

# Alleluia!

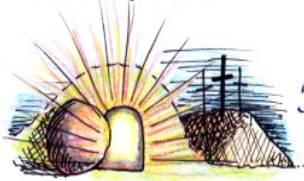


Today is the biggest feast of the year! Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever- it gave them hope. Also, because He rose from the dead, now we can rise from the dead too after we die.

Imagine what it would be like to be one of Jesus' friends when He died on the cross. You were hoping that He would be the saviour that would overthrow the bad government and become the king, but now He was beaten and killed! How would you feel? What would you be doing after this horrible weekend was over? It would seem pretty hopeless, wouldn't it?

But then- some of the women come running and say that Jesus rose from the dead! Would you believe them? And then imagine that you are in the room with the other disciples with the doors locked and suddenly Jesus is standing in the room, saying, "Peace be with you!" Now what would you think?

*Today is the day  
for rejoicing!  
JESUS IS ALIVE!*



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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.

## Wordsearch Puzzle

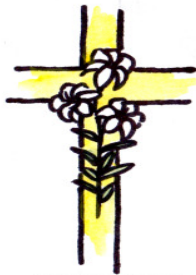
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B H M W E E K A J E S U S E S  
 N T J O X D G N O L M L N A R  
 I S Z V K M T G O R H C L R I  
 B D O I T C A E R I S E N T S  
 X A M O L A L L R S R R T H E  
 A Y F O E A X P N L D T O Q N  
 O H N X B G Q X N I U N M U L  
 S E L O Y Z W S R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

TOMB	ANGEL	RISEN	RISEN	STONE
SHOOK	WEEK	FIRST	DAWN	HEAVEN
EARTHQUAKE	ROLLED	JESUS	AFRAID	DAY

## Easter Word-Find

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



Find the words in CAPITALS and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

Early on the **FIRST** day of the **WEEK**, when it was still **DARK**, **MARY** and Mary **MAGDALEN** and some other women went to bring spices to Jesus' **TOMB**. They wondered who would roll away the **STONE**. But when they got there, they saw it was already moved, and the tomb was **EMPTY**! They ran and told the disciples. **SIMON PETER** and the other **DISCIPLE**, whom Jesus **LOVED**, ran to the tomb and found it as the women had said. The **LINEN CLOTHS** were lying there, and the **NAPKIN** that had been on Jesus' head was folded up. Then they began to **BELIEVE**, because they hadn't known the **SCRIPTURE** that said that Jesus must **RISE** from the **DEAD**.

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St. Joseph the Worker Parish

**CONFESSIONS**  
 Every Saturday  
 9.00 - 10.00 a.m.  
 6.00 - 6.45p.m.  
 &  
 by appointment

Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

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# VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MIP

EASTER SUNDAY - 9TH APRIL, 2023 - YEAR A

## They Saw and Believed.

Jesus is nowhere visible; yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed." What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He had not been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind. But notice the repetition of the word "tomb", seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what Jesus had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," the First Reading tells us, the Apostles were commissioned to preach and testify to all that they had seen, from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan, to know how "all the prophets bear this witness" to Him. Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them, that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," of whom today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation.

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as the Epistle calls Him. Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come, the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)



**First Reading**

Acts 10:34, 37-43

**Second Reading**

Col.3:1-4

**Gospel**

Jn.20:1-9

**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**

G/Islet/G.Riviere  
7:30 a.m.



**Gros Islet/Monchy**

10:00 a.m.



**HOLIDAY**

Variable





Since Easter represents the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar. On this the greatest day of the year, all fasting and somber thoughts are banished. As St. John Chrysostom announces in this famous Easter sermon, all are invited to the feast:

“Let all then enter the joy of Our Lord! Both the first and the last, and those who come after, enjoy your reward! Rich and poor, dance with one another, sober and slothful, celebrate the day. Those who have kept the fast and those who have not, rejoice today, for the table is richly spread. Fare royally upon it - the calf is a fatted one.

Let no one go away hungry. All of you, enjoy the banquet of faith! All enjoy the riches of His goodness. Let no one cry over his poverty, for the universal Kingdom has appeared!

Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again, for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let none fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He spoiled the power of hell when He descended thereto. Isaiah foretold this when he cried, 'Death has been frustrated in meeting him below!' It is frustrated, for it is destroyed. It is frustrated, for it is annihilated. It is frustrated, for now it is made captive. For it grabbed a body and discovered God. It took earth, and behold! It encountered Heaven. It took what was visible, and was overcome by what was invisible. O Death, where is your sting? O Death, where is your victory?

Christ is risen, and the demons are cast down. Christ is risen, and life is set free. Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead. For Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits for those who sleep. To Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!” Have a Blessed Easter Season.

(excerpt: catholic.org)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**THE SICK**

Patsy Crafton  
Martha Mason  
Iris Macauldy  
Teresa Huntley

**DECEASED**

Eric Joseph  
Teresa Felix  
Prisca Delice  
Henry Kappel  
Carmen Lorde  
Frances James  
Francis Charles  
Christiana Pierre

**WEEKDAY READINGS**



**MONDAY**  
Acts 2:14, 22-33  
Mt.28:8-15



**TUESDAY**  
Acts 2:36-41  
Jn.20:11-18



**WEDNESDAY**  
Acts 3:1-10  
Lk.24:13-35



**THURSDAY**  
Acts 3:11-26  
Lk.24:35-48



**FRIDAY**  
Acts 4:1-12  
Jn.21:1:14



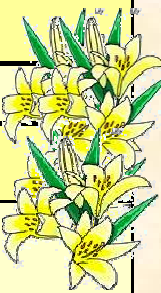
**SATURDAY**  
Acts 4:13-21  
Mk. 16:9-15

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**GROS ISLET**

**CLERGY / RELIGIOUS**

**INTENTIONS**



**EASTER SUNDAY -2023**

**Sat April 8- 7:30 p.m.**  
*Easter Vigil*

**Sun April 9 - 7.30 a.m.**  
*Easter Sunday*

**10:00 a.m.**

**Gr. Riviere – 7:30 a.m.**

**Monchy - 10:00 a.m.**

This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:24 (KJV)

**MISSA PRO POPULO**

**Wedd Ann:**  
Erickson & Prudentia Raymond  
**B'day:** Karen & Mona Davis

**B'day:** Veronica Louis, Diane Palton  
**Sp. Int.** Simone Blanchard & family

**Thks:** Catherine Augustin & family

**Thks:** Sandra & Maxim Dorseide

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon April 10 - 7:00 a.m.**  
*Holiday*

Sr. Petronilla Banda

**B'day:** Maria Fowell, Zoey Hinkson  
Rohan & Rochelle Alphonse

**Tue April 11 - 6:00 a.m.**

Sr. Scholastica Chanda

**Dc'd:** Eldifa & Jones Joseph  
Neil & Rosemarie Edmunds  
Charles Hippolyte, Junior S. Thomas

**Wed April 12 - 6:00 a.m.**

**12:30 p.m.**

Rev. Wilfred Harris  
Rev. Marcellus Serieux

**B'day:** Lee Ann Charles

**B'day:** Desiree Roberts  
**Thks:** Janet James  
**Healing:** Berkley Blanchard

**Gr. Riviere - 6.00 p.m.**

**Parishioners**

**Thu April 13 - 6:00 a.m.**

**12:30 p.m.**

Rev. Anthony Pierre  
Rev. Vincent Norbert  
Rev. Madison Stanislaus

**Dc'd:** Kevin Haywood  
Jeannette Knights. Ledwin Moise

**B'day:** Bernadette Hinds  
**Guid & Protec:** Armani Modeste

**Fri April 14 - 6:00 a.m.**

**12:30 p.m.**

Msgr. Justin Barthelmy  
Sr. Mary Dungdung  
Sr. Mercy Masaka

**Thks:** Mary Sidoine & family  
**Wedd Ann:** Claude & Mary Severin

**Dc'd:** Cherricia Angel  
Stephen Macauldy  
Charmaine Blanchard - Johnson