

Being Merciful

YOU'RE SHARING WITH ME EVEN THOUGH I WAS MEAN TO YOU?



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us to be more kind and generous to others than they are to us. He tells us that the way we treat others is how God will treat us.

Has anyone ever been unkind to you and you felt like getting even by being mean back? Jesus tells us that what we should do instead is be extra kind to that person. Sometimes we do mean or selfish things too, and we hope that God will forgive us.

What our Lord is talking about is called mercy. Mercy means being nicer to a person than they deserve. God is the most merciful of all and we should try our best to be like Him. Next time someone is mean to you ask Jesus to help you forgive that person and be kind to them.



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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.

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

Justice, Truth and Charity, Our Ideals Forever Be.



Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

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7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 20TH FEBRUARY 2022 - YEAR C

Compassionate as the Father.

The story of David and Saul in the First Reading functions almost like a parable. Showing mercy to his deadly foe, David gives a concrete example of what Jesus expects to become a way of life for His disciples. The new law Jesus gives in today's Gospel would have us all become "Davids" - loving our enemies, doing good to those who would harm us, extending a line of credit to those who won't ever repay us.

The Old Law required only that the Israelites love their fellow countrymen. The new law Jesus brings makes us kin to every man and woman. His kingdom isn't one of tribe or nationality. It's a family. As followers of Jesus, we're to live as He lived among us, as children "of the Most High". As sons and daughters, we want to walk in the ways of our heavenly Father, to "be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate." Grateful for His mercy, we're called to forgive others their trespasses because God has forgiven ours.

In the context of today's liturgy, we're all "Sauls"; by our sinfulness and pride we make ourselves enemies of God. But we've been spared a death we surely deserved to die, because God has loved and shown mercy to His enemies - "the ungrateful and the wicked," - as Jesus says. Jesus showed us this love in His Passion, forgiving His enemies as they stripped Him of cloak and tunic, cursed Him and struck Him on the cheek, condemned Him to death on a cross.

"He redeems your life from the grave," David reminds us in the Psalm. That's the promise, too, of the Epistle: that we who believe in the "last Adam," Jesus, will rise from the dead in His image, as today we bear the image of the "first Adam," who by his sin made God an enemy and brought death into the world.

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CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
5.00-5:45 p.m.
&
by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

**1Sam.26:2,7-9,
12-13, 22-23**

Second Reading

1Cor.15:45-49

Gospel

Lk.6:27-38

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.
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

7:00 a.m.



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 primate 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 a 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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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Nellie Hall
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Patsy Crafton
Denis Augustin
Yusuf Langelier

DECEASED

Angela Doyle
Dominic Meda
Agnes Charles
Andrew St. Juste
Nelsia Duchon
Marie Madeleine James

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Jas.3:13-18
Mk.9:14-29



TUESDAY

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



WEDNESDAY

Jas.4:13-17
Mk.9:38-40



THURSDAY

Jas.5:1-6
Mk.9:41-50



FRIDAY

Jas.5:9-12
Mk.10:1-12



SATURDAY

Jas.5:13-20
Mk.10:13-16



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Feb 19 - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: The Destang family
Sun Feb 20 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		80th B'day: Bernadette Leo
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Int: Edith Eudoxie Ronald & Marguerite Devaux
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Feb 21 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey Rev. Anthony Louis	Dc'd: Mr. & Mrs. Randolph Clement Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Naila Williams, Shane Defraites
Tue Feb 22 - 7:00 a.m. <i>The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle. 43rd Independence Anniversary</i>	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	Thks: All St. Lucians B'day: Paulina Prudent, Paul Jn. Baptiste Wedd Ann: Paula & Lorne Theophilus
Wed Feb 23 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr</i>	Msgr. Theophilus Joseph Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	B'day: Giovanni St. Omer Jr. Healing: Natasha Butcher
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Egbert Jean, Beryl Maycock Michael Augustin & family
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Feb 24 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Fr. Barnabas Iorgilim Rev. Girard Glace	B'day: Lucilla Sandiford-James
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang Narcissus Regis, Fitz Baptiste Magdalene & Peter Jackson
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Feb 25 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Henry Nmor Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav	Int: Bernadette Pamphile Cecil Graham, Anthony Louis
Sat Feb 26 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephania Banda	Thks: Althea & Ellen Regis