

Good Friday Reflection:

“He was pierced through for our faults” Is. 53:5

As we stand before the Cross this Good Friday, if we come in purity of heart, we will enter into a mystery of love beyond the world. See the innocent Son of God hanging there, bloodied and battered. Our Lord willingly accepted that brutal death so that we might be saved from ourselves. Through His Passion and Death on the Cross, enduring undeserved pain and agony, our God rescued us. He saved us from death without our asking, without our deserving it.

Prior to His last words Jesus said, "I thirst", and “they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to His mouth.” It was a sprig of hyssop that the people of Israel used to apply the lambs’ blood to the doorposts in Egypt to save themselves from the destroyer. Christ thirsts on the Cross that His blood will be shed so that the destroyer will pass over us. He thirsts for our salvation, thirsts to accomplish what the Father has willed: the Final Covenant sealed in His own blood.

And, at last, "It is finished". The last words uttered from that terrible yet wondrous Cross embodies Christ’s entire mission of salvation: His birth as God Incarnate; His life within the Holy Family at Nazareth; His countless and beautiful acts as Master and Teacher; and His selfless, radical love so evident in His Passion and Death. The spotless Lamb has given Himself over to the People of God in an indescribable act of thirst and love.

The Cross challenges us, it troubles our consciences, it reveals in the light of reality our failings and sin. It demands change and repentance; it demands a new life of unity with Christ and His people. It demands love. Let us remember that this Love who pours out His blood for us does so to transform us into something beyond ourselves. We are called to a new life. We are called to pick up our cross. Let us thirst for Him.

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IT IS FINISHED...
Paid in Full!

Kids Column

Holy Week

Did you know that this week is the most important one in the whole year? Holy Week has Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On these days we remember and celebrate the most important things that Jesus did before His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

On Holy Thursday Jesus said the first Mass and made his apostles the first priests. Go to Mass on Thursday if you can, and think about what Jesus did- He made bread and wine into Himself so that He could still be with us after He went back into Heaven.

On Good Friday Jesus suffered terribly and then died on the cross because of our sins. He offered up His life, even though He had never sinned, so that all of us could go to Heaven. That's why we call it "Good" Friday. Can you offer some sacrifice to Jesus in return for what He did for you?

On Holy Saturday Jesus' body was in the tomb. His friends were all shocked by what had happened and were afraid and sad. They did not remember what was going to happen next... Do you remember what happened after Holy Saturday?



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Good Friday Blessings
But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
Have a Blessed Day!
Isaiah 53:5 RJO



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PALM SUNDAY - 29TH MARCH, 2026 - YEAR A

It is finished.

“All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled,” Jesus says in today's Gospel. Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today's long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the cross at the place called the Skull.

In His Passion, Jesus is "counted among the wicked," as Isaiah had foretold. He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today's First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked, as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes, and as His enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering. He remains faithful to God's will to the end, does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that “The Lord comes to My help...I know I shall not be shamed.”

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam's disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will. This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His Name.

Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as the centurion today, that truly this is the Son of God.

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CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

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by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Is. 50:4-7

Second Reading

Phil.2:6-11

Gospel

Mt.26:14-27:66

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
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

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



Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY

Variable



Holy Thursday: "Do this in memory of Me"

Holy Thursday is the day on which we commemorate the institution of three pillars of the Catholic Faith: the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the Priesthood, and the Mass. Jesus showed us His example of humility by washing the feet of His disciples, gave the assurance of His peace, gave His new command to love one another, and announced the gift of the Holy Spirit.

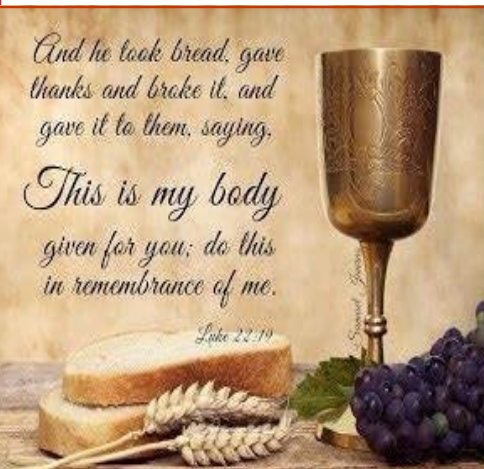
On the night before He died, Jesus, at the Last Supper with His apostles, took the unleavened bread of the Passover into His hands, blessed the bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying: "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." He also took the cup after supper, saying: "this cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." He thus instituted the Mass and set apart the Twelve as priests of the New Testament.

From that Last Supper until the last moment of the world's existence, Christ committed Himself to be present to His people whenever one of His priests obeys His command: "Do this in memory of me." Through the sacred rite of the Eucharist, bread ceases to be bread, becoming Christ's Body, crucified for our sins and raised from the dead. The Passover wine ceases to be wine, becoming Christ's Blood, poured out on the cross to ransom us from sin, Satan, and death. Whenever believers eat the Lord's body, and drink His blood, they become one with Him, and through Him, with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

In the Catholic tradition, the celebration of the Lord's Supper ends with a procession with the Body of Christ to an altar of repose. We are invited to journey along with Jesus as He leaves the Upper Room and goes out to the place called Gethsemane. Here Jesus asks His followers to stay awake and pray with Him. He goes forward and asks His Father if there is any way that He need not go through what is about to happen and that He be spared. Yet Jesus submits to the will of His Father, and is willing to undergo whatever is necessary for our salvation. He returns to find His disciples sleeping.

The question asked of the disciples can be asked of us: "Can we not spend at least a little time in prayer with our Master-Teacher-Lord?"

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy Thursday is also known as "Maundy Thursday." The word maundy comes from the Latin word **mandatum** (commandment) which is the first word of the Gospel acclamation:

Mandatum novum do vobis dicit Dominus, ut diligatis invicem, sicut dilexi vos. "I give you a new **commandment**: Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34)

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Marie Joseph
Claudia Albert-Joseph

DECEASED

Conrad Lorde
Theresa Daniel
Frederick Joseph
Rose Anna Clovis
Elizabeth Gaspard
Veronica Alexander

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Is.42:1-7
Jn.12:1-11



TUESDAY

Is.49:1-6
Jn.13:21-33, 36-38



WEDNESDAY

Is.50:4-9
Mt.26:14-25



THURSDAY

Ex.12:1-8, 11-14
1 Cor.11:23-26
Jn.13:1-15



FRIDAY

Is.52:13-53:12
Heb.4:14-16, 5:7-9
Jn.18:1-19:42







SATURDAY
During Mass:

Rom.6:3-11
Mt.28:1:10



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
PALM SUNDAY - YEAR A		
Sat Mar 28 - 6:00 p.m.	I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY BROTHERS; I WILL PRAISE YOU IN THE ASSEMBLY. - PSALM 22:22	Int: The Glace family Thks: The Destang family B'day: Cecilia Epiphane Verne & Luke Cazaubon John Cherubin, Carin Joseph
Sun Mar 29 -7:30 a.m. <i>Palm Sunday</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Edith Eudoxie, Francisca Jean
Grande Riviere -7:30 a.m.		B'day: Eugene Moise, David Louis
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Mary Jacob, Geneva Eugene
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Mar 30 - 6:00 a.m.	Sr. Margaret Maynard	Int: Bernadette Pamphile Melissa Charlemagne
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Michael Dussiel Thks: Florentina Nelson & family
Tues Mar 31 - 6:00 a.m.	Sr. Mary Mumba	B'day: Glenda James-Myers
Wed April 1 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	Healing: Bobby Samaroo B'day: Christina & Tadj Cazaubon
12:30 p.m.		De'd: Albert Laurent, Cherrise Angel The St. John & Collins families Stephen Macauldy, Elizabeth Clement
<i>Chrism Mass</i> <i>Cathedral 5:30 pm</i>		
Thu April 2 - 6:30 p.m. <i>Holy Thursday</i>		Parishioners
Monchy - 6:30 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri April 3 - 3:00 p.m. <i>Good Friday</i>	For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.	 Conversion of Sinners
Sat April 4 - 9:00 p.m. <i>Easter Vigil</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO