

Fishers of Men

 In today's gospel reading Peter had been out fishing all night and hadn't been able to catch any fish. When Jesus told him to let down the nets again he did it anyway. He was very surprised when the nets filled up with fish right away. And there were so many that the boat started to sink!

Jesus told Peter and his friends James and John that he was going to make them "fishers of men." But He didn't mean that they would catch people in nets! He was showing them that they had to bring people into the Church.



 Who are the "fishers of men" today? Priests! They help people to come to the Faith by giving them the sacraments and teaching them the truth about God.

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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.

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A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages, "curing every disease and illness". At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the Coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together, and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. In your wisdom protect our country, Saint Lucia, our region and the whole world from this pandemic. Be with the doctors, nurses and researchers, and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected, and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Mary, comforter of the afflicted, pray for us. Amen.



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 6TH FEBRUARY 2022 - YEAR C

By God's Grace.

Simon Peter is the first to be called personally by Jesus in Luke's Gospel. His calling resembles Isaiah's commissioning in the First Reading. Confronted with the holiness of the Lord, both Peter and Isaiah are overwhelmed by a sense of their own sinfulness and inadequacy. Yet each experiences the Lord's forgiveness and is sent to preach the good news of His mercy to the world.

No one is fit to be called an apostle, Paul recognizes in today's Epistle. But by "God's grace" even a persecutor of the Church, as Paul once was, can be lifted up for the Lord's service. In the Old Testament, humanity was unfit for the divine; no man could stand in God's presence and live. But in Jesus, we're made able to speak with Him face to face, to taste His Word on our tongues.

The scene from Isaiah is recalled in every Mass. Before reading the Gospel, the priest silently asks God to cleanse his lips that he might worthily proclaim His Word. God's Word comes to us as it came to Peter, Paul, Isaiah, and today's Psalmist, as a personal call to leave everything and follow Him, to surrender our weaknesses in order to be filled with His strength.

Simon put out into deep waters even though, as a professional fisherman, he knew it would be foolhardy to expect to catch anything. In humbling himself before the Lord's command, he was exalted, his nets filled to overflowing. Later, as Paul tells us, he will become the first to see the risen Lord.

Jesus has made us worthy to receive Him in the company of angels in God's holy Temple. On our knees like Peter, with the humility of David in the Psalm, we thank Him with all our hearts and join in the unending hymn that Isaiah heard around God's altar: "Holy, holy, holy . . .".

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
 9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
 5.00-5:45 p.m.
 &
 by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Is.6:1-8

Second Reading

1Cor.15:1-11

Gospel

Lk.5:1-11

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

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

Gros Islet/Monchy
 10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY

7:00 a.m.



St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs - Feast Day Feb 6th.

Paul Miki, a Jesuit and a native of Japan, has become the best known among the martyrs of Japan. He was educated by the Jesuits, joined the Society of Jesus and became a well known and successful preacher, gaining numerous converts to Catholicism, thus angering the local government officials.

In 1597, Miki was arrested and jailed along with 26 fellow Catholics. They were crucified on a hill, now known as the Holy Mountain, overlooking Nagasaki. Among them were priests, brothers, laymen, Franciscans, Jesuits, members of the Secular Franciscan Order, catechists, doctors, artisans, servants, old men and innocent children, all united in a common faith and love for Jesus and His Church. Miki preached his last sermon from the cross, where it is maintained that he forgave his executioners.

When missionaries returned to Japan in the 1860s, at first they found no trace of Christianity. But after establishing themselves they found that thousands of Christians lived around Nagasaki and that they had secretly preserved the faith. Beatified in 1627, the martyrs of Japan were finally canonized in 1862.

(excerpt: franciscanmedia.org /wikipedia.org)

St. Scholastica, Feast Day February 10th.

St. Scholastica, twin sister of St. Benedict, consecrated her life to God from early youth. After her brother went to Monte Cassino where he established his famous monastery, she founded and governed a monastery of nuns about five miles from that of Benedict, who, it appears, also directed his sister and her nuns.

She visited her brother once a year, and as she was not allowed to enter his monastery, he went in company with some of his brethren to meet her at a house some distance away. These visits were spent in conferring together on spiritual matters.

On one occasion they had passed the time as usual in prayer and pious conversation and in the evening they sat down to take their reflection. Scholastica begged her brother to remain until the next day, but Benedict refused to spend the night outside his monastery. She had to recourse to prayer and a furious thunderstorm burst so that neither Benedict nor any of his companions could return home. The siblings then spent the night in spiritual conference.

The next morning they parted and three days later Scholastica died. Benedict had a vision of her soul as it ascended into heaven, and sent his brethren to bring her body to his monastery and laid it in the tomb he had prepared for himself.

She is the patron saint of nuns and convulsive children, and is invoked against storms and rain.

(excerpt: catholic.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Nellie Hall
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Denis Augustin

DECEASED

Bryan Gustave
Darwyn Louis
Clement Elfridge
Gabriel Demille
Harris Eleodore
Andrew St. Juste
John Baptiste Charles

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

1Kgs.8:1-7,9-13
Mk.6:53-56



TUESDAY

1Kgs.8:22-23,27-30
Mk.7:1-13



WEDNESDAY

1Kgs.10:1-10
Mk.7:14-23



THURSDAY

1Kgs.11:4-13
Mk.7:24-30



FRIDAY

1Kgs.11:29-32,12:19
Mk.7:31-37



SATURDAY

1Kgs.12:26-32.
13:33-34
Mk.8:1-10



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Feb 5 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Jean Glace Wis. & Blessings: Augusta Toussaint Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family Charmaine Blanchard-Johnson
Sun Feb 6 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Int: Tova Verneuil, Parish Youth,
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Emy Mason
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Int: Margerie Philip & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Feb 7 - 6:00 a.m.	Arch. Robert Rivas OP Fr. Albert Smith Sr. Frances Norbisch	Sp Int: Severin family Thks: Mary Alexander, children & grandchildren
12:30 p.m.		Holy Spirit: Thomas Louis & family
Tue Feb 8 - 6:00 a.m.	Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Christine Alphonse Sr. Giovanna Mabunda	Int: Cecil Graham Thks: Althea & Ellen Regis
Wed Feb 9 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Amalraj Fr. Cezar Herrera Sr. Ramona George	Wedd Ann: Stennett & Vanessa Bent
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Rosa Glace, Stanislaus George Gabriel, Cuthbert & Herbert Lubin
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: Cyrille & Tarbula Amedee
Thu Feb 10 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i>	Rev. Andrew Edward Sr. Benedicta Chanda	Int: Anthony Louis Thks: Bernadette Pamphile
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Arnold Canaii, Tamara Richard
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Feb 11 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Justin Barthelmy Sr. Petronilla Banda Sr. Scholastica Felician	Thks: Donors & Benefactors
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Narcissus Regis, Volney family Mechtilde & Willie Volney
Sat Feb 12 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Arnold Clouden Rev. Marcellus Serieux	Int: Anthony Robinson Thks: Shanta King & family