

Our Good Shepherd



This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel reading Jesus tells His friends that He is the Good Shepherd who loves His sheep.

When sheep are out grazing in open fields, the shepherd watches them and protects them from hurting themselves, getting lost, or being killed by wild animals. Jesus looks after us like a shepherd looks after his sheep. He gave us the Church so we could know what is good for us, and He protects us from being ruined by the devil by giving us grace in the sacraments.



Now, Jesus did something that an ordinary shepherd would not do. Besides guiding and protecting us, He died to save us! Because He died for our sins, all of His sheep can now go to Heaven where they will be happy forever! How blessed we are to have such a loving Shepherd!



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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.


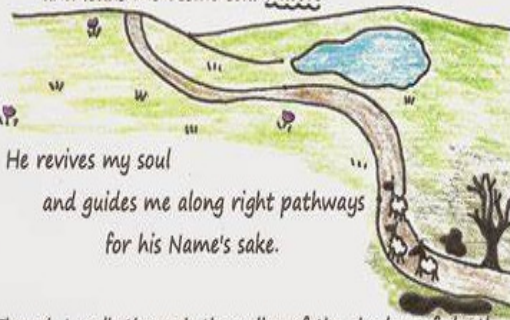
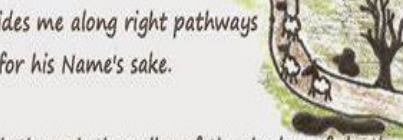

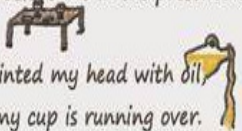

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements 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.

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. 
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. 
- 3 He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. 
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. 
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. 

Easter
BLESSINGS

Because He lives
we can face tomorrow!



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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER- 21ST APRIL, 2024 - YEAR B

Shepherd of His flock.

Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel. He is the shepherd-prince, the new David who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood.

His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel, and He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father. In the First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church. Peter tells Israel's leaders that Psalm 118 is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the "builders" of Israel's temple that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church. Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks, and forgives sins, and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread. It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did, as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in the Epistle, He calls us His children as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them.

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers, and let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.

(excerpt:stpaulcenter.com)

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

CONFESSIONS

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

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SUNDAY READINGS

- First Reading**
Acts 4:8-12
- Second Reading**
1Jn.3:1-2
- Gospel**
Jn.10:11-18

MASS TIMES

- GROS ISLET**
Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.
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- MONDAY**
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.
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- TUESDAY**
6:00 a.m.
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- WEDNESDAY**
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.
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- THURSDAY**
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
Monchy: 6:00 p.m.
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- FRIDAY**
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
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- SATURDAY**
6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.
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- SUNDAY**
G/Islet/G.Riviere
7:30 a.m.
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- Gros Islet/Monchy**
10:00 a.m.
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- HOLIDAY**
Variable
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ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

Mark the Evangelist is the author of the Gospel of Mark and we know of him mostly through his authorship of this Gospel. He was the cousin and disciple of Barnabas, as well as the disciple of Peter and Paul. His mother's name was Mary, a well to do widow in Jerusalem who provided her house as a meeting place for the early Christians.

Mark joined Paul and Barnabas on Paul's first missionary journey, but there was a falling out between Mark and Paul, and Mark returned home before the journey was over. About 10 years later we find him in Rome as Peter's secretary and interpreter. Mark translated Peter's Aramaic preaching into Greek and Latin. But later on Paul and Mark worked together again in apparent harmony, for Paul calls him very useful in spreading the Gospel (2Tim.4:11) and a source of great consolation (Col. 4:10) because of his fidelity.

The audience for Mark's writings was the gentile Christians living in Rome at the time. In a general way, the Gospel of Mark can be seen as a detailed development of Peter's discourses in the Acts of the Apostles and so it is like a living mirror of Peter's preaching. Mark is known as the "mouthpiece of Peter" since Peter was Mark's main source for the story of Jesus' life. Peter refers to him as "my son Mark" in his First Letter.

It is quite possible that Peter baptized him and that Mark may have actually been an eyewitness to some of the events in the life of Jesus, for only in Mark's Gospel do we find the account of the young man who followed Jesus after His arrest and how the linen cloth about the young man's body had been left behind as the authorities tried to seize him. As some Scripture scholars phrase it, this little recorded episode is a kind of "signature" of Mark to his authorship of the second Gospel.

The first words of Mark's Gospel very boldly affirm the divinity of Christ: "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." This statement is key to understanding the whole of Mark's Gospel. All the works, miracles, teaching and words of Jesus recorded by Mark are meant to authenticate the fact of Jesus' Divine Sonship. Mark ends his Gospel as he began with the statement of the Roman centurion on Calvary: "Truly this man was the Son of God!" (Mark 15:39).

Eventually Mark founded the Church of Alexandria in Egypt, where he died as a martyr. His relics are currently venerated in St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. His feast day is celebrated on April 25, and his symbol is the winged lion. He is the patron saint of lawyers and notaries.

(excerpt: ewtn/fatherdominicmary)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Teresa Huntley
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Marie Sebastien
Andrew Gustave
Marie E. Jn. Baptiste
Cecile Louison Darius

WEEKDAY READINGS



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

1Pet.5:5-14
Mk.16:15-20



FRIDAY

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




SATURDAY

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



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
Sat Apr 20- 6:00 p.m.		Thks: Myrtle Louis & family 80th B'day: Maureen Moffat Bday: Liesl Glace, Diondre Desir-James
Sun Apr 21 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Fidelis Emilien Best Wedd Ann: David & Veronica Louis
Grande Riviere – 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Craig Joseph
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Earl Huntley Int: Catherine Alexander & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Apr 22 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	Sp. Int: Algitha Richelieu B'day: Lawrence Paul
12:30 p.m.		Success: Henry Lubin B'day: Kathleen Ferdinand Calvin Parker, Andre John Edward
Tue Apr 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	Dc'd: Marie Headley, Loretta Hippolyte
Wed Apr 24 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	B'day: Valdine Belrose Thks: Leonard Prospere Mary Sidoine & family
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Josephine & Felix Remy Theonie Gaillard, Keith Fletcher
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Dc'd: Dedra Mathurin
Thu Apr 25- 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i>	Fr. Henry Nmor Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav	Int: Anthony Robinson Bernadette Pamphile
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang
Fri Apr 26 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephania Banda	Int: Donors & Benefactors
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Berkley Alexander Blanchard Thks: Mary Wellington & family
Sat Apr 27 - 6:30 a.m.	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	Dc'd: Cecil Graham, Antoinese Edward

