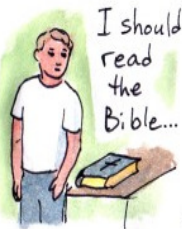
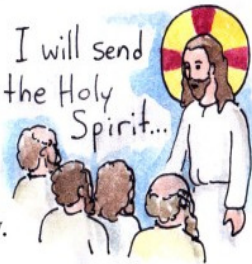


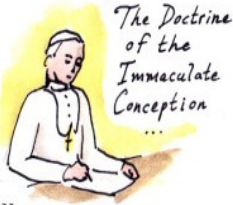
Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit

In today's Gospel reading Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples after He was gone. The Holy Spirit would teach them all they needed to know.



After Jesus left, the disciples would be confused about what Jesus had wanted them to do and how to go about building the Church He had started. But Jesus promised that they would not be alone. God the Holy Spirit would come to them and show them what they needed to do.

Where is the Holy Spirit now? He is still working in the Church. He inspires people to do what is right and to learn the truth. He also shows the leaders of the Church what God wants of them and keeps the Church's teachings free of error. Can you think of times when the Holy Spirit helped you?



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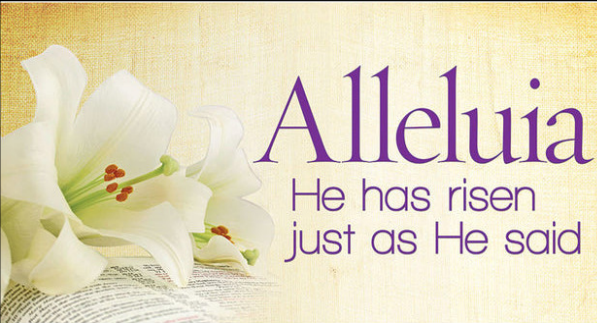
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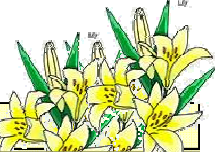
See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

1 John 3:1



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The Family of God.

The first Church council, the Council of Jerusalem we hear about in the First Reading, decided the shape of the Church as we know it. Some Jewish Christians had wanted Gentile converts to be circumcised and to obey all the complex ritual and purity laws of the Jews. The council called this a heresy, showing us that the Church in the divine plan is meant to be a worldwide family of God, no longer a covenant with just one nation.

Today's Liturgy gives us a profound meditation on the nature and meaning of the Church. The Church is One, as we see in the First Reading: "the Apostles [bishops] and presbyters [priests], in agreement with the whole Church [laity]." The Church is Holy, taught and guided by the Spirit that Jesus promises the Apostles in the Gospel. The Church is Catholic, or universal, making known God's ways of salvation to all peoples, ruling all in equity, as we sing in the Psalm. And the Church, as John sees in the Second Reading, is Apostolic, founded on the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. All these marks of the Church are underscored in the story of the council.

Notice that everybody, including Paul, looks to "Jerusalem [and] . . . the Apostles" to decide the Church's true teaching. The Apostles, too, presume that Christian teachers need a mandate from them, and we see the Spirit guiding the Apostles in all truth. Notice how they describe their ruling: "It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves." Knowing these truths about the Church, our hearts should never be troubled. The Liturgy's message today is that the Church is the Lord's, watched over and guarded by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit sent by the Father in the name of the Son.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.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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- First Reading** Acts 15:1-2,22-29
- Second Reading** Apoc.21:10-14, 22-23
- Gospel** Jn.14:23-29

MASS TIMES

- ✠ **GROS ISLET**  
Morning Prayers: 5:45a.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**  
**G/Islet/G.Riviere** 7:30 a.m.  
**Gros Islet/Monchy** 10:00 a.m.
- ✠ **HOLIDAY** Variable



St. Philip Neri - Feast Day May 26th

St. Philip was born in Florence, Italy in 1515. In 1533, after a dramatic personal experience of God, Philip went to Rome, where he lived in poverty. Ordained in 1551, he went to live with a community of priests whom he organized into the Congregation of the Oratory. Characterized by his informality, the Congregation did not require members to take vows, but only to adhere to the gospel. “If you want to be obeyed,” quipped Philip, “don’t make commandments.” Officially recognized in 1575, the Oratory spread throughout the world and attracted members such as John Henry Newman. They held conferences that gathered people for evenings of study and prayer.

For forty-five years Philip evangelized thousands of people in Rome, from the poor to popes. He won their hearts with his kindness and jovial sense of humour. He became known as the “Second Apostle of Rome” because his ministry promoted a general return to Christian living.

Philip Neri was a mystic-in-action. He reported that once at prayer in 1544 he saw a globe of fire enter his mouth and set his heart aflame which permanently afflicted him. The saint did his best to hide his mystical phenomena, but sometimes his ecstasies at Mass lasted so long that the acolytes could leave for an hour’s break. Philip Neri died on May 25, 1595, active till the end and celebrated as the most popular person in Rome. He is the patron saint of joy and humour.

(excerpt: Voices of the Saints. Bert Ghezzi)

**Looking to Ascension:** When we think of holy days that are filled with joy, Easter and Christmas are generally the first ones we think of. The Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord is one holy day that’s frequently overlooked. But it is filled with as much joy, hope and peace as Christmas and Easter.

Falling forty days after Easter Sunday, this day honors Jesus’ Ascension into heaven. It is the culmination of Jesus’ earthly life, until he returns to us. The Gospel of Luke recounts Jesus’ departure from his disciples and Mother: “While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. They worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.” (Lk.24:50-53)

As Pope Francis reminded us, “Christ opened the path to us. He is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God. If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Saviour, of our Advocate.” And John Paul II said: “be imbued with the hope that is so much a part of the mystery of the Ascension of Jesus. Be deeply conscious of Christ’s victory and triumph over sin and death. Realize that the strength of Christ is greater than our weakness, greater than the weakness of the whole world. Try to understand and share the joy that Mary experienced in knowing that her Son had taken his place with his Father, whom he loved infinitely. And renew your faith today in the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has gone to prepare a place for us, so that he can come back again and take us to himself.”

(excerpt: beliefnet.com)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton  
Martha Mason  
Iris Macauldy  
Marie Joseph  
Anne Marie Felicien

DECEASED

Mary Norley  
Gregory Glasse  
Catherine Alexis  
Carme Montoute  
Christella Z. Volney  
Vernesia Pierre-Louis

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Acts 16:11-15  
Jn.15:26-16:4



TUESDAY

Acts 16:22-34  
Jn.16:5-11



WEDNESDAY

Acts 17:15,22-18:1  
Jn.16:12-15



THURSDAY

Acts 18:1-8  
Jn.16:16-20



FRIDAY

Acts 18:9-18  
Jn.16:20-23



SATURDAY

Zep.3:14-18  
Lk.1:39-56



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTION
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
Sat May 24 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Danielle Glace Sp Int: Perlin Verdant & family Thks: The Destang family
Sun May 25 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Elsa Alfred, Shaquille Jn. Marie Wedd Ani: Veronica & Bachus Dosithée Thks: Alfred children & grand children
Grande Riviere -7:30a.m.		B'day: Elrie Thomas Goren & Garion Lewis Thks: Zoey Hinkson Sashla St. Omer, Laurencia Cadette
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Taija Jhoy Philip Thks: Imelda Polymise & family Wedd Ann: Brenda & John Cherubin
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon May 26 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephanía Banda	Dc'd: Mary Erica Popo, Jerome Popo
12:30 p.m.		St. Michael: Essie Gaston Thks: Cyrillia & Althea Palton
Tue May 27 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	B'day: Marie Louis Holy Spirit: David, Mary & Junior Popo
Wed May 28 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. John Milton	Bl. Trinity: Anthony & Simone Gaston Jamie, Sandy & Tonia Gaston
12:30 p.m.		Int: Charlin Bodley, Taija Cazaubon
Grande Riviere -6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu May 29 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. David Popo Rev. Herald Wilson Rev. Gerard Calderon	Dc'd: Mary Charles
12:30 p.m.		94th B'day: Mary Theresa St. Omer
Fri May 30 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Peter Fevrier Sr. Margaret Maynard	B'day: Isaac Sidoine Healing: Francillia Elcock & family
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang
Sat May 31 - 6:30 a.m. The Visitation of the BVM	Sr. Mary Mumba	Thks: Sandra Aimable & family Miguel Louisy, Ellen Regis

