

**The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
June 8th**

In 1638, St. John Eudes, a priest in France who spent his life preaching about the love of God and encouraging people to love Christ and Mary, published his Devotion to the Most Pure Heart and Holy Name of Mary. The feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was first celebrated in 1648. However it didn't gain a huge following until almost two centuries later.

In 1839, our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Catherine Laboure and gave her the image of the Miraculous Medal, which features the images of both the hearts of Jesus and Mary. At Fatima in 1917, Mary told Lucia that she was to remain on Earth to help promote devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart and the children saw in front of our Blessed Mother a heart surrounded by thorns.

In 1942 during the ravages of World War II, Pope Pius XII dedicated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and set the feast for August 22nd. In 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the celebration to the Saturday immediately after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and moved the feast of the Queenship of Mary to August 22nd.

The main difference between the devotions to the hearts of Jesus and Mary is that the one concerned with Jesus emphasizes his divine heart as being full of love for mankind, while devotion to Mary's heart is essentially concerned with the love that her heart has for Jesus, for God.

Honoring Mary's Immaculate Heart is really another way of honoring Mary as the person who was chosen to be the Mother of God, recognizing her extraordinary holiness and the immense love she bestowed on Jesus as his mother, the person who was called to share in and co-operate in his redemptive sufferings.

(excerpt: catholicmom.com)

PRAYER DURING THE HURRICANE SEASON

O Lord, our God and Father, who gives rain and sunshine to your children, we ask you in this rainy season to uphold us and provide for our needs.

You try our patience and test our faith and reliance on you; forgive our sin of ingratitude. So often have we forgotten to thank you for your goodness and acts of mercy. Teach us to look up to you each day, appreciative of rain and sunshine, as you, in your wisdom, through any kind of weather do feed us all.

In your mercy, protect us against hurricanes and tropical storms. Pour out your blessings upon our nation and our people, and make us grateful for the weather we receive from your bountiful hand.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PSALMS 81:10 KJV

I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

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 should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements 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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

CONFESSIONS

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

The Lord of the Sabbath.

The first reading today speaks of the establishment of the Sabbath in the life of the Chosen People. We hear that the Sabbath is a time to remember the great works of God among His people, God's love for His people, and the many times that God has shown His presence among His people. In the Old Testament, and today, one of the great challenges in life is forgetfulness. Once some great deed is past, we tend to forget that deed and the wisdom that might come from meditating on it.

In the second reading we hear that God "has shone in our minds to radiate the light of the knowledge of God's glory", and, "we are con-signed to our death every day for the sake of Jesus, so that in our mortal flesh the life of Jesus may be openly shown."

Unless we take the time to meditate and reflect on these passages, we will fail to understand the Word of God given to us today. Only by meditating on the light that has come into our darkness will we begin to understand how to celebrate the Sabbath each week, the mystery of suffering in the life of Jesus and in our own lives, so that we can recognize that we are being "given up to death for the sake of Jesus."

The focus of today's gospel is the command to keep holy the Lord's Day. Jesus reminds us of the true meaning of keeping the Lord's Day holy — it is an expression of both the love and the goodness of God.

Jesus said that the Sabbath is a day to do good. As the first three Com-mandments tell us, the greatest good we can do is to love God above all else. And so as Catholics, we show our love for God in the most profound way by worshipping him in the Mass. But just celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday is never enough. We need to spend time with God on Sunday and to spend time with God's Word. We should also spend some time doing good for others. In this way we come to know God's love more completely and to live as Jesus did, following His path to the Father.

(excerpt: christdesert.org)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Deut.5:12-15

Second Reading

2Cor.4:6-11

Gospel

Mk.2:23-3:6

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.
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

Variable



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The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - June 7th

For us the word “Sacred Heart of Jesus” symbolizes the divine love of Jesus. It is centered on the heart of Jesus as the emblem of Divine love. This feast celebrates a love so great that nothing is asking too much of this magnificent love.

The love of God remains a love for those who are unworthy. It is a “foolish” love. From this “foolishness” of God came our salvation. Jesus breathed forth the Spirit as He died upon the cross and from His wounded side flowed the life giving waters of baptism and the precious blood of the Eucharist. He gave up His life not just for us, but to us. We are so used to baptism and Eucharist that we forget that they issued forth from His broken body and His pierced heart.

On this feast day, let us express our love to this Sacred Heart to whom families are consecrated and place our total trust in Him and run to Him in our need This Sacred Heart is burning with love for us and will protect us, care for us and give us peace and tranquility.

We are of the religion of love, the religion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Behold the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There, we can see His sufferings, His Cross, His humility, His forgiveness, His victory in the Resurrection, His infinite Love for us.

But the most important demonstration of the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the Holy Eucharist. Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is the companion of our exile, by His real presence: “Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened and I will give you rest”.

Fr. Eugene Lobo S.J.

(excerpt: msjnov.wordpress.com)

Personal Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, inspired by Your love for me, I come to consecrate myself totally and completely to Thee. It is my most fervent desire to devote myself, - body, mind and spirit - to Your Most Sacred Heart and by my words and my deeds to inspire others to also devote themselves to You.

Receive my heart, O Lord, and unite it with Thine, I pray! Make it humble, gentle, patient, faithful and generous like Thine by inflaming it with the fire of Thy love. O My Jesus, who knowest my heart better than I know it, hold it close to Your Heart that I may love You always above all else and that I may never grieve Your Heart again.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on me. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I Love thee. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee.

Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Teresa Huntley
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Anthony Joy
Edward Joseph
Angela Auguste
Patricia Mitchell
Mary John Baptiste

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

2Pt. 1:2-7
Mk.12:1-12



TUESDAY

2Pt.3:11-15,17-18
Mk.12:13-17



WEDNESDAY

2Tim.1:1-3,6-12
Mk.12:18-27



THURSDAY.

2Tim.2:8-15
Mk.12:28-34



FRIDAY

Hos.11:1,3-4,8-9
Eph.3:8-12, 14-19
Jn.19:31-37



SATURDAY

2Tim.4:1-8
Lk.2:41-51



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

9TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Sat Jun 01- 6:00 p.m.

Sun Jun 02 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

Sing aloud unto
God our strength:
make a joyful noise
unto the God of Jacob.

Psalm 81:1 KJV

Thks: Augusta Toussaint
B'day: Martin Monplaisir, Denzel Roberts
Int: Bousquet, Glace & George families

MISSA PRO POPULO

Thks: Alison Lewis
The Huntley & Wells families

Thks: Catherine Augustin & family

Guid & Protec:
Andre, Ross & Melanie Downes

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Jun 03 - 6:00 a.m.

*Sts. Charles Lwanga
& Companions, Martyrs*

12:30 p.m.

Tue Jun 04 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed Jun 05 - 6:00 a.m.

*St. Boniface
Bishop & Martyr*

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Jun 06 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fri Jun 07 - 6:00 a.m.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

12:30 p.m.

Sat Jun 08 - 6:30 a.m.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Fr. Athanase Joseph
Fr. Arthur Zalewski
Msgr. Michel Francis

Fr. Vinoth Santhappan

Fr. Joseph Raj
Fr. John Wilson

Msgr. Patrick Anthony

Arch. Robert Rivas OP

Fr. Amalraj
Fr. Albert Smith

Dc'd: Mary Roach

Dc'd: Bennett Best

Healing: Matthew Pistol
Int: Anthony Robinson

Dc'd: Rochelle Leon
Horace Augustin

Int: Andre Arlette

Parishioners

Thks: Bernadette Pamphile

Dc'd: Cecil Graham

Thks: Glace Motors Ltd.

Thks: Diane & Richard Palton

Thks: Mikaela & Imani Elliott