

Keeping a Secret

In today's Gospel reading, a poor man with leprosy asked Jesus to heal him. Our Lord was sorry for the leper and healed him. But then He told him not to tell anyone. Do you know what the man did?



Well, he didn't keep the secret. He started to tell everyone what had happened. Soon Jesus couldn't walk into towns because there were such big crowds. He had to stay out in the deserted places so that there wouldn't be mobs in the towns.

Has anyone ever told you a secret? Do you find it hard to keep secrets? Once in a while somebody might tell you something that you will need to tell your parents, but usually you shouldn't tell anyone somebody else's secret. Before you tell something to your friends, always

ask yourself if it's okay to share it with them. Will it make things hard for somebody else? Might you hurt someone's feelings? Think about how you would feel if someone told one of your secrets to their friends. And finally, always remember that the way you treat others is how you treat Jesus.



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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 Holy Father has asked that this year be a *Year of Prayer* in preparation for Jubilee 2025. We are being invited to remind ourselves of the centrality of both individual and community prayer by intensifying our personal prayer lives by daily recitation of the Rosary, personal meditation, lectio divina and with forms of communal prayer e.g. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayer Group and Confraternity prayer meetings, and most importantly, regular attendance at Holy Mass. The Year of Prayer will be launched in the Archdiocese on the First Sunday of Lent.

♦The Antilles Episcopal Conference Youth Assembly (AECYA) will be held in the Archdiocese of Castries from July 17-28, 2025. The main theme for the Youth Assembly is "Pilgrims of Hope". The Youth Assembly is an occasion aimed at reaffirming the Catholic identity of our youth and young adults who are indispensable partners enabling the mission of Catholic Church in the region, living their call to be disciples. The AEC Commission on Youth & Vocation is most elated to have the opportunity to facilitate the meeting of youth and young adults of the Antilles, especially in the Jubilee Year 2025.

Lent is our spiritual retreat to repent from sin, repair our relationship with Christ and open ourselves more fully to God.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



Made clean.

In the Old Testament, leprosy is depicted as punishment for disobedience of God's commands. Considered "unclean" - unfit to worship or live with the Israelites - lepers are considered "stillborn," the living dead. Indeed, the requirements imposed on lepers in today's First Reading - rent garments, shaven head, covered beard - are signs of death, penance, and mourning. So there's more to the story in the Gospel than a miraculous healing.

When Elisha, invoking God's name, healed the leper, Naaman, it proved there was a prophet in Israel. The healing in the First Reading reveals Jesus as far more than a great prophet. He is God visiting His people. Only God can cure leprosy and cleanse from sin, and only God has the power to bring about what He wills.

The Gospel scene has an almost sacramental quality about it. Jesus stretches out His hand as God, by His outstretched arm, performed mighty deeds to save the Israelites. His ritual sign is accompanied by a divine word ("Be cured!"). And, like God's word in creation ("Let there be"), Jesus' word does what He commands.

The same thing happens when we show ourselves to the priest in the sacrament of penance. On our knees like the leper, we confess our sins to the Lord, as we sing in the Psalm. And through the outstretched arm and divine word spoken by His priest, the Lord takes away the guilt of our sin.

Like the leper we should rejoice in the Lord and spread the good news of His mercy. We should testify to our healing by living changed lives. As Paul says in the Epistle, we should do even the littlest things for the glory of God and that others may be saved.

(excerpt: st.paulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Lev.13:1-2,44-46

Second Reading
1Cor.10:31-11:1

Gospel
Mk.1:40-45

MASS TIMES

Gros Islet
Morning Prayers:
Mon -Fri
5:45 a.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
Variable
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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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Preparing for Lent: God's Invitation.

Lent is a season of being invited by God in a deeply personal way. "Come back to me, with all of your heart," our Lord beckons. Yes, of course we want to have a deeper relationship with God, we tell ourselves earnestly. And we will....soon. God calls to us again: "Come back to me, with all of your heart." Ok, ok, I really will. Just a few more things to do at work. Let me clean my oven, tidy my closets, sell my yoke of oxen, check a field I have purchased....

"Come back to me, with all of your heart." It is an extraordinary invitation to each one of us, in a personal, individual way. God invites us to drop the defenses that we hold up between ourselves and Him. God offers an entire Lenten season, an entire lifetime, of loving us unconditionally, no matter what we have done or how much we think we have hidden from God.

"Come back to me, with all of your heart." God is insistent, loving, gently prodding. God is the father of the prodigal child, waiting faithfully, eagerly on the road for our return. There are no folded arms and stern judging stares, only the straining eyes of a parent eager for our return, longing to embrace us and rejoice in us.

"Come back to me, with all of your heart." That is the invitation of each day of Lent. All we have to do is say to our Lord, "I'm here. Where do I start? Yes, I want to be with you."

"Come back to me with all your heart, fasting weeping, mourning. Let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn. Turn to the Lord your God again, for He is all tenderness and compassion." Joel 2:12

(excerpt: onlineministries.creighton.edu)



Let today be the day you give up who you've been for you who can become.

Blessed Ash Wednesday

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Teresa Huntley
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Andrew Inglis
Frances Girard
Kirby Gaspard
Canice Felicien
Dorothy Daniel
Clement Casimir

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

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



TUESDAY

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



WEDNESDAY

Jl.2:12-18
2Cor.5:20-6:2
Matt.6:1-6,16-18



THURSDAY.

Deut.30:15-20
Lk.9:22-25



FRIDAY

Is.58:1-9
Matt.9:14-15



SATURDAY

Is.58:9-14
Lk.5:27-32



MASS INTENTIONS

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CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Sat Feb 10 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Feb 11 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Psalm 32:2 KJV

Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family
B'day: Hilton & Maude Ocuien
Oksana James, Jadine Alcide

MISSA PRO POPULO

Thks: Sharon Ephraim
Bishop Gachet RC Primary School

B'day: Catherine Albertin
Thks: The Geoffrey family
The Regobert & Cadette families

B'day: Tessa Philip, Danté Xavier
Jerome, Ronnie & Liam St. Omer

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Feb 12 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue Feb 13 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed Feb 14 - 6:00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Monchy - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Feb 15 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fri Feb 16 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat Feb 17 - 6:30 a.m.

Fr. Festus Iwuagwu
Rev. Wilfred Harris
Rev. Marcellus Serieux

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

Msgr. Justin Barthelmy
Sr. Mary Dungdung
Sr. Mercy Masaka

Fr. Barnabas Iorgilim
Rev. Jeremy Joseph
Sr. Marie Joseph

Rev. Errol Frederick
Sr. Rosemarie Minj

Fr. Yvon Tremont

Thks: Marguerite Tarapasad & family

B'day: Keryl St. Helene
Guid & Protec: Sven Fevrier
Thks:
Charlery, James & William families

Thks: Eleanor Alexis
Spiritual Healing: Arthusa Simei
Guid/Prot: Brinkley & Severin families

Conversion of Sinners

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Dc'd: James & Paulina Prudent

Dc'd: Sullivan d'Auvergne
Anthony David, Catherine Biscette

Healing: Andre Frederick
Those suffering with mental illness

Dc'd: Rosa Glace, Stanislaus George

Dc'd: Alvin Aurelien
Philip & Gercienne Hippolyte
Simone Belrose, Carmen Lorde