

### Don't Worry! God Cares About You!

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us not to fear those who can kill us. He tells us that God pays attention to the sparrows, which are just little birds. How much more He cares about us, His people!



I feel all alone...  
But God is still with me!



What Jesus says reminds us that we should always remember that God loves and cares for us. We don't need to live in fear, because God always wants what is best for us.

Sometimes bad things happen to us - we can become poor, we can lose friends, we can get hurt or sick. But God is still caring for us through those times. These things can help remind us of how much we need God. Just food and possessions and other people and even our health are not enough

Every time you see a picture of Jesus remember that God is caring about you right now! Thank Him for His love and try to share His love and care with those around you!



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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.



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



## 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 21ST JUNE 2026 - YEAR A

*Precious in His sight.*

**P**ur commitment to Christ will be put to the test, and we will hear whispered warnings and denunciations as Jeremiah does in today's First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap and trip us up. We hear in the Psalm that for His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts, even in our own homes.

As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love. "Do not be afraid," Jesus tells us three times in the Gospel. Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us, everything unfolds in His providence, under His watchful gaze, even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him.

Steadfast in this faith, we must resist the tactics of Satan. He is the enemy who seeks the ruin of our souls in Gehenna, or hell. We are to seek God, as the Psalmist says. Zeal for the Lord's house, for the heavenly kingdom of the Father, should consume us as it consumed Jesus. As Jesus bore the insults of those who blasphemed God, so should we.

By the gracious gift of Himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in the Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress. In His great mercy, He will turn toward us, as well. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked.

That is why we proclaim His name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus' promise that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our heavenly Father.

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### SUNDAY READINGS

#### First Reading

Jer.20:10-13

#### Second Reading

Rom.5:12-15

#### Gospel

Mt.10:26-33



### 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

### CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday

9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

&

by appointment

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## The Nativity of St. John the Baptist - June 24th

As we become more familiar with the Scriptures, we recognize the importance of the prophets in the shaping of old Israel's faith, opening up boundless hopes, and calling them to fulfill their role as 'the light of the nations'.

On June 24th we celebrate the birth of a remarkable life because, in the words of John's father after his birth, 'the Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour ... As for you, little child, you shall prepare His ways before Him'.

John the Baptist, the last of the prophets of old Israel, was a figure of immense significance. John was the one who pointed out the way in the life, death and resurrection of the Saviour of the world. As Jesus himself declared: 'A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen. It was toward John that all the prophecies of the prophets and the Law were leading'. However, what He adds to this remarkable praise startles us: 'Yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is'. These words refer, not to John's personal standing before God, but to the fact that his role belongs to the old order which is now passing away.

In fact, John was a figure of such influence at the time that the Gospels stress that he claimed to be no more than a humble herald of this fulfillment. Jews came to question this preacher who was attracting large crowds. When asked: 'Who are you?', he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ; I am not Elijah; I am not the Prophet (i.e. the New Moses)'. He was, he said, 'a voice that cries in the wilderness: make a straight a way for the Lord'.

There are other indications of John's acceptance of his role as a humble herald. When large crowds came to be baptized, he brushed aside their grandiose suggestions with words that are familiar to every generation: 'I am not fit to undo the strap of His sandals; I baptize with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire'.

Taking up the prophets' theme, referring to the Lord as the 'husband' of Israel, he applied it to the fulfillment he was announcing, calling himself 'the bridegroom's friend, who stands there and listens and is glad when he hears the bridegroom's voice'.

John the Baptist makes himself an inspiring model to all disciples of Jesus, when he declares, 'He must increase and I must decrease'. We must all follow his example.

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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

2Kgs.17:5-8,13-15,18  
Mt.7:1-5



#### TUESDAY

2Kgs.19:9-11,14-21,  
31-36  
Mt.7:6,12-14



#### WEDNESDAY

Is.49:1-6  
Acts.13:22-26  
Lk.1:57-66,80



#### THURSDAY

2Kgs.24:8-17  
Mt.7:21-29



#### FRIDAY

2Kgs.25:1-12  
Mt.8:1-4



#### SATURDAY

Lam.2:2,10-14,18-19  
Mt.8:5-17



### MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
<b>12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A</b>		
Sat Jun 20 - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Thks:</b> The Destang family Marie-Ange Williams <b>B'day:</b> Chantal St. John Annette Biscette
Sun Jun 21 - 7:30 a.m. <i>Father's Day</i>		<b>MISSA PRO POLPULO</b>
10:00 a.m.		<b>Int:</b> Jacinta St. Helene <b>Deliv:</b> Lawrence Hyacinth
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		<b>Guid:</b> Laurencia Cadette Zoey Hinkson, Sashla St. Omer <b>B'day:</b> Joel Davidson, Joshua Ermay
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Kaelan Haywood
<b>WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b>		
Mon Jun 22 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	<b>Thks:</b> Bernadette Pamphile
12:30 p.m.		<b>Deliv:</b> Lawrence Hyacinth
Tue Jun 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	<b>Thks:</b> Mikaela Elliott
Wed Jun 24 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Nativity of John the Baptist</i>	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	<b>B'day:</b> Margerie Philip
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Marie Headley Christiane Laurent Dussiel
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Viviane Mirville Powell
Thu Jun 25 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Henry Nmor Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav	<b>B'day:</b> Rohan Louis <b>Thks:</b> Marcia Haywood & family
12:30 p.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Tamah-Ann Francois <b>Deliv:</b> Lawrence Hyacinth
Fri Jun 26 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephania Banda	<b>Dc'd:</b> Lucia Joseph
12:30 p.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Lennon Frederick <b>Guid:</b> Kaelan Haywood <b>Deliv:</b> Lawrence Hyacinth
Sat Jun 27 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	<b>Deliv:</b> Lawrence Hyacinth