

# Christ is the King!

Today is the feast of Christ the King. When Jesus was on earth, many of His followers thought that He was going to be a normal sort of king, with a kingdom and soldiers and everything. Is that what Jesus did?

Before He died, Jesus said that His kingdom was not in this world. Do you know where Jesus' kingdom is?

Did you know that the Kingdom of Heaven is not just in Heaven? It's in the soul of every person who follows Jesus. Do you try to be like Jesus? Is He your king?

Here is a little prayer you can say to Jesus any time you think of Him, maybe every time you see a picture of Him:

*Jesus, you are my King and my God and I love you.  
Help my to be your good servant!*

Make sure you do something special today to celebrate the feast of Christ the King!



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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.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

♦ The Choirs of the Gros-Islet parish would like you to join them in the celebration of the Feast of St. Cecilia, Patron Saint of musicians, as they perform in music, song and dance this Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 p.m at the St. Joseph the Worker Church. The concert is free; however a love offering will be taken up. Please turn up in large numbers to support them.

♦ A second collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend to assist the Archdiocese to defray the cost of the Liturgical celebration at the Darren Sammy Stadium. Please collect an envelope from the ushers.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.  
Closed Tuesdays**

### PRAYER DURING THE HURRICANE SEASON

O Lord, our God and Father, who gives rain and sunshine to your children, we ask you in this rainy season to uphold us and provide for our needs.

You try our patience and test our faith and reliance on you; forgive our sin of ingratitude. So often have we forgotten to thank you for your goodness and acts of mercy. Teach us to look up to you each day, appreciative of rain and sunshine, as you, in your wisdom, through any kind of weather do feed us all.

In your mercy, protect us against hurricanes and tropical storms. Pour out your blessings upon our nation and our people, and make us grateful for the weather we receive from your bountiful hand.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING - 20TH NOV 2022 - YEAR C



### Kingdom of the Son

Week by week, the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year. Jesus, we have been shown, is truly the Chosen One, the Messiah of God, the King of the Jews.

Ironically, in today's Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don't believe in Him - Israel's rulers, the soldiers, a criminal dying alongside Him. They can only see the scandal of a bloodied figure nailed to a cross. They scorn Him in words and gestures foretold in Israel's Scriptures. If He is truly King, God will rescue Him, they taunt. But He did not come to save Himself, but to save them, and us.

The good thief shows us how we are to accept the salvation Christ offers us. He confesses his sins and acknowledges he deserves to die for them, and he calls on the name of Jesus, seeking His mercy and forgiveness. By his faith he is saved. Jesus "remembers" him, as God has always remembered His people, visiting them with His saving deeds, numbering them among His chosen heirs.

By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His Kingship, not in saving His own life, but in offering it as a ransom for ours. He transfers us to "the kingdom of the Son that He loves," as the Epistle tells us. His kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in the Psalm.

By their covenant with David in the First Reading, Israel's tribes are made one "flesh and blood" with their king. By the New Covenant made in His blood, Christ becomes one flesh with the people of His kingdom, the head of His body, the Church.

We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise.

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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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### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading**  
2Sam.5:1-3

**Second Reading**  
Col.1:12-20

**Gospel**  
Lk.23:35-43

### 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**  
Gros Islet/G. Riviere  
7:30 A.M.

Gros Islet/Monchy  
10:00 a.m.

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**HOLIDAY**  
Variable  
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## The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates, in the words of the Liturgy of the Hours, "that dedication of herself which Mary made to God from her very childhood under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who filled her with grace at her Immaculate Conception."

Mary's presentation was already being celebrated in Jerusalem by the sixth century. The Basilica of St. Mary the New was built near the ruins of the Temple in Jerusalem, the reputed place of Mary's presentation, in honor of this mystery. As with Mary's birth, we read of the presentation of Mary in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the *Protoevangelium of James* tells us that her parents Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was only three years old in gratitude for being granted a child after years of infertility. When they presented her at the Temple, she stayed willingly, showing her dedication to God even at that young age. When Mary left the Temple at the age of twelve after her betrothal to Joseph, she remained pure and chaste, and at the Annunciation, God came to dwell in her.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the Nativity of Mary; it emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond. It stresses an important truth about Mary, that from the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by human hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvelous manner, and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches us, her children. We too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work.

The Feast of the Presentation first made its way to the West through monasteries in Southern Italy in the ninth century and by the eleventh century, it had spread to other locales. Under the influence of a French nobleman, Philippe de Mazières, Pope Gregory XI began celebrating the feast during his papacy. Pope Sixtus IV first placed the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the universal calendar in 1472, but in the Tridentine reform of the calendar in 1568, Pope Pius V removed the feast. It was restored seventeen years later by Pope Sixtus V, and remains in the Roman calendar today as a memorial.

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### THE SICK

Carmen Lord  
Coleta Henry  
Martha Mason  
Iris Macauldy  
Patsy Crafton  
Theresa Huntley  
Mary Alexander

#### DECEASED

Emma Cyril  
Anne Richard  
Elleta Joseph  
George Roland  
Kenty Whitfield  
Samuel Charmond

### WEEKDAY READINGS



#### **MONDAY**

Apoc.14:1-5  
Lk.21:1-4



#### **TUESDAY**

Apoc.14:14-19  
Lk.21:5-11



#### **WEDNESDAY**

Apoc.15:1-4  
Lk.21:12-19



#### **THURSDAY**

Apoc.18:1-2,21-23;  
19: 1-3, 9  
Lk.21:20-28



#### **FRIDAY**

Apoc.20:1-4,11--21:2  
Lk.21:29-33



#### **SATURDAY**

Apoc.22:1-7  
Lk.21:34-36

### MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

### THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING - YEAR C

Sat Nov 19- 6:00 p.m.

I was glad when  
they said to me,

"Let us go to the  
house of the Lord."

PSALM 122:1 NLT

**B'day:** Tariq Monplaisir  
Anthea Bousquet  
**Thks:** The Destang family  
The Jn. Baptiste & Cardinal families

Sun Nov 20 - 7:30 a.m.  
*The Solemnity of Christ the King*

**MISSA PRO POPULO**

10:00 p.m.

**23rd Ann:** Assoc. de Saint Lucie

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

**Thks:** Magdalene Leon

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

**Parishioners**

### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Nov 21 - 6:00 a.m.  
*Presentation of the BVM*

Rev. John Douglas  
Rev. Anthony Louis  
Rev. Robert Harvey

**B'day:** Zidane Philip  
**80th B'day:** Mary Duvigneau

12:30 p.m.

**Dc'd:** Sr. Cecile & all Religious  
Jacinta Clement, Jeannette Knights

Tue Nov 22 - 6:00 a.m.  
*St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

Fr. Cecil Goodman  
Rev. Thomas Alexander

**B'day:** Carole Jn Marie  
**Thks:** Stennett Bent & family

Wed Nov 23 - 6:00 a.m.

Msgr. Theophilus Joseph  
Fr. Linus Clovis  
Sr. Adinase Mumba

**B'day:** Eric Gaspard, Iris Macauldy

12:30 p.m.

**Int:** Jeannine Blanchard & family  
**Thks:** Andre, Ross & Melanie Downes

Thu Nov 24 - 6:00 a.m.  
*St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest,  
& Companions, Martyrs*

Fr. Vincent Arulanandam  
Rev. Girard Glace  
Sr. Mary Muskosa

**Thks:** Anthony Louis  
Perlin Verdant & family

6:00 p.m.

**Group Requiem Mass**

Fri Nov 25 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Henry Nmor  
Fr. Konrad Mair  
Fr. Kenneth Haakyav

**Int:** Ike Blanchard & family

12:30 p.m.

**Dc'd:** Nathan Timaitre  
Kevin McPhee, Nevern Dujon

Sat Nov 26 - 6:30 a.m.  
*BVM*

Rev. Nathalbert Husbands  
Sr. Stephania Banda

**Dc'd:** Cyril & Stanislaus Matthew  
Leon Edward, Hilary Mathurin  
Eldon Mathurin, Carmen Richards