

Whatever you do to others...

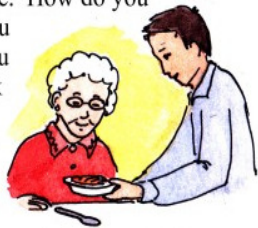
Jesus is a fair king. In today's Gospel reading, He tells us how He will judge people at the end of time. Those who were good to God will be saved, and those who were not good to Him will be condemned. Whoever is good to others is good to God, and whoever is unkind to others is unkind to God.



Our Lord cares so much about His people that He will judge us according to how we treat each other. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the King, and He cares about every one of us specially. Imagine a king who came to see every one of his subjects to make sure that they were doing okay. Well, Jesus does more than that- He died for us on the cross! He looks after us all the time, and He says that anyone who is unkind to us will be judged as being unkind to Him.



Christ the King is the just judge. How do you think you will be judged when you die, or at the end of time? Are you kind to others? Do you ever think about how you would treat Jesus if He were here? Do you treat other people the way you would treat Jesus?



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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 should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

♦The St. Joseph the Worker Parish invites you to join our choirs, youth orchestra and liturgical dancers as we celebrate the Feast of St. Cecilia with a musical presentation on Sunday, Nov 26th from 5pm at the Gros Islet church. Admission is free, but a love offering will be taken up. Please join us for a wonderful celebration.

♦The Group Requiem Mass will be held at the Gros Islet Church this Wednesday, November 29th, at 12:30 p.m. Please give names of your departed loved ones for inclusion in this Mass along with your offering at the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.
Closed Tuesdays

PRAYER DURING THE HURRICANE SEASON

O Lord, our God and Father, who gives rain and sunshine to your children, we ask you in this rainy season to uphold us and provide for our needs.

You try our patience and test our faith and reliance on you; forgive our sin of ingratitude. So often have we forgotten to thank you for your goodness and acts of mercy. Teach us to look up to you each day, appreciative of rain and sunshine, as you, in your wisdom, through any kind of weather do feed us all.

In your mercy, protect us against hurricanes and tropical storms. Pour out your blessings upon our nation and our people, and make us grateful for the weather we receive from your bountiful hand.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING - 26TH NOV 2023 - YEAR A



Our Divine Shepherd King.

The Church year ends today with a vision of the end of time. The scene in the Gospel is stark and resounds with Old Testament echoes. The Son of Man is enthroned over all nations and peoples of every language. The nations have been gathered to see His glory and receive His judgment.

The King is the divine shepherd Ezekiel foresees in the First Reading, judging as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. Each of us will be judged upon our performance of the simple works of mercy we hear in the Gospel. These works, as Jesus explains, are reflections or measures of our love for Him, our faithfulness to His commandment that we love God with all our might and our neighbor as ourselves. Our faith is dead, lifeless, unless it is expressed in works of love. We cannot say we truly love God, whom we cannot see, if we don't love our neighbor, whom we can.

The Lord is our shepherd, we sing in the Psalm, and we are to follow His lead, to imitate His example. He healed our sickness, freed us from the prison of sin and death, welcomed us who were once strangers to His covenant. He clothed us in Baptism, and feeds us with the food and drink of His own Body and Blood.

At "the end," He will come again to hand over His kingdom to His Father, Paul tell us in the Epistle. Let us strive to be following Him in right paths, that this kingdom might be our inheritance, that we might enter into the eternal rest promised for the people of God.

(excerpt:stpaulcenter.com)

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

CONFESSIONS

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

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Ex.34:11-12,15-17

Second Reading
1Cor.15:20-26,28

Gospel
Mt.25:31-46

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

Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY
Variable
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The End of the Liturgical Year.

The end of the Liturgical Year is one of many opportunities the Church offers to us to consider the creature called time, receive it as a gift, and begin to live our lives differently. When we choose to live liturgically, we can experience the deeper mystery and meaning of life made new in Him who is the *Way, the Truth and the Life*.

Jesus Christ is Lord of all, and He is to become the Lord of our whole lives. The early Christians were called *the Way*, because they lived a very different way of life, a way of Life which drew men and women to Jesus. Christians believe in a linear timeline, that there is a beginning and an end, a fulfillment, which is itself a new beginning. Time is heading somewhere. The Catholic Church proclaims that time is a precious commodity. We reject the concept that time is a tyrant entrapping us into an endless cycle which must be broken.

One of the searching questions we should ask ourselves at this time of year, in a blunt examination of conscience is, what are we doing with time? Do we choose to mark time by the great events of the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ has come. Jesus Christ is coming. Jesus Christ will come again and is Lord of all.

When we really enter into the Liturgical seasons of our Church, they offer a way to receive time as a continual gift and change the way we actually live our daily lives. As we view time through this lens of faith, we discover that earthly life is a pilgrimage to eternal life. The Lord invites us, beginning now, to participate in His loving plan through His Son Jesus to recreate the entire cosmos. Time becomes the road along which this loving plan of redemption proceeds. So, on this last week of the year, through our readings and liturgical prayer, we are invited to reflect on the "last things"- death, judgment, heaven and hell. We do so in order to change, to be converted, to enter more fully into the Divine plan.

Just after we have celebrated the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, the Feast of Christ the King, we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, the start of a new Liturgical Year, and begin the time of preparation for the great Feast of the Nativity of Our Savior. As we move from one Church year to the other, we also move along in the timeline of the human life allotted to each one of us. The certainty of our own death is meant to illuminate our life just as the certainty of the end of all time is meant to illuminate its purpose and culmination in Christ. For both to be experienced by faith we must truly believe in Jesus Christ, the beginning and the end. When we do, death can become, as we move closer to it, a second birth. As Francis of Assisi prayed in his most popular prayer "it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Next, as we walk along the way of living faith into the new Liturgical season, Advent, we are invited to prepare ourselves and the world, making ready for the final coming of Christ the King, inviting all men and women to meet the Lord Jesus Christ in His fullness.

On this last week of the Church Year, let us remember that every end is a beginning, because in Christ the King, all things are being made new.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Patsy Crafton
Theresa Huntley

DECEASED

Cecil Graham
Marie Altenor
Claude Bodley
Christine Duncan
Anne Marie Clovis
Msgr. Theo Joseph
Helen Bruno Florton

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Dn.1:1-6,8-20
Lk.21:1-4



TUESDAY

Dn.2:31-45
Lk.21:5-11



WEDNESDAY

Dn.5:1-6,13-14,
16-17,23-28
Lk.21:12-19



THURSDAY

Rom.10:9-18
Mt.4:18-22



FRIDAY

Dn.7:2-14
Lk.21:29-33



SATURDAY

Dn.7:15-27
Lk.21:34-36



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING - YEAR A

Sat Nov 25- 6:00 p.m.

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.*

B'day: Anthea Bousquet
Int: Vernon Alexander
Dionysia Sealy-Compton

Sun Nov 26 - 7:30 a.m.
The Solemnity of Christ the King

MISSA PRO POPULO

10:00 p.m.

B'day: Shawnalina Isembert
Thks: The Theophilus family

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

*Psalm 23:6
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.*

Int: Felix Finistere
Thks: Catherine Augustin & family

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Nov 27 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Kevin Ryan
Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey

B'day: Anthony Leonce
Blessings: Marie-Georges Arnaud

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Eldon Mathurin
Bruno, Louis & Christophe families

Tue Nov 28 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. John Milton

B'day: Mary Lucien
Int: Teresa Huntley

Wed Nov 29 - 6:00 a.m.

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

Int: Gregory Celestin
B'day: Merlin Alexander
Ashley Boxill, Andrew Augustin

12:30 p.m.

Group Requiem Mass

The Souls of the Faithful Departed

Thu Nov 30 - 6:00 a.m.

St. Andrew, Apostle

Rev. Peter Fevrier
Sr. Margaret Maynard

Guid: Cindy Marcy
Anthony & Yancy Emmanuel

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Anne Marie Cadet
Richard & Theresa Charles

Fri Dec 1 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Ignatius Cetoute
Fr. Cleophus Joseph
Sr. Marie Therese Clement

Thks: Stennett Bent & family
Marie-Georges Arnaud

12:30 p.m.

Thks: Glace Motors Ltd.
Shanta King & family

Sat Dec 2 - 6:30 a.m.

BVM

Fr. Athanase Joseph
Fr. Stephen Quinlan

Dc'd: Etienne Auguste