

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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Holy Week Schedule

Chrism Mass - Wednesday - April 13th
5:00 p.m. - Minor Basilica, Castries

Holy Thursday - April 14th
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

6:30 p.m. - Gros Islet & Monchy

Good Friday - April 15th

- ◆ **Way of the Cross- Indoor only**
9:00 a.m. - Gros Islet, Monchy, G/Riviere
 - ◆ **Commemoration of the Lord's Passion**
3:00 p.m. - Gros Islet only
- Holy Saturday - April 16th**
7:30 p.m. - **EASTER VIGIL - Gros Islet only**

Easter Sunday - April 17th

7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. - Gros Islet
7:30 a.m. - Grande Riviere
10:00 a.m. - Monchy

Kids Column Holy Week thekidsbulletin.com

Today is the beginning of Holy Week, when we specially remember the last days of Jesus and His death on the cross.

The Sunday before Jesus died, He came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. All the people cheered for Him. They laid down their cloaks and palm branches on the road to honour Him. That was Palm Sunday.

On the first Holy Thursday Jesus offered the first Mass ever. He took bread and wine and changed them into His Body and Blood and gave them to His Apostles to eat and drink. The same thing happens at every Mass when the priest says Jesus' words at the Consecration. We don't see the bread or wine change, but they are still really Jesus, offering Himself to God for us.

Good Friday is the day that Jesus died on the cross. The leaders of the Jews got the people to turn against Him. After an unfair trial, Jesus was whipped harshly and made to carry a cross up a hill. Then He was nailed to the cross and hung there until He died. Only His mother and a few of His friends were with Him.

Jesus was God and could have stopped the people from killing Him, but He chose to die for you. Because we sin, we don't deserve to go to Heaven. Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins so that we could go to Heaven. That's why it's called "Good" Friday! What is something special you can do on Good Friday to make up for your sins and say "thank you" to Jesus?



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PALM SUNDAY - 10TH APRIL 2022 - YEAR C

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

The Passion of Christ.

“What is written about me is coming to fulfillment,” 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 the 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 the 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 three times they 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, as He speaks in the First Reading: “The Lord comes to my help . . . 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, that one day we too will be with Him in Paradise.

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CONFESSIONS

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

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Is. 50:4-7

Second Reading

Phil.2:6-11

Gospel

Lk.22:14-23:56

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

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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.

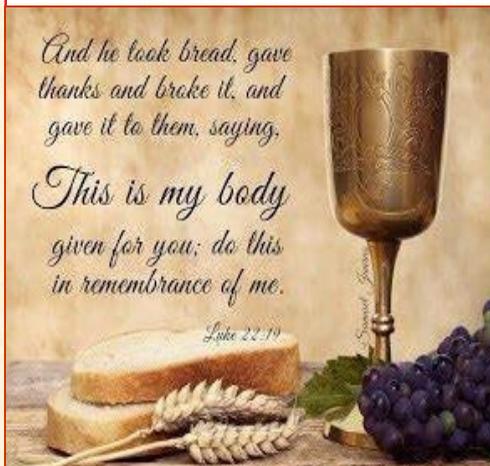
On the night before He died, Jesus, at the Last Supper with His apostles, took the unleavened bread of the Passover into His hands, blessed the bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying: "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." He also took the cup after supper, saying: "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

Nellie Hall
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Patsy Crafton
Carmen Lord
Denis Augustin

DECEASED

Mary Jean
Helena Heath
Robert Joseph
Dorista Annius
Matthew Bruneau

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Is.42:1-7
Jn.12:1-11
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TUESDAY
Is.49:1-6
Jn.13:21-33, 36-38
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WEDNESDAY
Is.50:4-9
Mt.26:14-25
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THURSDAY
Ex.12:1-8, 11-14
1 Cor.11:23-26
Jn.13:1-15
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FRIDAY
Is.52:13-53:12
Heb:4:14-16, 5:7-9
Jn.18:1-19:42
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SATURDAY
Rom.6:3-11
Lk.24:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
PALM SUNDAY - YEAR C		
Sat April 9 - 6:00 p.m.	<p>But you Lord, do not be far from me. You are my strength, come quickly to help me.</p> <p>-Psalm 22:19</p>	Thks: The Destang family Magaiva Herman, Kerdisha Ferdinand
Sun April 10- 7:30 a.m. <i>Palm Sunday</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Maria Fowell Jeremy Dusauzay Thks: Thecla Augustin
Grande Riviere -7:30 a.m.		Parishioners
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		76th B'day: Philomene Frederick
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon April 11 - 6:00 a.m.	Sr. Scholastica Felician	Dc'd: James Prudent Marie Gaspard Joseph
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Mary Roach Charles Hippolyte
Tues April 12 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Arnold Clouden Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Marcellus Serieux	Thks: Althea & Ellen Regis Healing: Joshua Dusauzay
Wed April 13- 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Vincent Norbert Rev. Anthony Pierre Rev. Madison Stanislaus	Wedd Ann: Claude & Mary Severin B'day: Azalea Mc Lean, Joy Boxill Bernadette Hinds, Christiana Roach Deliv: Rory, Elizabeth & Aldrick Biscette
Thu April 14 - 6:30 p.m. <i>Holy Thursday</i>		Parishioners
Monchy - 6:30 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri April 15 - 3:00 p.m. <i>Good Friday</i>	IT IS FINISHED.. <i>Paid in Full!</i>	Conversion of Sinners
Sat April 16 - 7:30 p.m. <i>Easter Vigil</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO