

**Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary**

This Thursday, March 19th, is the feast day of Saint Joseph. He is one of the greatest saints in the Church. The Bible doesn't tell us very much about him, but we know that he was very obedient and trusted God, and that he must have been a very holy man- God chose him to look after His own Son, Jesus!

Saint Joseph was just a poor Jewish carpenter, but God saw that he was a very good man so He chose him to be the husband and protector of Mary, who would be the Mother of Jesus. Saint Joseph provided for Mary by his hard work.



When Jesus was born Saint Joseph protected Him from the evil King Herod, who wanted to kill Him. He spent his days working to support Jesus and Mary and taught Jesus how to be a carpenter. Saint Joseph was Jesus' teacher, but he also learned from Jesus how to be holy.

Saint Joseph died a holy and peaceful death in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Now he is in Heaven, helping us when we pray to him. We should pray to him because he is a great protector and teacher for us, just like he was for Jesus.

**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:**

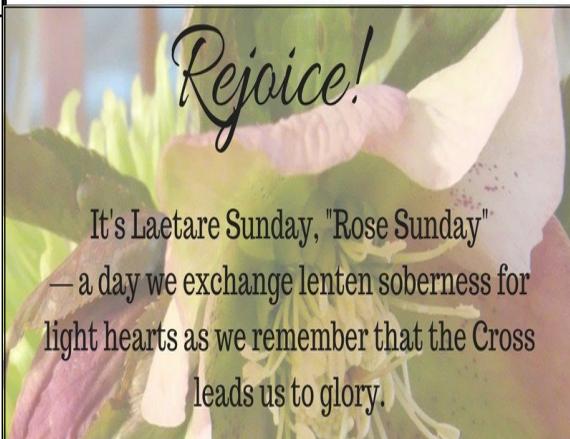
Couples should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at least 6 months before the desired date

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.

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

BLIND	EYES	SPIT	POOL	WASH
WORLD	SINNED	SIGHT	NIGHT	BORN
HOME	MUD	LIFE	OPENED	LIGHT
SILOAM	PARENTS	RECEIVED	BIRTH	GROUND



**St. Joseph the Worker Parish**

**Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy**

***Giving Sight to the Blind.***

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel as the blind man comes to see, and the Pharisees are made "blind."

The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin," he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ. As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth, Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay. As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "sent."

Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will. He is the new source of life-giving water: the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism. This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king, David, in the First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him, David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come - Jesus.

The Lord is our shepherd, we sing in the Psalm. By His death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church. In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing.

With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "Lord, I believe." "The Lord looks at the heart," we hear in the First Reading. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in the Epistle, living as "children of light," trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

**SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading**

1Sam.16:1,6-7  
10-13

**Second Reading**

Eph.5:8-14

**Gospel**

Jn.9:1-41

**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.

**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

**CONFESSIONS**

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



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**Lenten Reflection - Reconciliation**

Lent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and healing graces our Lord offers us. Like all religious experiences, it takes preparation. Reconciliation is what God does. We prepare for it by opening ourselves up, by reflecting upon the areas of darkness in our lives into which God so deeply desires to shine a light.

It might begin with the simple question: where might God be offering me forgiveness and healing? If my answer is, "I don't know," then I have some reflection to do. I can examine my life - what I have done and what I have failed to do - and see what graces are offered me there.

If I've come through that era of saying that any guilt, anything that makes me feel bad about myself, is a bad thing, to be avoided at all costs, then I might have a difficult time coming to genuine sorrow for my sins. If this is the case, I need to work on my reflection, asking God to rouse a sense of embarrassment, leading to deep sorrow, for any way I may not have been faithful, honest, loving, selfless or generous in my relationship with God, with my family, with others.

God will always shine light into these important parts of our lives, to help us experience remorse and a genuine desire for forgiveness and healing. The point here is not ultimately to focus on ourselves. The focus is on God's reconciling, healing love. As John says, God showed his love for us when he sent his only Son into the world to give us life. Real love isn't our love for God, but God's love for us. God sent his Son to be the sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven.

It may be that I have experienced troubling guilt coming out of deep childhood trauma or a long-standing sense of shame This may plague my ability to feel good about myself and to be able to reflect upon my sins, the ways I fail at loving. I can still prepare for genuine reconciliation by preparing to better trust God's love for me, based upon two convictions. First, God's love is unconditional - it is not conditioned on my being better, or my overcoming anything, or even my being good at all - God just loves me. Secondly, God knows everything, including what I'm struggling with or suffering under. It may be that my greatest sin, the place where I need the greatest sorrow and desire for forgiveness and healing, is my lack of trust in God's complete and unconditional love for me.

Even in a place I might be most embarrassed and feel most naked, God is loving me and offering me wholeness and joy.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**THE SICK**

Patsy Crafton  
Iris Macauldy  
Marie Joseph  
Anne Marie Felicien

**DECEASED**

Conrad Lorde  
Camelia Jones  
Theresa Daniel  
Gabriel Joseph  
Frederick Joseph  
Rose Anna Clovis  
Elizabeth Gaspard  
Veronica Alexander  
Philomene Ambrose

**WEEKDAY READINGS**



**MONDAY**

Is.65:17-21  
Jn.4:43-54



**TUESDAY**

Ez.47:1-9,12  
Jn.5:1-3,5-16



**WEDNESDAY**

Is.49:8-15  
Jn.5:17-30



**THURSDAY**

2Sam.7:4-5,12-14,16  
Rom.4:13,16-18,22  
Mt.1:16,18-21,24



**FRIDAY**

Wis.2:1,12-22  
Jn.7:1-2,10,25-30



**SATURDAY**

Jer.11:18-20  
Jn.7:40-52



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**GROS ISLET**

**CLERGY /RELIGIOUS**

**INTENTIONS**

**4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A**

**Sat Mar 14 - 6:00 p.m.**

*The Lord is my Shepherd;  
I shall not want.*

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

*He restores my soul.*

-Psalm 23:1-3

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**B'day:** Patricia Charles  
Aidan Bousquet, Joe Dubois  
Michael Stanislaus, Genevieve Didier  
**Thks:** Tarbula & Cyrille Amedee  
The Glace, George & Bousquet families

**MISSA PRO POPULO**

**B'day:** Angela Auguste  
**God's Blessings:** Joanna & Nigel Jules

**Healing:** Zinnia Melius

**Healing:** Claudia Albert-Joseph

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon Mar 16 - 6:00 a.m.**

Rev. Errol Frederick  
Sr. Rosemarie Minj

**Dc'd:** Catherine Hinkson  
James & Paulina Prudent

**12:30 p.m.**

**B'day:** Jodin Primus  
Anne Marie Gaspard

**Tues Mar 17- 6:00 a.m.**

Fr. Yvon Tremont

**Healing:** Edna Hill  
**Thks:** Valdine Belrose  
Cyrillia & Althea Palton

**Wed Mar 18 - 6:00 a.m.**

Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy  
Sr. Bernadette Peter

**Dc'd:** Urban Preville , Lucy Regobert  
Kenneth & Mona James, Francis Cadette

**Thu Mar 19 - 6:00 a.m.**

*St. Joseph  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Fr. Lambert St. Rose

**Thks:** Joseph Barber  
Marie Josephine Beaubrun-Barber  
**IHO St. Joseph:**  
Perlin Verdant & family

**12:30 p.m.**

**Dc'd:** Rosa & Antoine Glace  
Irene & Joseph Destang  
Maggie Sylvester, Lucelta John  
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Macauldy

**Fri Mar 20 - 6:00 a.m.**

Fr. Paul Vu  
Rev. John Douglas  
Rev. Robert Harvey

**Thks:** David & Marie-Noella Clotail  
Jean-Manoel Clotail, Marion Vendoméle

**12:30 p.m.**

**Deliv:** Julietta Albertie  
**Thks:** Hester Parker  
Mary Wellington & family

**Sat Mar 21 - 6:30 a.m.**

Rev. Anthony Louis

**Dc'd:** Rachael John, Felix Eugene