



Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Participation/Mission

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 30TH APRIL 2023 - YEAR A

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Again on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter's preaching. "What are we to do?" they cried. We have been baptized. But each of us goes astray like sheep, as we hear in the Epistle. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation. We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. From Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God.

Jesus has gone ahead, has driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb, the verdant pastures of life abundant.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

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Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
&
by appointment

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Deacons: Rev. Anthony Louis, Rev. David Popo
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Acts 2:14,36-41

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GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.



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



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G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.



THURSDAY

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Monchy: 6:00 p.m.



FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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



Gros Islet/Monchy

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HOLIDAY

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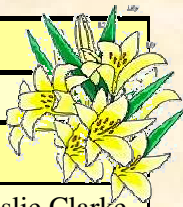


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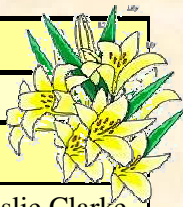
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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon May 1 - 7:00 a.m. <i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>	Fr. Cleophus Joseph Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Sr. Marie Therese Clement	Int: All Workers
Tue May 2 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor</i>	Fr. Joseph Akande Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo Fr. Philomin Zacharias	B'day: Vanya Samuel Delia Frederick
Wed May 3 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Sts. Philip & James, Apostles</i>	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Stephen Quinlan	B'day: Julian Charles
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Guid & Success: All Grade 6's of Dame Pearlette School
Thu May 4 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Arthur Zalewski Fr. Vinoth Santhappan	B'day: Neil Williams Guid for Exams: Zoey Hinkson
12:30 p.m.		Int: Cecil Graham
Fri May 5 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Fr. John Wilson Sr. Mary Lee Cox	Dc'd: Avery & Hilton Boxill Jane Joseph, Lorna Augustin
12:30 p.m.		BVM: Perlin Verdant & family Sp. Int: Virginia d' Auvergne & family
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Like the shepherd protects the sheep from danger, Our Lord also protects us from harm. In the "Our Father" we ask God to deliver us from evil. When our souls are hurt by sin, the Good Shepherd heals us with forgiveness in Confession.



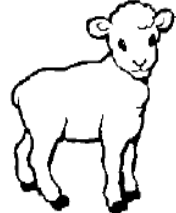
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Prayer to St. Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
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To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
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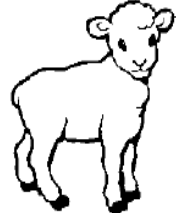
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