
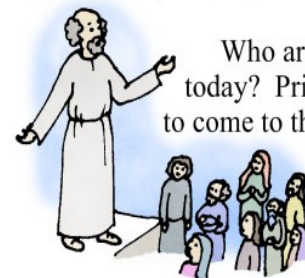


Fishers of Men

 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.



FISHERS OF MEN
GENNESARET
FISHERMEN
FOOTSTEPS
LISTENED
TEACHING
BELIEVE
BROTHER
CASTING
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KINGDOM

D E N E T S I L C P C J Q K F T X
T B W M Y T N D A F I G T U I O L
S U O R E P E N T U L A E T S R U
S H Z A N V L L C B B L A U H E Y
T P O J T F X F H K F I C W E H J
W C E R A T I U A H L L H O R T U
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O S H O P M D Z J N U A I A N N T
Q I M S I N F U L G V G S J S O N

THE SUMMONS

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you, and you in me?
Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
In you, and you in me?



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 9TH FEBRUARY 2025 - YEAR C



The Calling.

Simon Peter, the fisherman, 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 the Epistle. But by "the grace of God," 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 tongue.

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, and 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 . . ."

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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

Is.6:1-8

Second Reading

1Cor.15:1-11

Gospel

Lk.5:1-11

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.



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

Sts. Cyril & Methodius - Feast Day February 14th

Brothers Cyril (born Constantine) and Methodius were Byzantine Christian theologians and missionaries who grew up in Thessalonica, in present day Greece.. Methodius became an important civil official, and growing tired of worldly affairs, retired to a monastery. Constantine became a scholar and a professor in Constantinople.

In 860 Constantine and Methodius went as missionaries to what is today the Ukraine. There was request for missionaries for Moravia, and Methodius and Constantine were chosen as they knew Slavonic, were able administrators and successful missionaries.

Constantine and Methodius were dedicated to the ideal of expression in a people's native language. Throughout their lives they would battle against those who saw value only in Greek or Latin. Arriving in 863 in Moravia, Constantine began translating the liturgy into Slavonic. However, they came into conflict with German ecclesiastics who opposed their efforts to create a Slavic liturgy. In the East, it was a normal procedure to translate liturgy into the vernacular. In the West the custom was to use Greek, and later Latin, until Vatican II.

When Constantine and Methodius went to Rome to have the Slav priesthood candidates ordained, they had to face criticism of their methods. But the Pope, concerned about the Eastern church gaining too much influence in the Slavic provinces, knew that helping Constantine and Methodius would give the Roman Catholic church a foothold in the area. So the Pope approved the use of Slavonic in services and ordained their pupils. The brothers are credited with devising the precursor of the Cyrillic alphabet, itself named after Cyril. Through their work they influenced the cultural development of all Slavs, for which they received the title "Apostles to the Slavs". Constantine died in Rome, after assuming monastic robes and the name Cyril, on February 14, 869. Methodius was so grief-stricken that he intended to withdraw to a monastery. However, Cyril's dying wish was that his brother return to the missionary work they had begun. So Methodius continued the work among the Slavs alone.

Cyrillic eventually spread throughout most of the Slavic world to become the standard alphabet. Hence, Cyril and Methodius' efforts also paved the way for the spread of Christianity throughout Eastern Europe.

Both brothers are venerated in the Orthodox Church as saints with the title of "equal-to-apostles". In 1880, Pope Leo XIII introduced their feast into the calendar of the Catholic Church, and in 1980, Pope John Paul II declared them co-patron saints of Europe.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

(excerpt: catholic.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Martha Hodge
Martin Satney
Petrona Flamiuce
Veronica Evariste
Nicholson Sonson

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Gen.1:1-19
Mk.6:53-56



TUESDAY

Gen.1:20-2:4
Mk.7:1-13



WEDNESDAY

Gen.2:4-9,15-17
Mk.7:14-23



THURSDAY

Gen.2:18-25
Mk.7:24-30



FRIDAY

Acts13:46-49
Lk.10:1-9



SATURDAY

Gen.3:9-24
Mk. 8:1-10



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Feb 8 - 6:00 p.m.	 <p><i>On the day I called, you answered me; you made me bold with strength in my soul.</i></p> <p>Psalm 138:3</p>	B'day: Jean Glace Abigail James, Cyrille Amedee Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family
Sun Feb 9 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Donell Henry, Soleil Huggins Valerie St. Helene -Henry
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Cyrille Amedee Thks: Regobert & Cadette families The Geoffrey family, Sandiford family
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Healing: Anne Marie Felicien Int: Staff & Students SJC
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Feb 10 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i>	Fr. Joseph Xavier Sr. Petronilla Banda	B'day: Tamara Richard Thks: The Richard family Rev. Anthony Louis
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Diane & Richard Palton
Tue Feb 11 - 6:00 a.m.	Sr. Scholastica Felician	B'day: Thais Hippolyte Healing: Martha Mason Wisdom: Jeanille Joseph
Wed Feb 12 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Festus Iwuagwu Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Marcellus Serieux	Holy Spirit: Mr. & Mrs. Augustin Rosemond
12:30 p.m.		Sp. Int: Nadine Louis Thks: Cyrillia & Althea Palton
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Feb 13 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Madison Stanislaus Rev. Vincent Norbert Rev. Anthony Pierre	B'day: Bernice Springer Holy Spirit: Catherine & Brenda Nicholas
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Rosa Glace, Stanislaus George
Fri Feb 14 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Cyril, Monk St. Methodius, Bishop</i>	Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	38th Wedd Ann: Samson & Marie Louis Holy Spirit: Mr. Mrs. Neville Cenac
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Souls in Purgatory
Sat Feb 15 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph	Dc'd: Sullivan d'Auvergne James & Paulina Prudent