyacinth, Felicia Hyacinth **Holy Spirit:** The Theophilus family

Thks: Catherine Augustin & family

Int: Staff & Students of SJC

B'day: Denise Edward

Dc'd: Teresa Huntley

Marie Lake, Marie Charles

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

	Mon May 12 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Festus Iwuagwu Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Marcellus Serieux	Healing: Francillia Elcock & family B'day: Dylan St.Omer, Marvan Pilgrim
	12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Theonie Gaillard, Jane Alexander Remy & Chong families, Marie Charles
	Tue May 13 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Madison Stanislaus	Success: Ziah Leslie
	Wed May 14 - 6:00 a.m. St. Matthias, Apostle	Rev. Anthony Pierre Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	Dc'd: Josephine & Epiphane Verdant Leonty David, Rose Ann Raymond
	12:30 p.m.		B'day: Myrtle Wilson Int: Gwendolyn Sylvester Lady of Good Success: Kateri Haywood
	Grande Riviere-6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
	Thu May 15 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Vincent Norbert Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph	B'day: Dusty & Shane Macauldy Lady of Good Success: Ziah Leslie Kateri Haywood
	12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Fitz & Iris Baptiste
	Fri May 16 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Errol Frederick	Dc'd: Mary Agatha Ambrose James & Paulina Prudent

Sr. Rosemarie Minj

Fr. Yvon Tremont