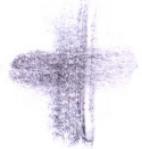
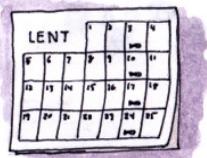


# Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday is the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday. Lent is a special time when we prepare ourselves for Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



If you go to Mass on Ash Wednesday, the priest will make a little cross on your forehead with ashes. The ashes remind us that people were made from the dust of the ground and that some day we will die and go back into the ground.

It is good for us to remember that we will die one day. It helps us realize that God put us here and that we need Him all the time. If we remember how much we need God then we will think of Him more and love Him more.



What is something you can do this Lent to remind yourself every day that you need God?

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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

Lk.6:43-45

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E L E J P S G L Y J F R A O U  
 N H R E E T B S P E A K S L G  
 X W W W O O I Y E J M M Q I T  
 H Y P I P R V L V X D U T D F  
 D X X W L E K V I H U I O E M  
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 C K O Z J N X A H O A W R Q X  
 R P S D Z G X Y M W D W Y D I

FIGS	GRAPES	STORED	FRUIT
IDENTIFIED	SPEAKS	HEART	EVIL
PEOPLE	GOOD	MOUTH	TREE

### 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

# VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 27TH FEBRUARY 2022 - YEAR C

### *Out of the Heart.*

In today's readings we hear Jesus speaking in Galilee, and a Jewish sage named Sirach writing in Jerusalem more than a century earlier. The two of them touch upon a single truth: the words that come out of us make known the hidden thoughts within us. Speech reveals the secrets of the heart.

Sirach teaches that speaking is "the test of a man" and his character. One who is upright will utter words that are truthful and encouraging to others. But one whose heart is cluttered with "rubbish" will be exposed, since the "fruit" of his mouth speaks volumes about the "tree" that produces it. Sirach also compares the testing of our words to clay fired in a kiln - if properly prepared, a useful vessel emerges; but if the clay is not fully dried, it will break apart in the extreme heat.

In a similar way, Jesus insists that a person speaks "out of what fills his heart." He too compares our speech, whether good or bad, to what grows on a tree: "There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit."

Both readings urge us to make wholesome speech a habit. After all, much about who we are is brought to light through what we say. But there's an additional step. The Lord is asking us to look inward, to examine our hearts and fill them with the "store of goodness" that God desires.

Why do purity of heart and speech matter so much? Because, as Jesus declares elsewhere: "by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned". They matter because they help to decide our final judgment.

In the Second Reading, Paul reminds us that God will destroy death forever, and if we are to share in this victory and live forever with the Lord, then we must take all steps necessary to give our hearts and lips to what is good.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading**  
Sir.27:4-7

**Second Reading**  
1Cor.15:54-58

**Gospel**  
Lk.6:39-45

### MASS TIMES

**GROS ISLET**  
Morning Prayers:  
5:45a.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**  
7:00 a.m.  
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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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**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 our heart begins.

(excerpt: onlineministries.creighton.edu)

L Turn away  
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T from sin



**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**THE SICK**

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

**DECEASED**

Angela Doyle  
Nelsia Duchon  
Dominic Meda  
Agnes Charles  
Helen Langelier  
Marie Madeleine James

**WEEKDAY READINGS**



**MONDAY**

1Pet.1:3-9  
Mk.10:17-27



**TUESDAY**

1Pet.1:10-16  
Mk.10:28-31



**WEDNESDAY**

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



**THURSDAY**

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



**FRIDAY**

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



**SATURDAY**

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



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**GROS ISLET**

**CLERGY/RELIGIOUS**

**INTENTIONS**

**8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

Sat Feb 26 - 6:00 p.m.



**Thks:** The Geoffrey family  
**Healing:** Alex Blanchard  
**B'day:** Sherrian Aimable  
Leandre Verneuil, Kevin Williams

Sun Feb 27 - 7:30 a.m.

**MISSA PRO POPULO**

10:00 a.m.

**B'day:** Mario Severin  
**Thks:** Florentina Nelson & family  
**Healing & Guid:** Faysascha George

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

**89th B'day:** Richardnise Remy  
**Thks:** Lucella Sandiford James

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

**Parishioners**

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon Feb 28 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. John Milton  
Fr. Cleophus Joseph  
Sr. Marie Therese Clement

**Thks:** Diane & Richard Palton & families

12:30 p.m.

**Dc'd:** Theonie Gaillard  
Josephine & Felix Remy, Holy Souls

Tue Mar 1 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Athanase Joseph  
Fr. Ignatius Cetoute

**B'day:** Janetha Louis, Davilia Desir  
**58th Baptism Ann:** Shirley Lubin

Wed Mar 2 - 6:00 a.m.

*Ash Wednesday*



**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 Mar 3 - 6:00 a.m.

Msgr. Michel Francis  
Fr. Stephen Quinlan  
Fr. Arthur Zalewski

**Int:** Bernadette Pamphile

12:30 p.m.

**Dc'd:** Raymond Andrew  
Ivy Finisterre, Vero Faisal

Monchy - 6:00 p.m.

**Parishioners**

Fri Mar 4 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. John Wilson  
Fr. Vinoth Santhappan  
Sr. Mary Lee Cox

**Thks:** Althea & Ellen Regis

12:30 p.m.

**B'day:** Angela Alphonse  
**Guid & Protec:**  
Virginia d'Auvergne & family

Sat Mar 5 - 6:30 a.m.

Fr. Joseph Raj

**Dc'd:** Holy Souls in Purgatory