

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.

The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:3-10

Blessed are the poor in spirit:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn:
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek:
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst
after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful:
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart:
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:
for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for
righteousness' sake: for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

God of Power and might,
we thank and praise You
for Your goodness and mercy.

Have mercy upon us, behold us
and show us the light of Your mercies.
Send Your fear upon our nation
that we may know that
There is no God besides You.

Lift up Your hands over St. Lucia
that we may see Your power.
Heal the hurts of our nation.

Sanctify and purify our actions and way of life
that we may be a holy nation.

Give wisdom and fortitude to our leaders
that they may guide our nation in Your precepts.
Give love, patience and hope to our youth
and strengthen our families.

We make this prayer in the name of
Your beloved Son Jesus Christ,
who is Lord forever and ever. Amen



Rich in Poverty.

The blessings and woes we hear in today's Liturgy mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament, summed up with marvelous symmetry.

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 scorers" referred to in 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 seen the dramatic imagery of these readings before, 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 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 all who have fallen asleep."

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CONFESSIONS

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

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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:

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.



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

The Feast of The Chair of St. Peter: February 22

The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter celebrates the Papacy and St. Peter as the first bishop of Rome. This feast brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter, and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, extended both to truths which are solemnly defined *ex cathedra*, and to all the acts of the ordinary Magisterium.

Since early times, the Church has had a special commemoration of the primatial authority of St. Peter, while the Roman See has always held a particular place in the affection and obedience of believers because of its "presiding in love" and service over all the Churches of God.

Jesus Christ among all His disciples chose twelve; and among the twelve, He chose one. The Gospel of Matthew tells us, "And these are the names of the twelve Apostles: the first, Simon, who is called Peter." (Mt.10,1-2) Jesus marks out Peter personally, and by the new name which He has given him. When Jesus asked the Apostles: "Whom do men say that the Son of Man is?" Simon replied: "Thou art Christ, the Son of the Living God." And Jesus said: "Blessed are you Simon, because flesh and blood have not revealed it to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I say to you: that you are Peter (Cephas, a rock) and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever you shall bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven: whatsoever you shall loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven".(Mt 16:13-20). And in John 21:15-17, Jesus says to Peter: "Feed my lambs ... Feed my sheep". Jesus thus made Peter the head of the entire community of believers and placed in his hands the spiritual guidance of the faithful.

There is a physical "Chair of St. Peter", located in the apse of St. Peter's Basilica. This display contains an ancient chair that has been repaired and ornamented over time. But more important is the spiritual authority that this chair represents. "Cathedra" literally means the established seat of the Bishop, placed in the mother church of a diocese which for this reason is known as a "cathedral"; it is the symbol of the Bishop's authority and in particular, of his "magisterium", that is, the evangelical teaching which, as successor of the Apostles, he is called to safeguard and to transmit to the Christian Community. The See of Rome thus came to be recognized as the See of the Successor of Peter, and its Bishop's "cathedra" represented the mission entrusted to him by Christ to tend His entire flock.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Martha Hodge
Martin Satney
Petrona Flamiuce
Veronica Evariste
Nicholson Sonson

WEEKDAY READINGS



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



TUESDAY
Gen.6:5-8;7:1-5,10
Mk.8:14-21



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



THURSDAY
Gen.9:1-13
Mk.8:27-33



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



SATURDAY
1Pet.5:1-4
Mt.16:13-19



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

Sat Feb 15 - 6:00 p.m.

BLESSED
is the man
who makes
LORD
his trust.

B'day: Hilton & Maude Ochilien
Thks: The Destang family, Zidane Philip

Sun Feb 16 - 7:30 a.m.

MISSA PRO POPULO

10:00 a.m.

Thks: The Theophilus family
Daniel, Chloe & Bev Early

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Feb 17 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Yvon Tremont

Thks: Valdene Belrose
B'day: Alex & Alexis Macauldy
Dominic & Roger Charles

12:30 p.m.

Sp. Int: Gwendolyn Sylvester
Thks: Cyrillia & Althea Palton

Tue Feb 18 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy
Sr. Bernadette Peter

Thks: Leona Lesmond
Kadie & Keva Chong
Jacinta & Valdez Belrose

Wed Feb 19 - 6:00 a.m.

Thks: Miguel Louisy, Ellen Regis

12:30 p.m.

Fr. Lambert St. Rose

B'day: Josephine Fletcher
Thks: Thecla Deterville

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Thu Feb 20 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Paul Vu

De'd: Winston Springer
Mavis & Peter Jackson

12:30 p.m.

B'day: Ammia Popo
Giovanni St. Omer Jr., Tyron Desrivieres

Fri Feb 21 - 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Anthony Louis
Rev. John Douglas
Rev. Robert Harvey

De'd: Souls in Purgatory
Bernadette Leon, Roseline Herman

12:30 p.m.

De'd: Philip & Gercienne Hippolyte
Philomene Laurencin, Keith Fletcher

Sat Feb 22 - 6:30 a.m.

The Chair of St. Peter
46th Independence Anniversary

Fr. Cecil Goodman
Rev. Thomas Alexander

Wedd Ann: Lorne & Paula Theophilus
Thks: Glace Motors Ltd