

Hidden Blessings

AAA!
I'M SO HUNGRY!



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that people who are poor, hungry, or sad are blessed! Do they sound blessed to you?

Bad things that happen to us have hidden blessings in them. If you are poor then your family and friends are more important to you than money and things. If you are hungry then you appreciate food more. If you are sad then sometimes it's easier to remember to pray.

But things that seem bad have another hidden blessing in them- when you are suffering, you can give your sadness or hurt to Jesus. Tell Him you are offering it up along with Him on the cross. He will give you grace to make your soul stronger. You can offer things up for other people too, and God will use your gift to help them!

Next time you feel unhappy about something, try to find the hidden blessing!



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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.

OFFERINGS & DONATIONS

We advise that your Offerings and Donations to the Parish can be made via Sure Pay. When visiting the Sure Pay payment desk please note the following:

1. Ensure you communicate clearly that the payment is for the St. Joseph The Worker Parish
2. You will be given a number for each community (see below). Please choose the one required.
Gros Islet – 01
Grande Riviere – 02
Monchy – 03

Payments can be made in person or online. For further clarification please contact the Parish Office. We appreciate your support.

Count Your BLESSINGS

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages, “curing every disease and illness”. At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the Coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together, and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. In your wisdom protect our country, Saint Lucia, our region and the whole world from this pandemic. Be with the doctors, nurses and researchers, and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected, and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Mary, comforter of the afflicted, pray for us. Amen.



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

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
5.00-5:45 p.m.
&
by appointment

VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 13TH FEBRUARY 2022 - YEAR C

Rich in Poverty.

The blessings and woes we hear in today's Gospel mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament. That wisdom is summed up with marvelous symmetry in the First Reading and Psalm. Each declares that the righteous - those who hope in the Lord and delight in His Law - will prosper like a tree planted near living waters. The wicked, who put their “trust in man,” are cursed to wither and die.

Jesus is saying the same thing in the Gospel. The rich and poor are, for Him, more than members of literal economic classes; their material state symbolizes their spiritual state. The rich are “the wicked” of the Psalm, boasting of their self-sufficiency, the strength of their flesh, as Jeremiah says in the First Reading. The poor are the humble, who put all their hope and trust in the Lord.

We've already seen this dramatic imagery of reversal in Mary's Magnificat. There, too, the rich are cast down while the hungry are filled and the lowly exalted. That's the upside-down world of the Gospel: in poverty, we gain spiritual treasure unimaginable; in suffering and even in dying on account of the Son of Man, we find everlasting life.

The promises of the Old Testament were promises of power and prosperity in the here and now. The promise of the New Covenant is joy and true freedom even amid the misery and toil of this life. But not only that. As Paul says in the Epistle, we're to be pitied if our hope is “for this life only.”

The blessings of God mean that we'll laugh with the thanksgiving of captives released from exile, feast at the heavenly table of the Lord, “leap for joy” as John the Baptist leapt in his mother's womb, and rise with Christ, “the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Jer.17:5-8

Second Reading
1Cor.15:12,16-20

Gospel
Lk.6:17, 20-26

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
6:00 a.m.& 12:30 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
7:00 a.m.
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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, but 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 to Moravia, and Methodius and Constantine were chosen as they knew Slavonic, were able administrators and successful missionaries.

Arriving in 863 in Moravia, Constantine began translating the liturgy into Slavonic. 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. 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.

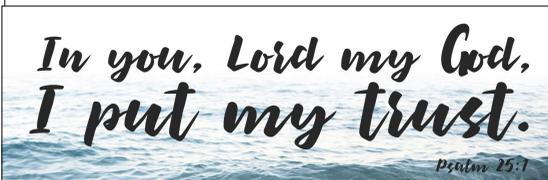
The brothers are credited with devising the precursor of the Cyrillic alphabet, itself named after Cyril. Through their work they influenced the cultural development of all Slavs, for which they received the title "Apostles to the Slavs".

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.

(excerpt: catholic.org)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Nellie Hall
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Denis Augustin

DECEASED

Bryan Gustave
Darwyn Louis
Clement Elfridge
Gabriel Demille
Harris Eleodore
Andrew St. Juste
John Baptiste Charles

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Jas.1:1-11
Mk.8:11-13



TUESDAY

Jas.1:12-18
Mk.8:14-21



WEDNESDAY

Jas.1:19-27
Mk.8:22-26



THURSDAY

Jas.2:1-9
Mk.8:27-33



FRIDAY

Jas.2:14-24,26
Mk.8:34-9:1



SATURDAY

Jas.3:1-10
Mk.9:2-13



MASS INTENTIONS

| GROS ISLET | CLERGY/RELIGIOUS | INTENTIONS |
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| 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C | | |
| Sat Feb 12 - 6:00 p.m. | Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day & night. Psalm 1:1-2 | B'day: Cyrille Amedee Int: Perlin Verdant, Tova Verneuil |
| Sun Feb 13 - 7:30 a.m. | | Thks: The Lesmond family |
| 10:00 a.m. | | Int: Parish Youth |
| Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m. | | MISSA PRO POPULO |
| Monchy - 10:00 a.m. | | Thks: Genevieve Norley & family |
| WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS | | |
| Mon Feb 14 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Sts. Cyril, Monk, St. Methodius, Bishop</i> | Msg. Justin Barthelmy Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka | B'day: Alex & Alexis Macauldy 38th Wedd Ann: Samson & Marie Louis |
| 12:30 p.m. | | Dc'd: Vivian Grell & family Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| Tue Feb 15 - 6:00 a.m. | Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph | Dc'd: James Prudent Mr. & Mrs. Duval Hippolyte Mr. & Mrs. Robinson Duchene |
| Wed Feb 16 - 6:00 a.m. | Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj | Healing & Thks : Fragrant Moise |
| 12:30 p.m. | | Dc'd: Narcissus Regis Bert, Madge & Danielle Edmund |
| Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m. | | Dc'd: Pauline Francois |
| Thu Feb 17 - 6:00 a.m. | Fr. Yvon Tremont | B'day: Roger & Dominique Charles |
| 12:30 p.m. | | Dc'd: Philip & Gercienne Hippolyte |
| Monchy - 6:00 p.m. | | Parishioners |
| Fri Feb 18 - 6:00 a.m. | Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter | Thks: Mary Sidoine & family |
| 12:30 p.m. | | Guid & Protec: Kurt Louis & family Thks: Tristan Francis & family Holy Spirit: Thomas Louis & family |
| Sat Feb 19 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i> | Fr. Lambert St. Rose | Thks: Cecil Graham Althea & Ellen Regis |