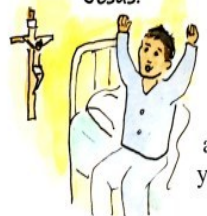


Priorities

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if we love anyone more that we love Him we are not worthy of Him. What He means is that we need to keep God first in our lives. The two great commandments He gave us are 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'



Good morning, Jesus!
How can we keep God first in our lives? We can start by talking to Him as soon as we start our day. We can tell Him we love Him and offer our day to Him! We also keep God first by following His laws-making sure we go to Mass at least every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, and going to Confession when we have a serious sin.

After Mass we can visit Grandma.



I'd like to play but I have to look after my baby brother.
The next most important thing is loving others. God wants us to love and care for the people He has put into our lives. First we must care for our family that He has given us and then our friends and neighbours.



What is the most important thing for you to do today? How can you put God first every day this week?

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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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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.



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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 28TH JUNE 2026 - YEAR A

Putting God first.

The liturgy this week continues to instruct us in the elements of discipleship. We're told that even the most humble among us have a share in the mission Christ gives to His Church. We're not all called to the ministry of the Apostles or to be prophets like Elisha in today's First Reading, but each of us is called to a holy life.

At Baptism, our lives were joined forever to the Cross of Christ, Paul tells us in the Epistle. Baptized into His death, we're to renounce sin and live for God in Christ Jesus. As Jesus says in the Gospel, we are to follow Him, each of us taking up our personal cross. That doesn't mean we will all be asked to suffer a martyr's death, but each of us is called to self-denial, to the offering of our lives in service of God's plan.

Jesus must be elevated to first place in our lives, above even our closest bonds of kinship and love. By Baptism, we've been made part of a new family: the kingdom of God, the Church. We are to proclaim that kingdom with our lives, bringing our fathers, our mothers, and all men and women to live as little ones under the fatherhood of God and the kingship of the Holy One. We do this by opening our hearts and homes to the service of the Lord, following the Shunammite woman's example in the First Reading. As Jesus tells us, we're to receive others - not only prophets but also little children, the poor, and the imprisoned - as we receive Christ Himself.

As we sing in the Psalm, we are to testify to His favors and kindness in our lives. We're to hold fast to the promise that if we have died with Christ, we shall also live, that if we lose our lives for His sake, we shall find our reward and walk forever in His countenance.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

CONFESSIONS

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

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

2Kgs.4:8-11,13-16

Second Reading

Rom.6:3-4,8-11

Gospel

Mt.10:37-42



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

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul - June 29th

Together, Peter and Paul are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry, and martyrdom there. The liturgical feast in honour of the martyrdom of Peter and Paul is of ancient origin. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of a tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both saints on the same day.

Peter, a fisherman of Galilee originally named Simon, was introduced to Jesus by his brother Andrew. Jesus gave him the name Cephas which means 'Rock,' for he was to become the "rock" upon which Christ would build His Church.

Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and pledged his fidelity until death. He made many mistakes, erring time and time again. Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. When entrusted with responsibility, he demonstrated that he was mature and capable. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith. He spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution. Peter was martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die in the same manner as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican Hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

Paul was the "Apostle to the Gentiles". His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church. Born at Tarsus (now in Turkey), he was a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin and a Roman citizen. Named Saul at his circumcision, he was raised a strict Jew and his profound conviction developed into a religious fanaticism against the infant Christian church. He took part in the stoning of the first martyr, Stephen, and in the fierce persecution of Christians that followed. But while on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was converted by a miraculous apparition of the Lord. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world.

Once a persecutor of Christ, he became the Lord's preacher. Once an impediment to the Gospel, he became its great champion. Once a guardian of Israel as an ethnic preserve of holiness, Paul came to serve as a father in the worldwide (literally, catholic) Church. Paul was eventually imprisoned and taken to Rome where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Marie Joseph
Claudia Joseph

DECEASED

Lina Modeste
Clement Myers
Cecilia Richard
Francis Charles
Mary Charmont
Jamie Alcindore
Philomene Antoine

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Acts.12:1-11
2Tim.4:6-8,17-18
Mt.16:13-19



TUESDAY

Amos 3:1-8-4:11-12
Mt.8:23-27



WEDNESDAY

Amos 5:14-15,21-24
Mt.8:28-34



THURSDAY

Amos 7:10-17
Mt.9:1-8



FRIDAY

Eph.2:19-22
Jn.20:24-29



SATURDAY

Amos 9:11-15
Mt.9:14-17



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Jun 27 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Maria James Deaconate Ann: Girard Glace
Sun Jun 28- 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POLPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Maria James Thks: Edith Eudoxie
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Deshawn Jn. Baptiste Wedd Ann: Daniel & Marguarita Jn. Baptiste
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: Marcia Haywood & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jun 29 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles</i>	Rev. David Popo Rev. Herald Wilson Rev. Gerard Calderon	Thks: Marcia Haywood Wedd Ann: Wilfreda & Simon Altenor
11:00 a.m. <i>Mass for Fishermen's Feast</i>		B'day: Paula Theophilus Holy Spirit: Thomas Louis & family
Tue Jun 30 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Peter Fevrier Sr. Margaret Maynard Sr. Marie Therese Clement	Thks: Ewa Girard 85th B'day: Frances Moise
Wed Jul 1 - 6:00 a.m.		Dc'd: Marie Celine Lawrence
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.	Fr. Joseph Akande Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Fr. Cleophus Joseph	Parishioners
Thu Jul 2 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Stephen Quinlan Fr. Celestin Nwakwuo	Thks: Mgmt. & Staff of Glace Motors Diane & Richard Palton
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Rudell Octave Deliv: Lawrence Hyacinth
Fri Jul 3 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i>		Dc'd: Alvina George
12:30 p.m.	Arch. Gabriel Malzaire Msgr. Michel Francis	Holy Spirit: The Hyacinth family Thks: Mary Wellington & family
Sat Jul 4 - 6:30 a.m. <i>Mass at the Shrine</i>	Fr. Vinoth Santhappan	Dc'd: Oswald Bernard, Flora Girard Philomene & Andrew Auguste Sr. Monique Moniquette, Holy Souls