

Weeds Among the Wheat

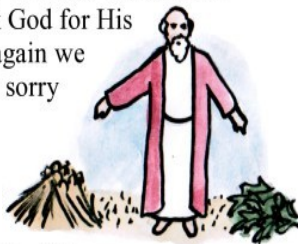


Weeds are plants that shouldn't be there. They use the sun and water that the good plants need. Have you ever helped pick weeds in the garden? In today's parable Jesus tells about a man who lets the weeds grow along with the wheat until harvest time, so that the good plants don't get pulled up along with the weeds.

The weeds represent the bad people, who will go to Hell at the final judgement. God lets them stay alive as long as the good people. He wants to give sinners lots of time to repent so that they can go to Heaven instead.



All the readings today are about God's mercy. God is the most powerful of all, but instead of destroying sinners He wants to give them more chances. When you think about it, you will realize God has already been merciful to all of us- because we have all sinned. We should thank God for His mercy, and if we do sin again we should show Him we are sorry by going to Confession.



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

SOW	FIELD	GOOD	UPROOT	HARVEST
WHEAT	ENEMY	PULL	KINGDOM	SEED
PARABLE	HEAVEN	BURN	GROW	WEEDS

"BUT YOU, LORD, ARE A
compassionate and
gracious God,
SLOW TO ANGER,
abounding in love
AND FAITHFULNESS."

- PSALM 86:15



Our God of Compassion and Love.

God is always teaching His people, we hear in today's First Reading. And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us. That though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance.

This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected, as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

This week's readings sound a note of questioning: why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom? Because, as we sing in the Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in love and truth. He is just, Jesus assures us. Evil-doers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in the Epistle. But first, we must turn and call upon Him. We must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives. So we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat - truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice, and sin.

For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad. But the harvest draws near. Let us work so that we might be numbered among the righteous children who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

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CONFESSIONS

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

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Wis.12:13,16-19

Second Reading

Rom.8:26-27

Gospel

Mt.13:24-43



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. Mary Magdalene : Feast Day July 22nd

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during His public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels.

Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed woman who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are skeptical this is the same person. It is believed that Mary was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did. Mary's epithet “*Magdalene*” most likely means that she came from Magdala, a fishing town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. Luke 8:2–3 lists Mary as one of the women who traveled with Jesus and helped support his ministry "out of their resources", indicating that she was probably relatively wealthy. The same passage also states that seven demons had been driven out of her, a statement which is repeated in the Gospel of Mark.

Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her life after meeting Jesus is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God. She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with His mother, and, of all the witnesses who might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given. As she was the first to testify to Jesus’ resurrection she is known as the “apostle to the apostles.”

Mary Magdalene has been a victim of mistaken identity for almost twenty centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference.

We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all, with her, witnesses of the Resurrection. St. Mary Magdalene is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other causes.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday: 9:00am to 2:00p.m.
Closed Tuesdays, Weekends & Holidays

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PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK

Grissel Leon
Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Claudia Joseph
Agatha Charles

DECEASED

Lina Modeste
Cecilia Richard
Francis Charles
Jamie Alcindore
Thecla Deterville
Philomene Antoine
Augustin John Baptiste

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Mic.6:1-4,6-8
Mt.12:38-42
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TUESDAY
Mic.7:14-15,18-20
Mt.12:46-50
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WEDNESDAY
Song 3:1-4
Jn.20:1-2,11-18
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THURSDAY
Jer.2:1-3,7-8,12-13
Mt.13:10-17
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FRIDAY
Jer.3:14-17
Mt.13:18-23
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SATURDAY
2Cor.4:7-15
Mt.20:20-28
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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Jul 18 - 6:00 p.m.	YOU, <i>Lord</i> ARE FORGIVING AND GOOD, ABOUNDING IN LOVE TO ALL WHO CALL TO YOU. PSALM 86:5 THINKABOUTSUCHTHINGS.COM	B'day: Irwin Richard, Adelle St. John, Maya Andrew Wedd. Ann: Cameron & Natasha Moffat Thks: Bibiana Auguste Flavien Perlin Verdant & family
Sun Jul 19 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Taj Cazaubon
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: St. John Vianney Voices Choir
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Healing: Agatha Charles Thks: Raymonde Ferdinand & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jul 20 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Paul Vu	B'day: Rufus Verdant Margaret Deterville
Tue Jul 21 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Anthony Louis Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey	Dc'd: Cecilia Albert, Chlorina Baptiste
Wed Jul 22 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Mary Magdalene Disciple of the Lord</i>	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	Thks: Bernadette Pamphile
12:30 p.m.		Deliv: Lawrence Hyacinth
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Jul 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	Int: Mikaela Elliott
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Andy Delmar, Marie Joseph Rosa & Antyoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang
Fri Jul 24 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	Dc'd: Marie Headley
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Abandoned Souls Christiane Laurent-Dussiel
Sat Jul 25 - 6:30 a.m. <i>St. James, Apostle</i>	Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Henry Nmor Fr. Kenneth Haakyav	Int: Hyacinth family Thks: Vernette Brookes & family