

Kids Column

Ash Wednesday

 This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. Lent is a special time in which we prepare to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



Lent is a time of repentance. We make sacrifices and try to improve our lives to become more like Jesus. Jesus never sinned but He gave up His life to pay for our sins. That is why we make sacrifices - out of love for God and to make up for our sins. We offer our sacrifices to God the Father, just as Jesus on the cross offered up His life to God the Father.

On Ash Wednesday if you go to Mass you can receive ashes on your forehead. The ashes are a sign of repentance. They remind us that without God we are nothing and that someday we will die and be buried. But they can also remind us that if we do have God living in us, after we die we will rise from the dead, just as Jesus did on Easter, after He died on the cross.



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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.

Word Search Puzzle

Matt.5:17-37

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Yet even now.. declares the LORD,
Return to Me
 with all your heart - with
 fasting and weeping
 and mourning.
 Joel 2:12

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
 & Friday: 9:00am to 2:00p.m.
 Closed Tuesdays, Weekends & Holidays



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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 15TH FEBRUARY 2026 - YEAR A

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. He tells us that 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)

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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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
 Eccl.15:16-21
Second Reading
 1Cor.2:6-10
Gospel
 Matt.5:17-37
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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.
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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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Preparing for Lent:

“Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God.” Joel 2

We say we deeply desire that the six weeks of Lent will be a time of religious experience for us. We are preparing to “rend” or *tear open* our hearts. This is a time to let our hearts be opened to examine what in us needs forgiveness and healing and opened to new graces, new generosity, new compassion. We want to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel.”

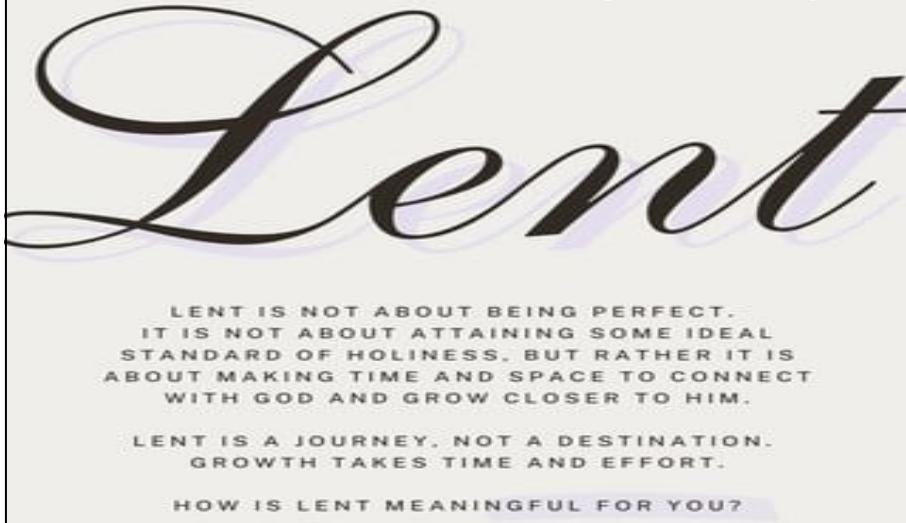
We want to reflect on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus for us. We want it to become personal. Jesus was broken and given for each one of us. Our own sins - what we have done and what we have failed to do - have been forgiven. We want to feel gratitude and let it transform how we feel about the sin of others. We desire to experience mercy and become more mercy-filled in our relationship with others.

Experiencing our own poverty, we want to be renewed in a dedication to notice, have compassion for and stand in solidarity with the poor of our world. Then the Spiritual and Corporal works of mercy can come alive in us.

This Ash Wednesday we will wear the cross of ashes that says we are not afraid to walk around in the world with this sign which indicates that we know our life on this earth is not all there is. It says that we believe in everlasting life. It says that we know who we are and want to choose to take advantage of the days ahead. We remember where we came from and where we’re going.

On Ash Wednesday, a journey to turn to God with all of our hearts begins.

(excerpt: onlineministries.creighton.edu)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Marie Joseph
Anne Marie Felicien

DECEASED

Leslie Clarke
Ange St. Ange
Vincent Joseph
Oswald Bernard
Wayne Edwards
Stephen Bernard
Philomene Ambrose

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

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



TUESDAY

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



WEDNESDAY

Joel.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

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Feb 14 - 6:00 p.m.	Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart. Psalm 119:2	Sp. Int: The George family Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family Claude & Mary Severin & family B'day: Hilton Oculien, Cyrille Amedee
Sun Feb 15 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Thks: Thecla Deterville Holy Spirit: Lyndell Hyacinth & family
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Emy Mason, Valerie Ernest Thks: Georgiana Isaac Arthur Tisson & family
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: Arthur Tisson & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Feb 16 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	Thks: Bernitha Clery Healing & Thks: Mary Sidoine
12:30 p.m.		De'd: Sullivan d'Auvergne Narcissus Regis, Ruth & Aqua Benjamin
Tue Feb 17 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Yvon Tremont	Thks: The Sylvester family Healing: Valdine Belrose Leonard Prospere
Wed Feb 18 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Ash Wednesday</i>		Conversion of Sinners
12:30 p.m.		Conversion of Sinners
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Conversion of Sinners
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Conversion of Sinners
Thu Feb 19 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	Thks: Cyrillia & Althea Palton
12:30 p.m.		De'd: Antoine & Rosa Glace Joseph & Irene Destang
Fri Feb 20 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Paul Vu	B'day: Ammia Popo Int: Mgmt. & Staff Glace Motors Ltd.
12:30 p.m.		De'd: Teresa Huntley Horace Sylvester, Simone Belrose
Sat Feb 21 - 6:30 a.m.	Rev. Anthony Louis Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey	B'day: Roseline Herman Holy Spirit: Lawrence Hyacinth