

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand with five loaves and two fish

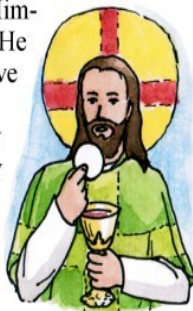


In today's Gospel reading, the disciples see all the hungry people who had come to listen to Our Lord and to be healed. They know that they can't feed them all, so they ask Jesus to

send them to the towns to buy food. But Jesus isn't limited by nature, because He is God. He blesses a bit of bread and fish and it becomes enough to feed over five thousand people!

Our Lord was showing us that He will provide for all our needs if we listen to Him, just like it says in today's reading from the prophet Isaiah. In this story He was providing for the people's bodily needs, but He also provides for our spiritual needs.

In Holy Communion, Jesus gives Himself to us for spiritual food. Just like He could do the miracle of feeding the five thousand, He works the miracle of turning bread and wine into His Body and Blood for us at every Mass. Now He feeds millions of people all over the world with Himself!



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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.

Reflection: The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord -August 6th

High on the holy mountain, the true identity of Jesus is fully revealed in His transfiguration. Standing between Moses and the prophet Elijah, Jesus is the bridge that joins the Law of Moses to the prophets and psalms. As Moses did, Jesus climbs a mountain with three friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud. As Elijah did, He hears God's voice on the mountain.

Elijah was prophesied to return as the herald of the messiah and the Lord's new covenant. Jesus is revealed as that messiah. By His death and resurrection, which He intimates to the apostles, He makes a new covenant with all creation.

The majestic voice declares Jesus to be God's own beloved Son, in whom the Father is well pleased. God here gives us a glimpse of His inner life. In the cloud of the Holy Spirit, the Father reveals His love for the Son, and invites us to share in that love as His beloved sons and daughters.

Shadowed by the clouds of heaven, His clothes dazzling white, Jesus is the Son of Man whom Daniel foresees being enthroned (Dn. 7). He is the king, the Lord of all the earth. But is He truly the Lord of our hearts and minds?

The last word God speaks from heaven is a command -"Listen to Him". As Peter tells us in the Second Reading of the feast day the word of the Lord should be like a lamp shining in the darkness of our days. How well are we listening? Do we attend to His word each day?

Let us rededicate ourselves to listening. Let us hear Him as the word of life, the bright morning star of divine life waiting to arise in our hearts.

(excerpt: salvationhistory.com)

**The LORD is gracious,
and full of compassion;
slow to anger,
and of great mercy.**

Psalms 145:8 KJV

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St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday

9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

&
by appointment

Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Participation/Mission

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 2ND AUGUST 2026 - YEAR A

Food in Due Season.

In Jesus and the Church, Isaiah's promises in the First Reading are fulfilled. All who are thirsty come to the living waters of Baptism. The hungry delight in rich fare, given bread to eat and wine to drink at the Eucharistic table.

This is the point, too, of today's Gospel. The story of Jesus' feeding of the five thousand brims with allusions to the Old Testament. Jesus is portrayed as a David-like shepherd who leads His flock to lie down on green grass as He spreads the table of the Messiah's banquet before them. Jesus is shown as a new Moses, who likewise fed vast crowds in a deserted place. Finally, Jesus is shown doing what the prophet Elisha did - satisfying the hunger of the crowd with a few loaves and having some left over.

Matthew also wants us to see the feeding of the five thousand as a sign of the Eucharist. Notice that Jesus performs the same actions in the same sequence as at the Last Supper - He takes bread, says a blessing, breaks it, and gives it. Jesus commands His Apostles to celebrate the Eucharist in memory of Him, and the ministry of the Twelve is subtly stressed in today's account.

Before He performs the miracle, Jesus instructs the Twelve to give the crowd "some food yourselves." Indeed, the Apostles themselves distribute the bread blessed by Jesus. The leftovers are enough to fill precisely twelve baskets, corresponding to each of the Apostles, the pillars of the Church.

In the Church, as we sing in the Psalm, God gives us food in due season, opens His hands and satisfies the desires of every living thing. Now, as Paul reminds us in the Epistle, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

(except: st.paulcenter.com)

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Is.55:1-3

Second Reading

Rom.8:35,37-39

Gospel

Mt.14:13-21



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



St. Jean Marie Vianney, Curé d’Ars: Feast Day August 4th

Jean-Baptiste Marie Vianney was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, France. He was the fourth of six children born to Matthieu and Marie Vianney. In 1790, when the anticlerical phase of the French Revolution forced priests to work in secrecy or face execution, young Vianney believed that priests were heroes. At 13 years old, in secrecy, John made his First Communion and prepared for his confirmation. When he was 20 years old, John was allowed to leave the family farm to undertake ecclesiastical studies at a "presbytery school" in Écully. In 1809, John was drafted into Napoleon Bonaparte's armies. As an ecclesiastical student, he would normally have been exempted from military service, but Napoleon had withdrawn the exemption in some dioceses as he required more soldiers. Two days into his service, John fell ill and required hospitalization. He met a young man who led him into the mountains where military deserters met. John lived with them for over one year and hid when gendarmes came in search of deserters until 1810, when deserters were granted amnesty. John then returned to Écully and resumed his ecclesiastic studies. He attended a minor seminary in 1812, and became a priest on August 12, 1815. When he began his priestly duties, Fr. Vianney realized many were either ignorant or indifferent to religion as a result of the French Revolution. He spent much time in confession working eleven to sixteen hours each day to reconcile people with God, and often delivered homilies against blasphemy. Soon his parish of Ars became known for the radical spiritual transformation of the community and its surroundings. This transformation is attributed to Fr. Vianney’s saintly life, mortification, his ministry in the sacrament of confession, and an ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary as well as St. Philomena, to whom he was deeply devoted. When he later became deathly ill, he attributed his return to health to St. Philomena's intercession. His fame spread until people began to travel to Ars visit him. Within thirty years, it is said he received up to twenty thousand pilgrims each year. However, by 1853, Fr. Vianney had attempted to leave Ars four times with the intention of becoming a monk, but decided after the final time that it was not to be. Six years later, he passed away and left behind a legacy of faith. On October 3, 1873, Pope Pius IX proclaimed Fr. Vianney as "venerable" and on January 8, 1905, Pope Pius X beatified him, and he was canonized on May 31, 1925. St. John Vianney is viewed as the champion of the poor. He is the patron saint of parish priests, and the patron of our Grande Riviere Chapel.

“I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love
You until the last breath of my life.”
St. John Vianney.

(excerpt: catholic.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK

Grissel Leon
Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Claudia Joseph

DECEASED

Violet Isidore
Malcolm Burns
Marie F. Chassang
Nicholas Alexander
Augustin John Baptiste



WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Jer.28:1-17
Mt.14:22-36



TUESDAY

Jer.30:1-2,12-15,18-22
Mt.15:1-2,10-14



WEDNESDAY

Jer.31:1-7
Mt.15:21-28



THURSDAY

Dan.7:9-10,13-14
2Pet.1:16-19
Mt.17:1-9



FRIDAY

Nah.2:1,3,3:1-3,6-7
Mt.16:24-28



SATURDAY

Hab.1:12-2:4
Mt.17:14-20



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Aug 1 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Aug 2 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.



B’day: Tanysia Compton
Thks: Augusta Toussaint
Sacred Heart: Perlin Verdant & family
Wedd Ann:
Anthony & Anthea Bousquet

MISSA PRO POPULO

Thks: The Clovis family

Int: Margaret Satney
B’day: Gabby & Joshua Davidson

Healing: Agatha Charles

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Aug 3 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue Aug 4 - 6:00 a.m.

St. John Mary Vianney, Priest

Wed Aug 5 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Aug 6 - 6:00 a.m.

Transfiguration of the Lord

12:30 p.m.

Fri Aug 7 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat Aug 8 - 6:30 a.m.

St. Dominic, Priest

Archbishop Malzaire
Msgr. Michel Francis

Fr. Vinoth Santhappan

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

Msgr. Patrick Anthony
Sr. Mary Mutwiwa

Archbishop Robert Rivas OP
Sr. Frances Nosbisch

Fr. Albert Smith
Mother Rosaria Joseph
Sr. Christine Alphonse

B’day: Alphonso & Claudia Charles

Guid: Mikaela Elliott
Wedd Ann: Myrtle & Herald Wilson

B’day: Derek Edward
Holy Spirit: Claudia Edward

Thks: Diane & Richard Palton
Mgmt. & Staff of Glace Motors

B’day: Delrick Dujon
Healing & Deliv: Dorina Jn. Marie

Parishioners

Thks: Bernadette Pamphile

Dc’d: Mona James
Rosa & Antoine Glace
Irene & Joseph Destang

Thks: Sacred Heart Confraternity
Holy Spirit: Ewa Girard
BVM: Perlin Verdant & family

Dc’d: Theonie Gaillard
Remy & Chong families

Dc’d: Eileen Paul
Monica & Utes Alcide