

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. He says it is like a buried treasure, that when a man finds it, he sells everything he has and buys the field where it is hidden. He also says it is like a pearl of great price, that when a merchant finds it he sells all he has and buys it.

These parables tell us how precious the Kingdom of Heaven is. Jesus is explaining that it is more important than anything else in our lives. The men in the parables sold EVERYTHING they had to get the treasures.

But what is the Kingdom of Heaven? Is it a country with a king and subjects? Well it is, sort of, but you can't see it. Jesus is the King and His people are the people who choose Him as their King. The laws of the kingdom are God's laws, and the enemy is the devil who is trying to take all the souls. Always remember that belonging to God's Kingdom is more important than everything else in your life!



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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:

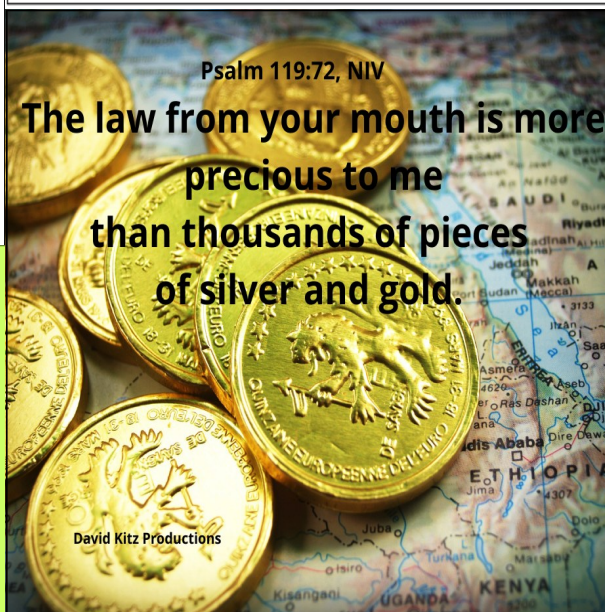
Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.

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

CONFESSIONS

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

Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Participation/Mission

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 26TH JULY 2026 - YEAR A

Treasures of the Kingdom

What is your new life in Christ worth to you? Do you love His words more than gold and silver? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in the First Reading, asking not for a long life or riches but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will?

The background for the Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst; yet, many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given so that they, and we, might live.

We, too, must ever discover the kingdom anew. We are called to find it as a treasure, a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish. And we must be willing to give up all that we have, all our priorities and plans, in order to gain it.

Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul in the Epistle calls the purpose of God's plan: for Jesus be the firstborn of many brothers. His words give understanding to the simple, the child-like. As Solomon does, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will.

We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son. If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good; that we whom He has justified will also be glorified.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

1Kgs.3:5,7-12

Second Reading

Rom.8:28-30

Gospel

Mt.13:44-52



MASS TIMES

Gros Islet

Morning Prayers:

Mon -Fri

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

Gros Islet/G. Riviere

7:30 a.m.

Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY

Variable



St. Ignatius of Loyola

St Ignatius of Loyola was a Spanish priest and theologian who became one of the most influential figures in the Roman Catholic Counter-Reformation in the sixteenth century.

Born in 1491 in the Basque country of Spain to minor nobility, Ignatius was the youngest of thirteen children. When he was sixteen, he left home to serve as a page in the household of a powerful relative, thereafter becoming a knight in 1517 in the service of another family member, the duke of Najera. He wanted a life of military glory and personal honour, and under the Duke's leadership, Ignatius participated in many battles without injury. But his military career ended in 1521when he was struck by a cannonball and severely injured his legs. During a long convalescence, he read religious texts and the lives of saints, which inspired a profound spiritual awakening and a commitment to serve God.

In 1534, Ignatius, along with six companions, founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in Paris, which received official papal approval in 1540. The Jesuits became known for their missionary work, education, and charitable activities, and played a leading role in the Counter-Reformation .

In addition to the vows of chastity, obedience and poverty of other religious orders in the church, Loyola instituted a fourth vow for Jesuits: obedience to the Pope to engage in projects ordained by the pontiff . Ignatius paid particular attention to the spiritual formation of his recruits and recorded his method in the *Spiritual Exercises* in1548. In time, the method has become known as Ignatian spirituality. His teachings emphasize discernment, prayer, and being “contemplatives in action,” blending deep spiritual life with active service in the world. Ignatius sent his companions on missions across Europe to create schools, colleges, and seminaries.

With the assistance of his secretary, Juan Alfonso de Polanco, Ignatius wrote the Jesuit Constitutions, which were adopted in 1553. They created a centralised organisation of the order,^{[44][45]} and stressed absolute self-denial and obedience to the Pope and to superiors in the Church hierarchy. This was summarised in the motto *perinde ac cadaver* – "as if a dead body",^[46] meaning that a Jesuit should be as empty of ego as is a corpse.^[47] However the overarching Jesuit principle became: *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam* ("for the greater glory of God").

Ignatius was beatified in 1609 and canonized in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV. His feast day is celebrated on July 31, the day of his death in 1556.

He is the patron saint of soldiers, the Basque provinces of Gipuzkoa and Biscay, and all spiritual retreats.

St. Ignatius’s legacy continues through the Jesuits, who remain influential in education, missionary work, and social justice. His methods of spiritual discernment and retreats continue to shape Christian spirituality world-wide

jesuits.org
britannica.com
wikipedia.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK

Grissel Leon
Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Claudia Joseph

DECEASED

Lina Modeste
Clement Myers
Cecilia Richard
Francis Charles
Mary Charmont
Jamie Alcindore
Philomene Antoine

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Jer.13:1-11
Mt.13:31-35



TUESDAY

Jer.14:17-22
Mt.13:36-43



WEDNESDAY

Jer.15:10,16-21
Jn.11:19-27



THURSDAY

Jer.18:1-6
Mt.13:47-53



FRIDAY

Jer.26:1-9
Mt.13:54-58



SATURDAY

Jer.26:11-16,24
Mt.14:1-12



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Jul 25 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Jul 26 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.



Thks: The Destang family
Mgmt. & Staff First Stop Auto
Wedd Ann: Hester & Calvin Parker
Joakim & Azelia George

MISSA PRO POPULO

Holy Spirit: Bibiana Auguste Flavien
B’day: Robinson & Robert George

Thks: Laurencia Cadette
Catherine Augustin & family
Zoey Hinkson, Sashla St. Omer

Int: Elsa Delice & family
Healing: Agatha Charles

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Jul 27 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue Jul 28 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed Jul 29 - 6:00 a.m.
*Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus
Disciples*

12:30 p.m.

Thu Jul 30 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fri Jul 31 - 6:00 a.m.
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Sat Aug 1 - 6:30 a.m.
*St. Alphonsus Liguori
Mass at the Shrine*

Fr. Kevin Murray
Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey

Fr. John Milton

Rev. David Popo
Rev. Herald Wilson
Rev. Gerard Calderon

Fr. Cleophus Joseph
Rev. Peter Fevrier
Sr. Margaret Maynard

Fr. Joseph Akande
Sr. Mary Mumba

Fr. Ignatius Cetoute
Sr. Marie Therese Clement

Dc’d: Clarita Reid, Francoise St. John
Annazilta St. John, Ferdinand St. John

B’day: Jemy Altenor

Thks: Bernadette Pamphile & family

Dc’d: Amise Phillip
Holy Souls in Purgatory

B’day: Martha Rosemond
Our Lady Perpetual Help:
For Answered Prayers

Guid: Mikaela Elliott

Dc’d: Marie Carasco
Felicien & Raymond families

Guid: Kaelan Haywood

Dc’d: Stanislaus & Cyril Matthew
Holy Souls in Purgatory