

**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, fastened to the tree with cruel spikes. Our sacred and loving 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. Just 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 also a sprig of hyssop that the people of Israel used to apply the lambs' blood to the doorposts while in Egypt in order 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. Our Lord 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. At every celebration of the Eucharist, our Lord's precious blood is mercifully poured out for us that we in our thirst, too, might one day on our deathbed joyfully exclaim: "It is finished."

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 live the Catholic life always and everywhere. Let us thirst for what we know.

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

- ◆ Please remember to bring along your gifts for those in need for the Offertory at the Holy Thursday Masses.

**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?



Answer to Puzzle on Front: This is my Blood of the New Covenant which will be shed for many.  
Answer to Word-Find: He died for sinners.



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**VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION**

**PALM SUNDAY - 2ND APRIL 2023 - 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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**SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading**

**Is. 50: 4-7**

**Second Reading**

**Phil.2:6-11**

**Gospel**

**Matt 26:14. 27:66**

**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**

Variable



**CONFESSIONS**

Every Saturday

9.00 - 10.00 a.m.



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by appointment

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**Holy Thursday Reflection:**

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.

On the night before He died, Jesus, at the Last Supper with His apostles, taking 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. In the same way also 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 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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**The Easter Triduum**

The Paschal Triduum, often called the Easter Triduum or simply the Triduum, is one celebration. The word Triduum comes from the Latin word meaning “three days”. It begins the evening of Holy Thursday and ends at Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Thus, the Triduum consist of three full days which begin and end in the evening; that is, the evening of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. The Easter Vigil is the high point of the Triduum. **Hence, it is very important to attend the entire Triduum as it one celebration celebrated in three parts over three days.**

The Triduum celebrates the heart of our faith, salvation and redemption: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus, the Triduum commemorates the institution of Eucharist, the passion, crucifixion, death of the Lord, His descent to the dead and finally His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday morning.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**THE SICK**

Patsy Crafton  
Martha Mason  
Iris Macauldy  
Teresa Huntley

**DECEASED**

Theresa Felix  
Prisca Delice  
John Francois  
Henry Kappel  
Christiana Pierre  
Rev. Arnold Clouden  
Mr. & Mrs. Jules Wilson

**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  
Matt.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**

Rom.6:3-11

**MASS INTENTIONS**

GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
<b>PALM SUNDAY - YEAR A</b>		
Sat Apr 1 - 6:00 p.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Edith Eudoxie <b>Guid:</b> Augusta Toussaint <b>Thks:</b> Algitha Richelieu & family
Sun Apr 2 - 7:00 a.m. <i>Palm Sunday</i>		<b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b>
10:00 a.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Pauletta Samuel, Fabio Paul <b>Holy Spirit:</b> Bibiana Augustin
Grande Riviere -7:30 a.m.		<b>Parishioners</b>
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		<b>Parishioners</b>
<b>WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b>		
Mon Apr 3- 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Arthur Zalewski	<b>52nd Wedd Ann:</b> Robert & Elizabeth Melius <b>Healing:</b> J. Joseph
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Joseph Evans, Jacinta Clement
Tues Apr 4 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vinoth Santhappan	<b>Dc'd:</b> Irvine Blanchard
Wed Apr 5 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Lee Cox Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	<b>B'day:</b> Diane Robinson, Layla Samuel Aaron Lastic, Laverne Verdant
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Eldifa Gaspard Joseph Alexander P. Blanchard
5:30 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral		<b>Chrism Mass</b>
Thu Apr 6 - 6:30 p.m. <i>Holy Thursday</i> (All Communities)	<i>“Love one another as I have loved you.” Jn. 13:34</i>	<b>Parishioners</b>
Fri Apr 7 - 3:00 p.m. <i>Good Friday</i>	<b>“ ..the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed” Is. 53:5</b>	<b>Conversion of Sinners</b>
Sat Apr 8- 7:30 p.m. <i>Easter Vigil</i>		<b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b>