

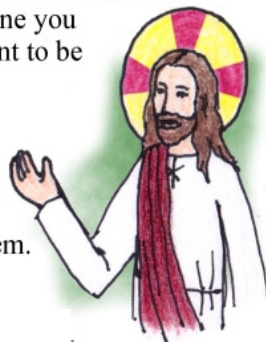
What does Jesus say about the Commandments?



In today's Gospel reading Jesus was talking about the laws of God. Some people thought that He would take away the old law that God had given the Jews. But Jesus said that He didn't come to take away the law. He came to fulfill the law.

The old laws tell us the things that we shouldn't do, like worship false gods or kill people or steal. Jesus is telling us that just obeying the commandments isn't enough. He wants us to do everything out of love. If you really love a person then of course you won't kill them! But He says you shouldn't get angry at them either. You wouldn't steal from someone you love- but wouldn't you want to be generous to them too?

Jesus says that the Ten Commandments are very important, but we have to do more than just obey them. We need to love!



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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.

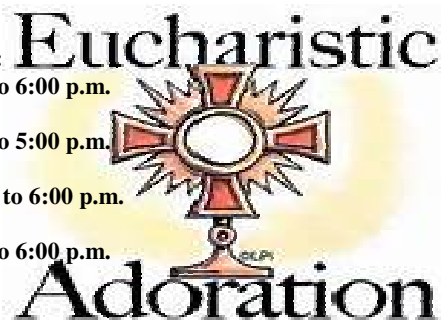
WHAT'S HAPPENING

♦ The Archdiocesan Youth and Vocations Commission advises that **World Youth Day 2023** will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, from July 24th to August 6th 2023. World Youth Day is a tri-annual international gathering with the Pope and Catholic youth ages 14-35 years. The overall cost is expected to be EC\$8000.00 per person. The Theme for WYD 2023 is **“Mary arose and went with haste.”** **All interested youth are asked to contact their youth leader for further details.**

♦ Ash Wednesday falls on February 22nd this year, the same date as St. Lucia's 44th Independence anniversary. Ashes will be distributed at the Gros Islet, Monchy and Grande Riviere churches at 7:30 a.m. only as the day is a public holiday.

♦ The Youth Lenten Retreats Committee will be holding a breakfast sale on Sunday, 26th February, after both the 7:30 am and 10:00 am Masses. Please support this venture, as our Annual Youth Retreats will be held again this year. We look forward to bringing our young people together, so all support towards the success of the Retreats will be welcomed.

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.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



The Law of the Lord.

Jesus tells us in the Gospel this week that He has come not to abolish but to “fulfill” the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets. His Gospel reveals the deeper meaning and purpose of the Ten Commandments and the moral Law of the Old Testament.

But His Gospel also transcends the Law. He demands a morality far greater than that accomplished by the most pious of Jews, the scribes and Pharisees. Outward observance of the Law is not enough. It is not enough that we do not murder, commit adultery, divorce, or lie.

The law of the New Covenant is a law that God writes on the heart. The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed. Jesus this week calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions, and demands the full obedience of our hearts. He calls us to love God with all our hearts and to do His will from the heart .

God never demands more than what we are capable of doing. That is the message of the First Reading. It is up to us to choose life over death, to choose the waters of eternal life over the fires of ungodliness and sin. By His life, death, and Resurrection, Jesus has shown us that it is possible to keep His commandments. In Baptism, He has given us His Spirit, that His Law might be fulfilled in us.

The wisdom of the Gospel surpasses all the wisdom of this age that is passing away, St. Paul tells us in the Epistle. The revelation of this wisdom fulfills God's plan from before all ages. Let us trust in this wisdom and live by His kingdom law. As we do in the Psalm, let us pray that we grow in being better able to live His Gospel and to seek the Father with all our hearts.

(excerpt: sstpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Ecl.15:15-20

Second Reading
1Cor.2:6-10

Gospel
Mt.5:17-37

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.
Monchy: 6:00 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



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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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

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Theresa Huntley

DECEASED

Carmen Lord
Victor George
Tricia Tommy
Alvin Aurelien
Invest St. Louis
Leontine Arnaud
Marcellina Alexis
Marcus Hippolyte
Zaccherie Aimable

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Gen.4:1-15,25
Mk.8:11-13



TUESDAY

Acts 13:46-49
Lk.10:1-9



WEDNESDAY

Gen.8:6-13,20-22
Mk.8:22-26



THURSDAY

Gen.9:1-13
Mt.8:27-33



FRIDAY

Gen.11:1-9
Mk.8:34 - 9:1



SATURDAY

Heb.11:1-7
Mk.9:2-13



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Feb 11- 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Cyrille Amedee Thks: The Destang family The Regobert & Cadette families
Sun Feb 12- 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Sharon Ephraim, Tessa Philip Wedd Ann: Marcellus & Denicia St. Ange
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Emy Mason
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		90th B'day: Lucius Tisson B'day & Healing: Tessa Philip
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Feb 13 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Madison Stanislaus Rev. Vincent Norbert Rev. Anthony Pierre	Dc'd: Edmund Elcock
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Charmaine Blanchard-Johnson
Tue Feb 14 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Cyril, Monk & St. Methodius, Bishop</i>	Msgr. Justin Barthelmy Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	Sp. Int: Delia Charles Healing: Juliana Brice 36th Wedd Ann: Marie & Henry Louis
Wed Feb 15- 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph	Dc'd: James Prudent Jacinta Clement, Jeannette Knights
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Rosa Glace Stanislaus George, Lynne Kistoo
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		20th Wedd Ann: Wayne & Albina Davidson
Thu Feb 16 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	Sp. Int: Delia Charles Deterville & Associates
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Myrna Walker & family Precious Blood: Catherine Alexis & family
Fri Feb 17 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Yvon Tremont	B'day: Alex & Alexis Macauldy Thks: Shanta King & family
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Philip & Gercienne Hippolyte Irvine & Alexander Blanchard
Sat Feb 18 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	Dc'd: Earn Larcher