


Kids Column

 *Come Holy Spirit!*

The feast of Pentecost came nine days after Jesus had ascended into Heaven. The disciples and Mary were praying together when the Holy Spirit suddenly came with the sound of a huge wind and what looked like flames of fire coming down on each of them. The apostles went right out and began to preach and teach people about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit comes to us in Baptism and lives in us whenever our souls are in a state of grace (when we don't have any serious sins.) He comes into us more whenever we receive a Sacrament, especially Confirmation. He helps us do what is right and serve God using all the gifts He gives us. The Holy Spirit, who is the third Person of the Blessed Trinity, draws us closer to God the Father and Jesus.

Pray to the Holy Spirit every day to help you to do everything for God. Then see how your life changes!



www.thekidsbulletin.com

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.

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

-  **WISDOM**
To value the things of God
- UNDERSTANDING**
To grasp faith's mysteries
- COUNSEL**
To make wise decisions
- FORTITUDE**
To strengthen your will
- KNOWLEDGE**
To enlighten your mind
- PIETY**
To love and serve God
- FEAR OF THE LORD**
To respect God's majesty

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

love,
joy,
peace,
patience,
kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness,
gentleness,
and self-control



Galatians 5:22-23



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



THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST - 8TH JUNE 2025- YEAR C

A New Creation.

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai.

In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised.

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a mighty wind sweeping over the face of the earth. And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as a strong, driving wind to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit, in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles. Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle. We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism.

Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist, we are the first fruits of a new humanity, fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

First Reading
Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading
Rom.8:8-17

Gospel
Jn.20:19-23

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./12:30p.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
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.
&
by appointment

Parish Priest: Fr. Athanase Joseph
Assistant Parish Priest: Msgr. Michel Francis
Deacons: Rev. Anthony Louis, Rev. David Popo
Address: P.O. Box Choc 8192, Castries LC02 801, Saint Lucia
Tel: (758) 450-8325 / (758) 450-9390 ✠ Cell: (758) 285-8831
Email: st.joseph_church@hotmail.com✠
Website: www.grosisletchurch.org ✠ Facebook.com/ stjosephtheworkerparish

PENTECOST: THE CHURCH’S BIRTHDAY.

by Rev. Lawrence Rice, CSP

Each year the Church celebrates fifty days of Easter, culminating at the feast of Pentecost. Pentecost marks the occasion of God’s sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus’ disciples after His resurrection. Before Pentecost, the disciples were unsure of what they were to do next, and spent most of their time in hiding. After Pentecost, having received the gift of the Holy Spirit, they understood their mission to spread the Good News of Jesus. They now had the courage to come out of hiding and speak openly about who Jesus was, and what He had accomplished by His dying and rising. Because Pentecost brought the disciples this clarity of mission, it is regarded as the founding feast of the Christian Church. Before Pentecost, the disciples of Jesus are tentative and disorganized. After Pentecost, they are a people with a mission, who perceive themselves as spiritually and sacramentally connected to the risen Christ. You can read the story of the Church’s first days in the Acts of the Apostles. Today, celebrations of Pentecost still center on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the power of those gifts to both draw people together, and to send them forth to spread the word. Of course, one of the remarkable elements of the story of the first Pentecost was the miracle of understanding, in which everyone in the diverse crowd in Jerusalem hears the disciples speaking in the listeners’ own language. This unique event is sometimes commemorated at masses for Pentecost Sunday by having people read sections of the story in a variety of different languages represented in the congregation. It is a reminder that we have inherited the mission of those first disciples.

(excerpt: foryourmarriage.org)

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, listed in Isaiah 11:2-3, are: *Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.* They are present in their fullness in Jesus Christ but are found in all Christians who are in a state of grace. We receive them when infused with sanctifying grace - the life of God within us - for example, when we receive a sacrament worthily. We first receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism; these gifts are strengthened in the Sacrament of Confirmation, which is one of the reasons why the Church properly views Confirmation as the completion of Baptism. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (para.1831) notes, "*They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them.*" Infused with His gifts, we respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as if by instinct, the way Christ Himself would.

(excerpt: learnreligions.com)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Marie Joseph
Anne Marie Felicien

DECEASED

Canice Louis
Joseph Oculien
Catherine Alexis
Christella Z. Volney
Veronique Williams

WEEKDAY READINGS

✠
MONDAY
Gn.3:9-15,20
Jn.19:25-34
✠
TUESDAY
2Cor.1:18-22
Mt.5:13-16
✠
WEDNESDAY
Acts11:21-26,13:1-3
Mt.5:17-19
✠
THURSDAY
2Cor.3:15-4:1,3-6
Mt.5:20-26
✠
FRIDAY
2Cor.4:7-15
Mt.5:27-32
✠
SATURDAY
2Cor.5:14-21
Mt.5:33-37
✠

MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST - YEAR C		
Sat Jun 7- 6:00 p.m.		Thks: Augusta Toussaint, Gladys Saget Int: Bousquet, George & Glace families
Sun Jun 8- 7:30 a.m. <i>The Solemnity of Pentecost</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Thks: The Theophilus family
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Int: Parish Youth
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Anne Marie Paul Thks: Veronica & Bachus Dosithée Int: Staff & Students SJC
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jun 9- 6:00 a.m. <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	Fr. Cezar Herrera Rev. Andrew Edward Sr. Ramona George	B'day: Hessie Alcide Healing: Abigail-Rose Johnson
Tues Jun 10- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Xavier Sr. Benedicta Chanda	Wedd Ann: Grimbale & Simone Gaston
Wed Jun 11- 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Barnabas, Apostle</i>	Sr. Scholastica Felician Sr. Petronilla Banda	Dc'd: Charles Hippolyte Neil, Rosemarie & Joyce Edmunds
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Cyrillia & Althea Palton
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Jun 12 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Festus Iwuagwu Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Marcellus Serieux	Thks: Bernadette Pamphile
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang
Fri Jun 13 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Anthony of Padua Priest & Doctor</i>	Rev. Madison Stanislaus Rev. Vincent Norbert Rev. Anthony Pierre	Dc'd: Teresa Huntley James & Paulina Prudent
12:30 p.m.		Int: Donors & Benefactors
Sat Jun 14 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	Dc'd: Joseph & Josephine Simon Jameson & Paul Eugene, Thelma Joseph

