Kids Column Jn.13:31-35

The New Commandment

In the Old Testament, before Jesus came, there were many commandments. They told the people how they should live and what they should and shouldn't do. Jesus obeyed the commandments, but He gave His followers a new one, something different than any of the others:

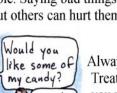
LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

The love that Jesus was talking about is called charity. It means doing what is best for a person. Here are some ways to love others:



Always think kindly of people. Even when you know something bad about someone, try to think nice thoughts about them.

Always speak kindly about people. Saying bad things about others can hurt them.



Always act kindly toward others. Treat everyone in the way that you would want to be treated. Show that you are a follower of Jesus by how you love others!

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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.

loved you, so you must love one another. - John 13:34



Find these words from this week's lesson and Bible verse:

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Loving each other.

By God's goodness and compassion, the doors of His kingdom have been opened to all who have faith, Jew or Gentile. That's the good news Paul and Barnabas proclaim in today's First Reading. With the coming of the Church - the new Jerusalem John sees in the Second Reading - God is "making the whole of creation new."

In His Church, the old order of death is passing away and God for all time is making His dwelling with the human race, so that all peoples "shall be His people....His name is God-withthem," In this the promises made through His prophets are accomplished. The Church is the kingdom that "lasts from age to age" that we sing of in the Psalm. That's why we see the Apostles, under the guidance of the Spirit, ordaining "presbyters" or priests. Anointed priests and bishops will be the Apostles' successors, ensuring that the Church's dominion endures through all generations.

Until the end of time, the Church will declare to the world God's mighty deeds, blessing His holy name and giving Him thanks, singing of the glories of His kingdom. In His Church, we know ourselves as His faithful ones, as those Jesus calls "my little children" in the Gospel. We live by the new law, the "new commandment" that He gave in His final hours.

The love He commands of us is no human love but a supernatural love. We love each other as Jesus loved us in suffering and dying for us. We love in imitation of His love. This kind of love is only made possible by the Spirit poured into our hearts at Baptism, renewed in the sacrifice His priests offer in every Mass. By our love we glorify the Father, and by our love all peoples will know that we are His people, that He is our God.

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Every Saturday 9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

by appointment

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First Reading

Acts 14:21-27 **Second Reading**

Apoc.21:1-5

Gospel

Jn.13:31-35

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.

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

St. Rita of Cascia - Feast Day May 22

St. Rita of Cascia was an Augustinian nun from 14th century Italy. She is the patroness of impossible causes and hopeless circumstances because of her difficult and arduous life. Through her trials God used her in remarkable ways, not only while she lived, but now from heaven she assists those who plead for her intercession for their seemingly impossible and hopeless circumstances.

From an early age St. Rita desired to become a nun, but her parents insisted that she marry, and at the age of twelve, she did so in obedience to them. The man she married was cruel and harsh, and she spent eighteen years in a very difficult marriage. Two sons were born to her whom she loved deeply, and after many years she eventually won her husband over to greater civility and kindness in the marriage.

Upon the murder of her husband by a feuding family, she sought to dissuade her sons from a planned revenge. However, they both died before they had the chance to carry out their plans. After the deaths of her husband and sons, Rita wanted to enter a Convent but was turned away. Although the convent acknowledged Rita's good character and piety, the nuns were afraid of being associated with her due to the scandal of her husband's violent death. However she persisted, and so the Convent gave her the difficult task of reconciling her family with her husband's murderers as the way she could join the cloister. She was successful in resolving the conflict between the families and, at the age of thirty-six, was finally allowed to enter the monastery.

At her monastery she was known both for practicing mortification of the flesh and for the efficacy of her prayers. In the midst of chronic illnesses, she received visions and wounds on her forehead which resembled the crown of thorns.

She died on May 22 at Cascia, and many miracles were reported instantly. She was canonized in 1900.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK Patsy Crafton

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WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

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WEDNESDAY

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

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THURSDAY

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

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FRIDAY

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

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SATURDAY

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

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTION
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
Sat May 17 - 6:00 p.m.	Every day I will bless You, And I will	B'day: John Valcin Thks: Ronald & Derek Glace Tyrone Chong & family
Sun May 18 - 7:30 a.m. Jubilee of Farmers	praise Your name forever and ever.	MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.	Psalms 145:2	Thks: The Theophilus family Holy Spirit: Emalie, Ayinde & Amnia Popo
Grande Riviere -7:30a.m.		Int: Lysa Esnard & family
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Int: All Farmers
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon May 19 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	Thks: Valdine Belrose B'day: Prudentia Raymond Wedd Ann: Gary & Collinthia Eugene
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Monique Ferdinand, Teresa Phill
Tue May 20 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Paul Vu	B'day: Curtis John, Zilta Leslie Thks: Marcia Haywood Healing: Francillia Elcock & family
Wed May 21 - 6:00 a.m.		Healing & Deliv: Jason Phillip
12:30 p.m.	Rev. Anthony Louis Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey	B'day: Lorne Theophilus Perpetual Help: Essie Gaston
Grande Riviere-6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu May 22 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	Dc'd: Eileen Paul
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Alison Lewis Holy Spirit: Essie Gaston
Fri May 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	Perpetual Help: Ayinde & Emalie Pop
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Mildred Emmanuel Tertillien & Olien Emmanuel
Sat May 24 - 6:30 a.m.	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam	Conversion of Sinners

Rev. Girard Glace

Mass at the Shrine

B'day: Gernell Michaud