

## Kids Column

### Water...



In today's first reading, the Israelites in the desert are thirsty and ask Moses for water. So God tells him to strike a big rock with his staff and water comes out. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that He can give her living water so that she will never be thirsty.

Water is a symbol of life. In the first story the people in the desert would have died if they didn't get water. Now Jesus gives us His life, which is grace. We receive it especially in Holy Communion. This is the living water that He is talking about. Our souls need His grace to stay alive.



When you have a drink of water, think about how your body needs water to stay alive, and how your soul needs God's grace. Saying a prayer is kind of like giving your soul a little drink!



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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.

## Word Search

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X K B R K K T W G Q D W W L W  
W A Q N O S J F S M E K U W O  
T E I Q R Q B C V P W L V P M  
J R L I A L X M A Y R A I L A  
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C E N O A T F N G I F T Y F R  
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LIFE	LIVING	NEVER	WATER	THIRST
WOMAN	TIRED	ETERNAL	JESUS	GIFT
SPRING	WELL	JOURNEY	SAMARITAN	DRINK

## A Lenten Reflection...

Give up complaining; focus on gratitude

Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts

Give up worry; trust divine Providence

Give up discouragement; be full of hope

Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness

Give up hatred; return good for evil

Give up negativism; be positive

Give up pettiness; become mature

Give up jealousy; pray for trust



### Living Water.

The Israelites' hearts were hardened by their trials in the desert. Though they saw His mighty deeds, in their thirst they grumble and put God to the test in today's First Reading, a crisis point recalled also in the Psalm.

Jesus is thirsty too in the Gospel. He thirsts for souls. He longs to give the Samaritan woman the living waters that well up to eternal life. These waters couldn't be drawn from the well of Jacob, father of the Israelites and the Samaritans. But Jesus was something greater than Jacob. The Samaritans were Israelites who escaped exile when Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom eight centuries before Christ. They were despised for intermarrying with non-Israelites and worshipping at Mount Gerazim, not Jerusalem. But Jesus tells the woman that the "hour" of true worship is coming, when all will worship God in Spirit and truth.

Jesus' "hour" is the "appointed time" that Paul speaks of in the Epistle. It is the hour when the Rock of our salvation was struck on the Cross. Struck by the soldier's lance, living waters flowed out from our Rock. These waters are the Holy Spirit, the gift of God. By the living waters the ancient enmities of Samaritans and Jews have been washed away, the dividing wall between Israel and the nations is broken down. Since His hour, all may drink of the Spirit in Baptism.

In the Eucharist, the Lord now is in our midst, as He was at the Rock of Horeb and at the well of Jacob. In the "today" of our Liturgy, He calls us to believe: "I am He," come to pour out the love of God into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. How can we continue to worship as if we don't understand? How can our hearts remain hardened?

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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



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## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading

Ex.17:3-7

### Second Reading

Rom.5:1-2,5-8

### Gospel

Jn.4:5-42



### MASS TIMES

#### GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:  
5:45a.m.



#### MONDAY:

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



#### TUESDAY:

6:00 a.m.



#### WEDNESDAY

12:30 p.m./ 6:00 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

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**Lenten Reflection: Family Conversion/Relationship Conversion.**

Lent can be a good time to reflect on the people who mean the most to us and the relationships we hold most dear. It can be jarring to realize that our time together as a family might amount to no more than a few minutes a day as we scatter in different directions each day for work, school or childcare.

This season of reflection and renewal might be an appropriate time to pray about our family lives and how we can be more thoughtful and prayerful about Lent as a family. Perhaps we could hold a family meeting over dinner or some other relaxed place. We could discuss Lent and the symbols of the season. We might want to talk about how our faith life is not a journey we make alone, but one we are in as a community, as a family.

One Lenten family practice might include a daily act of love for our family. Can we look around and see some small thing that needs to be done to make our lives together better? Is there laundry to sort or dishes to be washed? Is there a floor that needs sweeping or a room that needs dusting? Just one effort by each of us each day can make a dramatic difference in sharing the workload in the family. The grace we are reaching for goes beyond getting the garbage taken out, for example.

We know it is a grace when the experience of taking the garbage out feels like an act of love, an act of solidarity as a family. Perhaps the simplest way to prepare for this grace is to pray:

*“Dear Lord, may this simple, ordinary sacrifice of my time for the sake of those I love, draw us closer together as a family whose hearts you are drawing to yourself in the togetherness of our family love.”*

One of the real graces of Lent has to do with forgiveness and reconciliation – mercy and healing. This is never simply a matter between Jesus and me. It always has something to do with my family and with my relationships – how we are with each other. What in us needs mercy and healing? What patterns that we have need our reflections and common family choices and actions this Lent?

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**WEEK 3**  
**GIVE**

When we give of ourselves by using the gifts God has given us to serve others, we are able to uniquely worship God. This week challenges you to explore your gifts and talents and then creatively use those to serve those around you.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE SICK**

Patsy Crafton  
Iris Macauldy  
Marie Joseph  
Anne Marie Felicien

**DECEASED**

Conrad Lorde  
Camelia Jones  
Theresa Daniel  
Gabriel Joseph  
Vincent Joseph  
Frederick Joseph  
Elizabeth Gaspard  
Rose Anna Clovis  
Philomene Ambrose

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

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**MONDAY**  
2Kgs.5:1-15  
Lk.4:24-30

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**TUESDAY**  
Dn.3:25,34-43  
Mt.18:21-35

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**WEDNESDAY**  
Dt.4:1,5-9  
Mt.5:17-19

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**THURSDAY**  
Jer.7:23-28  
Lk.11:14-23

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**FRIDAY**  
Hos.14:2-10  
Mk.12:28-34

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**SATURDAY**  
Hos.5:15-6:  
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Lk.18:9-14

**MASS INTENTIONS**

GROS ISLET	CLERGY /RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
<b>3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A</b>		
Sat Mar 7 - 6:00 p.m.	 <p>O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. Psalm 95:6</p>	<b>B'day:</b> Anthony Bousquet, Leilani Glace <b>Thks:</b> Augusta Toussaint, Perlin Verdant
Sun Mar 8 - 7:30 a.m.		<b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b>
10:00 a.m.		<b>Healing:</b> Solange Allain <b>B'day:</b> Mary Albert, Coletta Lucas <b>Wedd An:</b> Denicia & Marcellus St. Ange <b>In Celebration of:</b> Intl. Women's Day
Grande Riviere -7:30 a.m.		<b>Healing:</b> Zinnia Melius
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Andrus Paul <b>Thks:</b> Leap of Faith Chorale
<b>WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b>		
Mon Mar 9 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cezar Herrera Rev. Andrew Edward Sr. Ramona George	<b>Dc'd:</b> Joseph Ochilien, Leslie Clarke
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Rochelle Leon Ingrid d'Auvergne
Tues Mar 10 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Xavier Sr. Benedicta Chanda	<b>Int:</b> Bernadette Pamphile <b>Thks:</b> Shanta King & family
Wed Mar 11 - 6:00 a.m.	Sr. Petronilla Banda	<b>B'day:</b> Augustina Lastic Angela Joseph, Perlin Verdant
12:30 p.m.		<b>Holy Spirit:</b> The Sylvester family
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Parishioners</b>
Thu Mar 12 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Festus Iwuagwu Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Marcellus Serieux	<b>B'day:</b> Monica Richard
12:30 p.m.		<b>Thks:</b> Keva & Kadie Chong
Fri Mar 13 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Madison Stanislaus Rev. Vincent Norbert Rev. Anthony Pierre	<b>B'day:</b> Nadira & Shareefah Rene
12:30 p.m.		<b>Thks:</b> Andre Arlette & family Marylin Hyacinth & family
Sat Mar 14 - 6:30 a.m.	Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	<b>B'day:</b> Stephen Pamphile