

Spending Time with God



In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord went to Simon and Andrew's house, where He spent the evening healing the sick and casting out demons. But early the next morning before the sun came up He went away into the wilderness to pray.

At first we wonder why Jesus would have to pray- He is God, after all! But He was also human so He needed to take some time to be with His Heavenly Father. And that is what real praying is- it's being with God and talking to Him and listening to Him.



Like Jesus, we also need to spend time with God. Even if we are always doing His work, like helping people or studying His truths, we still need to take some time to talk with Our Father in Heaven. Starting today, take a few minutes every day to go to a quiet place and talk with 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.

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 St. 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. St. Scholastica begged her brother to remain until the next day, but St. Benedict refused to spend the night outside his monastery. Her prayers were answered by a furious thunderstorm so that neither St. 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 St. Scholastica died. St. 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)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 4TH FEB 2024 - YEAR B

Raised to New Life.

In today's First Reading, Job describes the futility of life before Christ. His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin- men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes. But, as we sing in the Psalm, He who created the stars promised to heal the brokenhearted and gather those lost in exile from Him. We see this promise fulfilled in the Gospel.

Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself. But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand, Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated "help" is actually Greek for "raising up." The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise. It's used again to describe His own resurrection. What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity, raised all of us who lay dead through our sins.

Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The whole town gathers; all the sick are brought to Him; He drives out demons in the whole of Galilee. Everyone is looking for Christ. We too have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence.

Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel. Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in the Epistle. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come, that others, too, may have a share in this salvation.

(excerpt: st.paulcenter.com)

CONFESSIONS

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

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Job.7:1-4,6-7

Second Reading
1Cor.9:16-19,22-23

Gospel
Mk.1:29-39

MASS TIMES

Gros Islet

Morning Prayers:
Mon -Fri
5:45 a.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
Variable



St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr - Feast Day February 5th

St. Agatha is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of the Catholic Church. It is believed that she was born around 231 A.D. in Sicily to a rich and noble family. At about fifteen, Agatha made a vow of virginity and rejected the amorous advances of the Roman prefect Quintianus, who had been sent to govern Sicily by Emperor Decius, who is himself infamous for his persecution of Christians.

Quintianus thought he could force Agatha to turn away from her vow and marry him. His persistent proposals were consistently spurned by Agatha, so Quintianus had her arrested for being a christian and brought before the judge. He was that judge.

He expected her to give in to his demands when she was faced with torture and possible death, but she simply reaffirmed her belief in God by praying for courage. To force her to change her mind, Quintianus had her imprisoned in a brothel. But Agatha never lost her confidence in God, even though she suffered a month of assaults.

Quintianus heard of her calm strength and ordered that she be brought before him once again. During her interrogation, she told him that to be a servant of Jesus Christ was her true freedom. Enraged, Quintianus sent her off to prison this time, a move intended to make her even more afraid, but it was probably a great relief to her.

Agatha continued to proclaim Jesus as her Savior, Lord, Life and Hope. Quintianus had her stretched on a rack, torn with iron hooks, burned with torches, and whipped. Noticing that Agatha was enduring all this torture, he ordered that her breasts be cut off. He then sent her back to prison with an order of no food or medical attention.

But Agatha had a vision of St. Peter who comforted her and healed her wounds through his prayers. After four days, Quintianus ignoring the miraculous curing of her wounds, had her stripped naked and rolled over hot coals which were mixed with sharp shards. She was returned to prison where she finally died. Her death occurred about the year 251A.D.

St. Agatha is the patron saint of Sicily, Palermo, bell founders, breast cancer patients, rape victims, and wet nurses. She is also considered to be a powerful intercessor when people suffer from fires.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Teresa Huntley
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Andrew Inglis
Frances Girard
Kirby Gaspard
Canice Felicien
Dorothy Daniel
Clement Casimir

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 B

Sat Feb 3 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Feb 4 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

He heals the
brokenhearted
and binds up
their wounds.

PSALM 147:3

Guid: Augusta Toussaint
60th B'day: Juliana Philip
B'day: Jean Glace, Lester Auguste

MISSA PRO POPULO

Thks: Marie Jules
B'day: Vincent Louis, James Jacob
Juliana St. Hill, Francis Lastic

Eucharistic Service

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Feb 5 - 6:00 a.m.
St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

12:30 p.m.

Tue Feb 6 - 6:00 a.m.
*St. Paul Miki & Companions
Martyrs*

Wed Feb 7 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Feb 8 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fri Feb 9 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat Feb 10 - 6:30 a.m.
St. Scholastica, Virgin

Fr. Joseph Raj
Sr. Mary Lee Cox
Sr. Mary Mutwiwa

Msgr. Patrick Anthony

Arch Bishop Rivas OP
Sr. Frances Norbisch

Fr. Albert Smith
Mother Rosaria Joseph
Sr. Christine Alphonse

Fr. Cezar Herrera
Fr. Will Howard
Rev. Andrew Edward

Fr. Joseph Xavier
Sr. Benedicta Chanda
Sr. Petronilla Banda

Thks: Glace Motors Ltd.
Stennett Bent & family

Thks: Jennifer Remy

Holy Spirit: Huntley and Wells families

Int: Bernadette Pamphile
Anthony Robinson

Dc'd: Theresa Jn. Baptiste
Bert, Madge & Danielle Edmund

Thks: Joyce Edmunds

B'day: Thecla Deterville

Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace
Irene & Joseph Destang

Dc'd: Winston Taylor, Cecil Graham

Dc'd: Herbert Lubin, Neil Edmunds
Holy Souls in Purgatory

B'day: Tamara Richard
Jennifer Lorde