

God Raises People from the Dead!



In today's Old Testament reading God promised His people that He would raise them from their graves. In the Gospel story Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from the dead. At the end of time God will raise everyone from the dead.

God does not like death. We all have to die because we are sinful, but God wants to raise us from the dead, like Lazarus.

Did you know that there is something worse than dying? Sinning is worse than dying, because when you commit a mortal sin you kill God's life in your soul. When you die you know that your body will rise again, but if you are not sorry for any serious sins then your soul will go to Hell because it doesn't have God's life in it. In Lent we should try to get rid of

all the sin in our souls by going to Confession so that our souls will have God's life in them and be ready to celebrate Jesus' resurrection at Easter!



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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 should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

♦ **The next Family Lenten Retreat :**
Gros Islet - Monday, March 27th to Friday, March 31st at 6:00 p.m. each day.

Holy Week Schedule - April 5th to 8th

Chrism Mass Wednesday 5:00 p.m.
 (Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception)

Holy Thursday

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
 6:30 p.m. - Gros Islet, Grande Riviere, Monchy

Good Friday

- ♦ WAY OF THE CROSS
 4:30 a.m. (Outdoor),
 9:00 a.m. (Gros Islet Church)
- ♦ COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
 3:00 p.m.: Gros Islet

Holy Saturday 7:30 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL (Gros Islet)

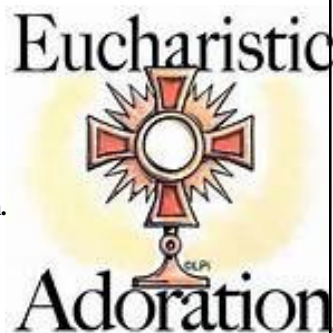
Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.- Gros Islet
 7:30a.m. - Grande Riviere
 10:00 a.m. - Monchy

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Weekdays:
 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Saturdays:
 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Sundays:
 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Holidays:
 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

CONFESSIONS

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



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 26TH - YEAR A

Yet Shall We Live!

As we draw near to the end of Lent, today's Gospel clearly has Jesus' passion and death in view. That's why John gives us the detail about Lazarus' sister, Mary, that she is the one who anointed the Lord for burial. His disciples warn against returning to Judea; Thomas even predicts they will "die with Him" if they go back.

When Lazarus is raised, John notices the tombstone being taken away, as well as Lazarus' burial cloths and head covering, all details he later notices with Jesus' empty tomb. Like the blind man in last week's readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for "dead men", for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bands of sin and death. John even recalls the blind man in his account today. Like the man's birth in blindness, Lazarus' death is used by Jesus to reveal "the glory of God". And again like last week, Jesus' words and deeds give sight to those who believe.

If we believe, we will see - that Jesus loves each of us as He loved Lazarus, that He calls us out of death and into new life. By His Resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel's promise in the First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in the Epistle.

The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to we who were once dead in sin. Faith is the key. If we believe as Martha does in the Gospel - that Jesus is the resurrection and the life - even if we die, we will live. "I have promised and I will do it," the Father assures us in the First Reading. We must trust in His word, as we sing in the Psalm, that with Him is forgiveness and salvation.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
 Ez.37:12-14
Second Reading
 Rom.8:8-11
Gospel
 Jn.11:1-45

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MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET
 Morning Prayers:
 5:45a.m.

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MONDAY:
 6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY:
 6:00 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY
 12:30 p.m./ 6:00 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY
 6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
Monchy: 6:00 p.m.

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FRIDAY
 6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.

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SATURDAY
 6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.

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

Gros Islet/Monchy
 10:00 a.m.

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HOLIDAY
 Variable



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Lenten Reflections: Family Prayer

One of the challenges that we too often find in our busy lives is time to pray together as a family. Here are a few ways a family might pray together during Lent or at any time of the year:

In the Morning: It can be quite transformative of family bonds to pause briefly to pray together. Brief prayer doesn't have to be without substance or power. This might be a spontaneous prayer while we are lying in bed with our spouse or perhaps when the family is rushing around each other in the kitchen grabbing breakfast. It can be wonderful to pause to pray, simply asking the Lord to be with each of us in what we are about to do that day.

In the Car: So many of us spend a fair amount of time in the car, often with other members of our family. Begin or end each trip with a brief prayer.

Before Meals: One of the most natural times to pray is as we sit down to eat. This prayer could be a traditional mealtime prayer to say together.

Other Times: We can say brief prayers for any given occasion. We can pray together for birthdays, anniversaries, the beginning and ending of a school year, school examinations or when one of the family is beginning any new endeavor. We may want to add some special prayer time if one of the family is experiencing a personally anxious time or crisis. We might place a special candle on the dining room table and light it each evening as we remember that person in our prayer.

The most important part of family prayer is perhaps the easiest to overlook - how we hold each other up to the Lord. Even when we are not physically together, we need to pray for each other. In reality this means that we create a pattern of talking with the Lord about the people we love most dearly, each and every day. They become part of our very relationship with God. Whether we are a married couple with young or if the children have grown up and begun lives of their own, this aspect of family prayer is so important.

Perhaps the whole family doesn't share our faith; perhaps one spouse doesn't pray at all; but we can talk with the Lord about our spouse and family every day, sometimes asking for help or just expressing gratitude, sometimes begging for the gift of faith for our family.

May our Lord bless our praying in the community of our family these days of Lent.

(excerpt: onlineministries.creighton.edu)

"The family that prays together stays together."

Fr. Patrick Peyton

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Theresa Huntley

DECEASED

Eric Joseph
Teresa Felix
Prisca Delice
Henry Kappel
Carmen Lorde
Frances James
Francis Charles
Christiana Pierre
Mr. & Mrs. Jules Wilson

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Dan.13:1-9,15-17,
19-30, 33-62

Jn.8:1-11



TUESDAY

Num.21:4-9

Jn.8:21-30



WEDNESDAY

Dan.3:14-20,24-25,28

Jn.8:31-42



THURSDAY

Gen.17:3-9

Jn.8:51-59



FRIDAY

Jer.20:10-13

Jn.10:31-42



SATURDAY

Ez.37:21-28

Jn.11:45-56

MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY /RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

Sat Mar 25 - 6:00 p.m.

Lord, hear my voice: let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

Thks: Patricia Charles, Mary Montor
B'day: Anselma O'Neil, Ian Nicholas
William Dussiel, Jan Ferdinand

Sun Mar 26 - 7:30 a.m.

MISSA PRO POPULO

10:00 a.m.

Thks: Stellina Best & family
B'day: Lucelta Louis, Frances Chassang
Wedd Ann: Cajetan & Agatha Danzie

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Thks: Rosie Mathurin & family
Catherine Augustin & family

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

-Psalm 130:2

B'day: John Cherubin
Carin Joseph, Nejna Marius

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Mar 27 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Kevin Murray
Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey

B'day: Michele Lesmond
Rose & Fragrant Moise

12:30 p.m.

Healing: Berkeley Blanchard
Lonnie Davis
Guid & Protec: Tawhid Davis

Tues Mar 28 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. John Milton
Rev. Gerard Calderon

B'day: Luke Cazaubon
Mary Jacob, Anthonia Eugene

Wed Mar 29 - 6:00 a.m.

Rev. David Popo
Rev. Peter Fevrier
Rev. Herald Wilson

Dc'd: Mr. & Mrs. Herman Macauldy
Jacinta Clement, Jeannette Knights

12:30 p.m.

B'day: Agatha Sonson
David Louis, Gene Marulaz
St. Michael: Jocelyne Cafe

Thu Mar 30 - 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Winston Taylor
Fr. Albert Smith

B'day: Althea Regis
Mirla Joseph-Conlon

Fri Mar 31 - 6:00 a.m.

B'day: Glenda James- Myers

12:30 p.m.

Sr. Mary Mumba
Sr. Marie Therese Clement
Fr. Ignatius Cetoute

Thks: Ike Blanchard & family
Thks: Janne- Eve d' Auvergne
Guid & Protec: Armani Modeste

Sat Apr 1 - 6:30 a.m.
Mass at the Shrine

Fr. Joseph Akande
Fr. Cleophus Joseph

Dc'd: Unborn Souls
Albert, Letitia & Raymond Laurent