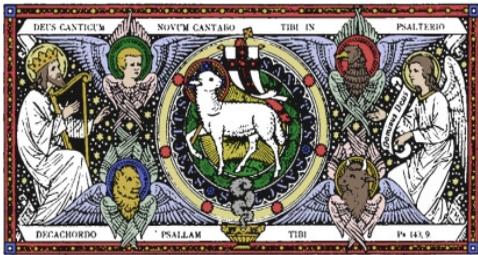


The Sheep and the Shepherd

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.

Honouring Our Mothers:

Today we thank all mothers, pray for them and honour them by celebrating Mother's Day. This is a day to admit gratefully that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Their influence on their children is so great that it affects the children throughout their lives.

Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in their religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and ideal behavior, disciplined us as best as they could, and made us good citizens of our country, our Church, and our society. There is no-one like a mother, no substitute for her place, no equal to her love and placement in our own formation. Mothering is an ongoing relationship of love and care.

For those whose mothers and grandmothers are still alive - cherish them today. Hug and kiss them. Honour them. Thank them. For those whose mothers have gone home to the Lord, remember them.



Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. **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 OF EASTER - 8TH MAY, 2022 - YEAR C

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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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.
Monchy: 6:00 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





May - The Month of Mary.

The month of May is the “month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady,” and it is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love” which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven.

During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from

their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance” (Paul VI)

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which took place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared that fostered this devotion. The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order, and from there it spread to the whole Church.

There are many ways to celebrate this particular devotion. Most churches have a daily recitation of the rosary. Some include the crowning of Our Lady's statue where a statue of Mary is honored with a wreath of blossoms to indicate Mary's virtues, virtues that are to be imitated by the faithful. The important thing is that Mary be honored in a special way during the month of May.

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Regina Coeli

O, Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
For He whom thou didst merit to bear, Alleluia,
Hath arisen as He said, Alleluia.
Pray for us to God, Alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
For the Lord hath risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us pray:
O God, who, through the Resurrection
Of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
Didst vouchsafe to fill the world with joy;
Grant, we beseech Thee, that,
Through His Virgin Mother, Mary,
We may lay hold on the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Nellie Hall
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Patsy Crafton
Carmen Lord
Denis Augustin

DECEASED

Helena Heath
Theresa Gaspard
Ferdinand Charles
Charmaine Blanchard
Kathleen Ford Joseph

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 12:24-13:5
Jn.12:44-50
✠
THURSDAY
Acts 13:13-25
Jn.13:16-20
✠
FRIDAY
Acts 13:26-33
Jn.14:1-6
✠
SATURDAY
Acts 1:15-17,20-26
Jn.15:9-17
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MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C		
Sat May 7 - 6:00 p.m.	<i>“Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.”</i>	Bless: Augusta Toussaint Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family BVM: Perlin Verdant & family
Sun May 8 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Thks: All Mothers
Gr. Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Paula Robinson
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Philomene David
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon May 9 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cezar Herrera Rev. Andrew Edward Sr. Ramona George	B'day: Gregory Jean Baptiste Deliv: Lew Prudent Troynie Busette & family
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Augustin & Winston Alexis Jane Joseph, Avery & Hilton Boxill
Tue May 10 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Will Howard Sr. Benedicta Chanda	Guid: Thomas Louis & family Thks: Althea & Ellen Regis
Wed May 11 - 6:00 a.m.	Sr. Scholastica Felician	Dc'd: Ledwin, Camille & Davidson Moise
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Lytton Girard Charmaine Blanchard, Zilla Sebastien
Gr. Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu May 12 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Arnold Clouden Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Marcellus Serieux	Guid & Protec: Catherine & Adams Alexis
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Charmaine Blanchard Leonty David, Rose Ann Raymond
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri May 13 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Madison Stanislaus Rev. Vincent Norbert Rev. Anthony Pierre	Dc'd: Charmaine Blanchard
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Glace Motors Ltd Ronald Glace
Sat May 14 - 6:30 a.m. <i>St Matthias, Apostle</i>	Msr. Justin Barthelmy Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	Dc'd: James Prudent, Robin Moise Marie Vivianne Ambrose Josephine & Epiphane Verdant

