

The Holy Cross

Today we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation, or Triumph, of the Holy Cross on which Our Lord died. The cross was an instrument of torture used to punish criminals and to show other people what would happen to them too, if they broke the Roman laws. Our Lord used the cross for a different reason though. He offered His sufferings on the cross to repay for the sins of everyone else in the world. He died in a place where many people could see Him so that they could see and know how much He loves us.

In the 300's AD, St. Helena, who was a Christian queen, went to Jerusalem to find the cross of Jesus. She found three crosses there so she decided to test to see which was Christ's. A very sick woman touched each cross. When she touched the third one she was healed instantly! They had found the cross of Christ!



In hoc signo, vinces! Saint Helena's son Constantine was not a Christian yet, but when he was about to go to war he had a vision of the cross and heard the words "In this sign you shall conquer!" So he had crosses drawn on all the flags and shields, and he won the battle. Then he believed in Jesus and became a Christian.

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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.

Word Search Puzzle

P T F V E L F M H H M F H B N
O T J E Z O S D C C T O Z I U
U I F I D V N N X O W M M O M
Y I G I Z E H N A R N S A V E
L N F L S D A H N K R D F I Q
T L D E S E R T Y V E O E B Y
H P I I B E L I E V E S V M J
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SON	ONLY	BELIEVES	MOSES	WHOEVER
PERISH	HIM	WORLD	DESERT	LIFTED
CONDEMN	SNAKE	LOVED	ETERNAL	LIFE
THROUGH	GAVE	SEND	GOD	SAVE



As part of our continuing Jubilee activities, the Parish will be going on Pilgrimage to further 3 of the Jubilee Pilgrimage sites on Saturday, September 20th: **Saltibus, Soufriere and Anse La Raye**. Transportation costs \$40 per person.

Deadline for registration -
Wednesday, September 17th.



Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS -14TH SEPT.2025 YEAR C

High and Lifted up.

Today's feast embodies a great mystery. Like the people of Israel in the first reading, we are called to a long journey to the Promised Land of heaven. Like them, we can lose patience and fall into sin, sin that can literally kill us. Like them, our only hope for salvation is to cling to God's merciful provision. Pope Benedict XVI summed it up beautifully in a 2008 homily given in Lourdes: "The Gospel for this feast reminds us of the meaning of this great mystery: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that men might be saved. The Son of God became vulnerable, assuming the condition of a slave, obedient even to death, death on a cross. By his Cross we are saved. The instrument of torture which, on Good Friday, manifested God's judgment on the world, has become a source of life, pardon, mercy, a sign of reconciliation and peace. "In order to be healed from sin, gaze upon Christ crucified!" said St. Augustine."

By raising our eyes towards the Crucified one, we adore him who came to take upon himself the sin of the world and to give us eternal life. And the Church invites us proudly to lift up this glorious Cross so that the world can see the full extent of the love of the Crucified one for all, for us men. She invites us to give thanks to God because from a tree which brought death, life has burst out anew.

On this wood Jesus reveals to us his sovereign majesty, he reveals to us that he is exalted in glory. Yes, "Come, let us adore him!" In our midst is he who loved us even to giving his life for us, he who invites every human being to draw near to him with trust.

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CONFESSIONS

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

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Num. 21:4-9
Second Reading
Phil. 2:6-11
Gospel
Jn.3:13-17

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET
Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.

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MONDAY
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY
6:00 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.

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SATURDAY
6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.

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

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Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.

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HOLIDAY
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Catechetical Month

Each September, we celebrate catechists. The word *catechesis* comes from a Greek word meaning “to echo”. All those who teach the Catholic faith and share the Church’s teachings are catechists. Those who teach in the Church’s name and about Jesus by the way they live are catechists. Parents and guardians are catechists; they are the first and primary teachers of the faith for their children. Catechetical month offers an opportunity to recall that all the Baptized have roles in handing on the faith in their daily lives, families and work.

As a catechist, you are most likely serving because of the invitation of another, whether the catechetical leader, the pastor, or another catechist. God tends to invite or call us through other people. As catechists, it is our responsibility to pass along God’s call to those we teach.

Catechetical Month is meant to recognise catechists in our parishes who in serve as “evangelisers with the Spirit” As representatives of the Church, Catechists are called to be passionate about Jesus Christ, serving as missionaries of healing and service, as they accompany the many men, women and children whom they encounter.

As missionaries of healing, catechists must recognise healing as a continuous process and as a component of mission. They must see their catechetical role as one that is invitational, constantly inviting those being catechised to full, active and conscious participation in the liturgy, where the source of all healing resides in the Eucharistic species.

They are also urged to see themselves as missionaries of service, who are on mission not to be served, but to be persons of service. Recognising that service to others is not optional, they are called to be witnesses to and imitators of Christ, ministering in His name, and making every effort to be persons willing to serve with humility, compassion, patience and charity or love.

Catechetical Month is an opportunity for all Catholics to rededicate themselves to the mission of handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith. Catechist Sunday, September 14th, provides an opportunity to celebrate those who do the important work of handing on the faith, and an opportunity for all of us Catholics to consider ways we ourselves are witnesses for Jesus Christ. We come together as both a parish and Church community to acknowledge the dedication of those who serve as catechists in our parish family.

The object of all catechesis is Jesus himself. The role of the catechist is, first of all, to be a disciple - one who draws close and rests in Jesus - and then to be a witness to others and a companion as they too come to know Jesus.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

(excerpt: formationreimagined.org)
(excerpt: sadlier.com)
(excerpt: loyolapress.com)
(excerpt: catholicitt.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Marie Joseph
Anne Marie Felicien

DECEASED

Andre Delice
Adams Alexis
Peter Norville
Martha Mason
Ryhim Serville
Edelma Geoffrey

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

1Tim.2:1-8
Jn.19:25-27



TUESDAY

1Tim.3:1-13
Lk.7:11-17



WEDNESDAY

1Tim.3:14-16
Lk.7:31-35



THURSDAY

1Tim.4:12-16
Lk.7:36-50



FRIDAY

1Tim.6:2-12
Lk.8:1-3



SATURDAY

1Tim.6:13-16
Lk.8:4-15



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sat Sep 13 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Sep 14 - 7:30 a.m.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

PSALMS 78:1

GIVE EAR, O
MY PEOPLE,
TO MY LAW;
INCLINE
YOUR EARS
TO THE
WORDS OF
MY MOUTH.

Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family
B’day: Suzette Dussiel, Omega O’ Neal

MISSA PRO POPULO

Guid: DeMario Lendor, Aniah Willie
B’day: Garfield Leon
Bev, Daniel & Chloe Early
Wedd Ann: Jose & Christiana Huntley

B’day: Philomene & Janna Lorde
Ginerva Davidson, Kimma Adonis

IHO St. Clara: Stanley Kyle Morand

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Sep 15 - 6:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows

12:30 p.m.

Tues Sep 16 - 6:00 a.m.

Sts Cornelius, Priest &
Cyprian, Brother - Martyrs

Wed Sep 17- 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Sep 18 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fri Sep 19 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat Sep 20 - 6:30 a.m.

Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest
& Companions - Martyrs

Rev. Jeremy Joseph
Sr. Marie Joseph

Rev. Errol Frederick
Sr. Rosemarie Minj

Fr. Yvon Tremont

Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy
Sr. Bernadette Peter

Fr. Lambert St. Rose

Fr. Paul Vu

Dc’d: Augustin Alexis
James & Paulina Prudent

B’day: Taija Cazaubon
Thks: Martha Fontenelle
Guid: Marcia Haywood

Dc’d: Joseph Ludovic
Mr. & Mrs. Philogene Moise

B’day: Renetta Joseph - Bruce

Dc’d: Kenneth Morgan
Angelina Roberts

Parishioners

Guid & Protec:
Andre, Ross & Melanie Downes

Thks: Emsco Remy & family

Dc’d: Teresa Huntley

B’day: Pamela Deterville
Hyde Constantine - Felix

Dc’d: Egbert Lionel
Family & friends of David & Mary Popo