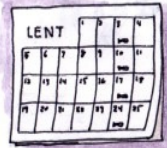


Kids Column Ash Wednesday

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?

grow, house, God, fruit, green, rock

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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.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Lk.6:39-45

Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page.

1. A good tree can't produce _____ fruit.
2. A _____ tree can't produce good fruit.
3. A tree is identified by its _____.
4. A good person produces good things from the _____ of a good heart.
5. An evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil _____.
6. What you _____ flows from what is in your heart.

say bad treasury bad fruit heart

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Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



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8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 2ND MARCH 2025 - YEAR C

From the Heart.

In today's readings we hear Jesus speaking in Galilee, as well as 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 men and their 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 "from the store of goodness in his heart." He too compares our speech, whether good or bad, to what grows on a tree: "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 good treasure 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, and this is where the Second Reading comes in. 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)

CONFESSIONS

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

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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:
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

Your Lenten Journey.

Lent begins in just a few days. It not only beckons us to reflection, but also promises the hope of the resurrection. Are you a bit deeper in love with the Holy Trinity than you were last year? Has the person you are changed a bit since the last Lenten experience? If you are trying to come up with answers then you are probably in about the same place you were last year. So how will that ever be different? It's all up to you.

We still hear the question "What did you give up for Lent?" Beer, chocolate, cake or cookies, maybe some time without TV, phones etc. All of this is good. Every time the desire to indulge pops into your head you must fight it because you have "given it up" for Lent. You choose to deny certain pleasures for the sake of remembering how much of a lowly sinner you are and how many more times those moments must be amplified to even come close to understanding suffering.

Understanding the suffering of Christ is probably something we will never grasp in its fullest. Jesus went willingly to the cross for our sins. With a swipe of his hand or with a word to His Father, Jesus could have brought about our salvation. Yet His act of suffering and dying at Calvary was His message of love for us. His willingness to endure torture, humiliation, pain and ultimately human death was His way of demonstrating the power of sin and what it took for Him to overcome it. Demonstrated for us lest we forget. That is what Lent is about - not forgetting and remembering every year the why, how and who of the Cross. It is about reconnecting with the dynamic of not deserving something, and yet, receiving the best gift of all time.

The "giving up" part is one way to honor that memory, to refocus and re-instill that sense of grace that comes from the knowledge of how blessed we are to be living in the light of Christ. Another way to honour Jesus' selfless act of love is to "do" during Lent. Taking yourself out of your daily routines and adding an act, a task, a chore or a goal for the sole purpose of performing a Lenten duty that you have imposed upon yourself can accomplish the same reconnection. These "doings" do not have to be things that make you suffer in anyway, but allow do you to look outward and embrace an act that causes you to perform for your own good and possibly the good of others.

The act of doing can be as simple as going to Mass during the week, saying special prayers everyday for the souls in Purgatory, the poor, the Pope, or looking for and finding an opportunity everyday to commit a charitable act, or making a small donation everyday to a good cause. You can visit a nursing home, a prison, elderly seniors that are housebound or mentor a child. Let your heart be your guide. The Holy Spirit will surely intercede and help you discern your path.

Anything you do for the love of Christ will keep you mindful of your efforts to advance your relationship with God during Lent and throughout the year. If you can dedicate yourself to a special "doing" for Lent and keep as true to that commitment as possible, your Lenten experience will be fruitful and uplifting. You will arrive at Easter with renewed vigor, drive and purpose.

(excerpt: huffpost.com/Gregory Demetriou

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK**

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Andrew Flood
Stephen Alfred
Nicholas Aurelien
Rosmina Alexander
Felicite Hetty Lucien

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Sir:17:20-28
Mk:10:17-27



TUESDAY

Sir:35:2:15
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

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CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

Sat Mar 1 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Mar 2 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

THOSE THAT BE
PLANTED IN THE HOUSE
OF THE LORD SHALL
FLOURISH IN THE
COURTS OF OUR GOD

B'day: Kevin Williams
Thks: Augusta Toussaint, Glace family
Sancha James, Rhyland Joseph

MISSA PRO POPULO

Thks: Felicia Hyacinth & family
B'day: Stella Actie
Mario & Jean Claude Severin

Thks: Josephine Louis

Thks: Thaddeus Simon & family

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Mar 3 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue Mar 4 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed Mar 5 - 6:00 a.m.
Ash Wednesday

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Monchy - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Mar 6 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fri Mar 7 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat Mar 8 - 6:30 a.m.

Arch Bishop Malzaire
Msgr. Michel Francis
Fr. Arthur Zalewski

Fr. Vinoth Santhappan

Fr. John Wilson
Fr. Joseph Raj
Sr. Mary Lee Cox

Arch Bishop Rivas OP
Msgr. Patrick Anthony
Sr. Mary Mutwiwa

Sr. Frances Nosbisch

Fr. Albert Smith
Mother Rosaria Joseph
Sr. Christine Alphonse

B'day: Shera Griffith-Jackson
Thks: The Griffith family

De'd: Josephine & Felix Remy
Mavis & Peter Jackson, Winston Springer

Int: Dionysia Sealy-Compton

Conversion of Sinners

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Thks: Diane & Richard Palton

Thks: Auto Masters
Lawrence Hyacinth

De'd: Teresa Huntley

De'd: Viviana Chastanet

De'd: Ingrid d' Auvergne