

### Jesus is the Way to Heaven

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples that He is the way to the Father in Heaven.

Jesus is the way for us to go to Heaven. But how can a person be a way to get somewhere? Jesus is always with the Father in Heaven, so the closer we are to Jesus the closer we are to Heaven!

How can we be close to Jesus? Here are some ways:

**Pray to Jesus.** Prayer is talking with God. When we want to be friends with someone we talk with them a lot.



**Try to be like Jesus.** Always do the right thing. When you need to decide what to do, think: "What would Jesus do in this situation?" Stay close to Mary, His mother. She will keep you close to Jesus.



**Receive Jesus in Holy Communion.** The Eucharist is an amazing gift. It is Jesus coming to us so that we can receive Him into our bodies and souls. Communion is the closest we can be to Jesus until we get to Heaven.



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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.

### Wordsearch Puzzle

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

ENOUGH	WAY	HEARTS	TROUBLED	TRUST
THOMAS	LIFE	MIRACLES	HOUSE	SEEN
SHOW	BELIEVE	KNOW	ROOMS	LIVING
FATHER	FAITH	PLACE	PREPARE	TRUTH

**H A P P Y +**

The gift of God is **E**ternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Romans 6:23*

I am the Living One. I was dead, and behold I am **A**live forever and ever! *Revelation 1:18*

The Father has sent His Son to be the **S**avior of the World. *1 John 4:34*

I am the **T**ruth and the Life. *John 14:6*

God has given us **E**ternal life, and this life is in His Son. *1 John 5:11*

Remember Jesus Christ **R**aised from the dead. *2 Timothy 2:8*

## Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Participation/Mission

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 7TH MAY 2023 - YEAR A



*Living keystones.*

By His death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father's house. His Father's house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ's body.

As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today's Epistle, Jesus is the "stone" destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God's dwelling on earth. Each of us is called to be a living stone in God's building. In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be "holy priests" offering up "spiritual sacrifices" - all our prayer, work and intentions - to God. This is our lofty calling as Christians. This is why Christ led us out of the darkness of sin and death as Moses led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt.

God's covenant with Israel made them a royal and priestly people who were to announce His praises. By our faith in Christ's new covenant, we have been made heirs of this chosen race, called to glorify the Father in the temple of our bodies. In the First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully to the "ministry of the Word."

The Lord's Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in the Psalm. So we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father.

His Word continues its work in the world through the Church. We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread with influence and power and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew.

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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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**First Reading**

Acts 6:1-7

**Second Reading**

1Pet.2:4-9

**Gospel**

Jn.14:1-12

**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**

G/Islet/G.Riviere  
7:30 a.m.



**Gros Islet/Monchy**

10:00 a.m.



**HOLIDAY**

Variable



**Honouring Mary during the Month of May**

The Church dedicates the month of May to The Blessed Virgin Mary, and we reflect on the remarkable role she plays in salvation history. Her “yes” to God’s invitation forever changed the course of history. Today, Mary offers us three essential pathways for living our faith:

***Mary shows us how to listen:***

Mary was a young girl living in a culture where she could have been stoned to death for having a child out of wedlock. She knew the consequences of her “yes.” She knew what could happen if Joseph didn’t understand. She had reason to fear her parents’ reactions. When the angel appeared to Mary, we read in scripture how she was deeply troubled. Somewhere deep within she found the courage, inner strength, and grace to respond with full assent, “Let it be done to me according to your word.” Mary show us what it means to listen with full intensity to what God is asking; God’s invitations may very well demand everything of us. Deep pondering, heart-centered attentiveness, and courageous listening are required of us, too.

***Mary shows us how God’s word must be shared with others:***

When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, they did not simply exchange a simple greeting, but one of deep faith. God’s word is meant to be shared. It cannot be contained within us if we are to be filled with the life it offers. We must share it with others. During this Year of God’s Word, we are invited to ponder the word of God so that we might share it joyfully with others.

***Mary shows us how to live in God’s word:***

Mary lived moments of profound joy as well as profound sorrow. From losing Jesus in the Temple to the journey to Calvary, Mary lived these sorrows and was sometimes deeply anguished. Mary formed and raised Jesus from the simplicity of her daily life. She was a person in conversation with God, with the Word of God, and also with the events through which God spoke to her. From the Annunciation to Pentecost, Mary appears as someone whose freedom is completely open to God’s will and shows us how to live in God’s word.

In this month of May, let us turn to Mary in our times of joy and sorrow and ask her to continue to show us the way to her Son. As we strive to grow in faith and live more fully in God’s word, may we, like Mary, bring Christ to others.

Sr. Katherine Feely, SND Just Faith Ministries  
(excerpt: stbridgeteastfalls.org)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**THE SICK**

Patsy Crafton  
Martha Mason  
Iris Macauldy  
Teresa Huntley

**DECEASED**

Peter Augustin  
Nicholas Smith  
Dedra Mathurin  
Olienne Edward  
Philomene David  
Eustelle LaFeuillée

**WEEKDAY READINGS**



**MONDAY**  
Acts 14:5-18  
Jn.14:21-26



**TUESDAY**  
Acts.14:19-28  
Jn.14:27-31



**WEDNESDAY**  
Acts.15:1-6  
Jn.15:1-8



**THURSDAY**  
Acts .15:7-21  
Jn.15:9-11



**FRIDAY**  
Acts 15:22-31  
Jn.15:12-17



**SATURDAY**  
Acts 16:1-10  
Jn.15:18-21



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**GROS ISLET**

**CLERGY / RELIGIOUS**

**INTENTIONS**

**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 2023**

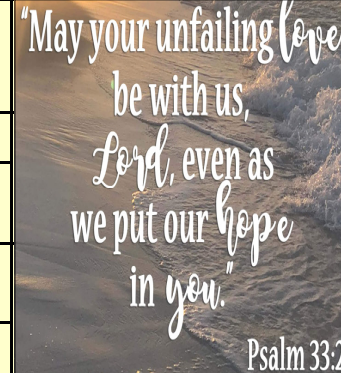
**Sat May 6 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Sun May 7 - 7.30 a.m.**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.**

**Monchy - 10:00 a.m.**



**B'day:** Carol Josie  
**Guid:** Augusta Toussaint  
**Thks:** Algitha Richelieu & family

**MISSA PRO POPULO**

**Thks:** The Norville family  
David & Mary Popo & family

**Parishioners**

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**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon May 8 - 6:00 a.m.**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Tue May 9 - 6:00 a.m.**

**Wed May 10 - 6:00 a.m.**

**Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.**

**Thu May 11 - 6:00 a.m.**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Fri May 12 - 6:00 a.m.**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Sat May 13 - 6:30 a.m.**  
**BVM**  
*Mass at the Shrine*

Fr. Albert Smith  
Mother Rosaria Joseph  
Sr. Christine Alphonse

Fr. Cezar Herrera  
Fr. Amalraj Penigilipadi  
Sr. Giovanna Mabunda

Fr. Will Howard  
Rev. Andrew Edward  
Sr. Ramona George

Sr. Petronilla Banda  
Sr. Benedicta Chanda  
Sr. Scholastica Felician

Rev. Wilfred Harris  
Rev. Marcellus Serieux  
Sr. Mary Lee Cox

Rev. Anthony Pierre  
Rev. Vincent Norbert  
Rev. Madison Stanislaus

**Thks:** Stennett Bent & family

**Thks:** Kelly Gaspard

**Thks:** Glace Motors Ltd.  
Althea & Ellen Regis

**Thks:** Bernadette Pamphile

**Parishioners**

**Int:** Donors & Benefactors

**Dc'd:** Zila Sebastien  
Roger Thornhill

**Dc'd:** Theonie Gaillard  
Remy & Chong families

**B'day:** Marvan Pilgrim  
**Thks:** David Junior Popo

**Dc'd:** Rose Ann Raymond  
Josephine & Epiphane Verdant  
Kevin Haywood, Leonty David

