

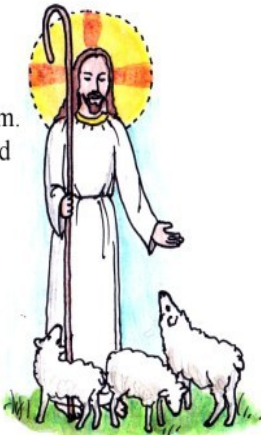
The Good Shepherd



The readings in today's Mass talk about Jesus the Good Shepherd. In Jesus' time, and still in some parts of the world today, there would be flocks of sheep grazing in the pastures. The shepherds were the people who looked after the flocks and made sure none of the sheep got lost or hurt or attacked by wild animals.

The Church is the flock of Jesus, and He is the Good Shepherd. He guides the people in the Church so that their souls will not be hungry- He gives us grace, just like a shepherd makes sure his sheep have lots of grass to eat!

Like the shepherd protects the sheep from danger, Our Lord also protects us from harm. In the "Our Father" we ask God to deliver us from evil. When our souls are hurt by sin, the Good Shepherd heals us with forgiveness in Confession.



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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.

Saint Joseph the Worker - May 1st
Patron Saint of our Parish

“May Day” has long been dedicated to labour and the working man. In 1955, Pope Pius XII used May Day to establish the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in order to Christianize the concept of labour and give to all workers a model and a protector.

By his daily labour, offered to God with patience and joy, Joseph provided for his family, becoming an example to all labourers. It is eminently fitting that Joseph, a working man who became the foster-father of Christ and patron of the universal Church, should be honoured on this day.

Pope Francis wrote that Joseph, “a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family,” teaches us “the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one’s own labour.”

This aspect of Joseph’s character provided Pope Francis the opportunity to launch an appeal in favour of work, which is “a burning social issue” even in countries with a certain level of well-being, as “there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which St. Joseph is an exemplary patron.” Work, Pope Francis continued, “is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion.” Those who work “are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us.”

Pope Francis encouraged everyone “to rediscover the value, the importance and the necessity of work for bringing about a new normal from which no one is excluded.” The Pope exhorted everyone to “review our priorities” and to express our firm conviction that no person at all should be without work”.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

(excerpt: catholicculture.org) (vaticannews.va)



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Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Easter’s empty tomb is a call to conversion. By this tomb, we should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, as Peter preaches in today’s First Reading. He is the “Lord,” the divine Son that David foresaw at God’s right hand, and He is the Messiah that God had promised to shepherd the scattered flock of the house of Israel.

As we hear in the Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd. He calls, not only to the children of Israel, but to all those far off from Him, to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice. The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and to the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist, as we sing in the Psalm.

Again on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter’s preaching. “What are we to do?” they cried. We have been baptized. But each of us goes astray like sheep, as we hear in the Epistle. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation.

We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. From Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God.

Jesus has gone ahead, has driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb, the verdant pastures of life abundant.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

CONFESSIONS

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

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Acts 2:14, 36-41

Second Reading

1Pt.2:20-25

Gospel

Jn.10:1-10

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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.

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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

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

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Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.

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HOLIDAY
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St. Catherine of Siena: Feast Day April 29

St. Catherine of Siena was born in 1347, in Siena, Tuscany, Italy, the youngest of 25 children in a devout, lower middle-class family. She had a twin sister, Giovanna, who died shortly after birth, and most of her siblings did not survive childhood.

Catherine was nicknamed Euphrosyne, meaning “joy,” due to her cheerful disposition. From a young age, she experienced mystical visions, reportedly seeing Christ when she was six, which profoundly shaped her spiritual life .

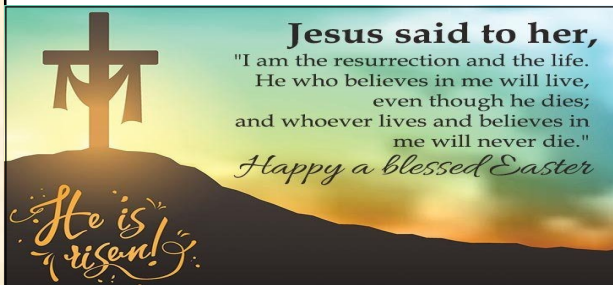
At sixteen, Catherine joined the Dominican Third Order, a lay branch allowing her to live a religious life while remaining at home. She confirmed her vow of virginity and dedicated herself to prayer, penance, and charitable works, particularly caring for the sick. Her ascetic life-style and spiritual guidance attracted followers and gained her a reputation for holiness. Catherine experienced a “spiritual espousal” to Christ in her early twenties and reportedly received the stigmata, though invisible to others, symbolizing her deep union with Christ’s suffering.

Catherine played a significant role in papal politics, urging Pope Gregory XI to return the papacy from Avignon to Rome in 1376 and mediating peace in Florence after a rebellion by the poor people there. She also promoted church reform and encouraged a Crusade against the Muslims, demonstrating her engagement in both spiritual and political matters. Catherine’s writings, all of which were dictated, include about 380 letters, 26 prayers, and 4 treatises known as “The Dialogue of Divine Providence” which remain influential in Catholic theology.

She died on April 29, 1380, in Rome, at age thirty-three. Catherine was canonized in 1461 and later declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970, a title granted to saints whose writings are of special importance. She is a patron saint of both Italy and Europe, nurses, and the sick, reflecting her enduring spiritual and social influence .

St. Catherine’s life exemplifies mystical devotion, charitable service, and courageous engagement in church affairs. Her writings, letters, and spiritual guidance continue to inspire Catholics and scholars, and her home in Siena remains a site of pilgrimage.

(excerpt: www.britannica.com)



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Marie Joseph
Claudia Albert-Joseph

DECEASED

Mary Alfred
Henry Smith
Conrad Lorde
Frederick Joseph
Rose Anna Edwin
Veronica Alexander

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Acts 11:1-18
Jn.10:11-18
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TUESDAY
Acts 11:19-26
Jn.10:22-30
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WEDNESDAY
Acts 12:24-13:5
Jn.12:44-50
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THURSDAY
Acts 13:13-25
Jn.13:16-20
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FRIDAY
Acts 13:26-33
Mt.13:54-58
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SATURDAY
Acts.13:44-52
Jn.14:7-14

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MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
Sat Apr 25 – 6:00 p.m.	 <p>The LORD is my SHEPHERD I shall not want. PSALM 23.1-2 THEWORDFORTHEDAY</p>	Sp. Int: The Glace family Health: Marie Ange Williams The Gregg & Myers families Thks: Myrtle Octave, Zella Stewart Wedd Ann: Maude & Hilton Oculien
Sun Apr 26 - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere – 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Zenna Smith, Anne-Marie Felicien Thks: Imelda Polymise & family Emma Charles, Priscilla Charles & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Apr 27 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	Deliv: Jocelyne Café Wedd Ann: Augustin & Martha Rosemond
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Azizi Alexander, Thecla Deterville
Tue Apr 28 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. John Milton	B'day: Lyndon Samuel Deliv: Evin Leon, Alonzeau Euzanne
Wed Apr 29 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Catherine of Siena Virgin & Doctor</i>	Rev. David Popo Rev. Gerard Calderon Rev. Herald Wilson	Dc'd: Thecla Crescentia Deterville Albertine & Richard Grené
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Peter Clarke
Thu Apr 30 - 6:00 a.m.	Sr. Margaret Maynard Rev. Peter Fevrier	Dc'd: Letitia Laurent Valerie, Paulette & Jean Arnaud
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Xanaï Boxill, Zenna Smith Thks: Cyrillia & Althea Palton Gamian & Marilyn Hyacinth
Sat May 2 - 6:30 a.m.	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Stephen Quinlan Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo	Thks: Fr. Athanase Joseph Sacred Heart: Perlin Verdant & family Deliv: Cindy & Marie-Georges Arnaud Anthony & Yancy Arnaud