

Jesus is the True Vine

Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit.



Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.

Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are



suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!

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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.

The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker - May 1

“May Day” has long been dedicated to labour and the working man. In 1955, Pope Pius XII used the 1st of May to establish the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in order to Christianize the concept of labour and give to all workers a model and a protector.

By his daily labour, offered to God with patience and joy, Joseph provided for his family, becoming an example to all labourers. It is eminently fitting that Joseph, a working man who became the foster-father of Christ and patron of the universal Church, should be honoured on this day.

Pope Francis tells us that Joseph, “a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family,” teaches us “the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one’s own labour.” This aspect of Joseph’s character provided Pope Francis the opportunity to launch an appeal in favour of work, which is “a burning social issue” even in countries with a certain level of well-being, as “there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which St. Joseph is an exemplary patron.” Work, Pope Francis says, “is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion.” Those who work “are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us.”

Pope Francis encourages everyone “to re-discover the value, the importance and the necessity of work for bringing about a new normal from which no one is excluded.” The Pope calls everyone to “review our priorities” and to express our firm conviction that no person at all should be without work”.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

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VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER- 28TH APRIL, 2024 - YEAR B



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

Second Reading

1Jn.3:18-24

Gospel

Jn. 15:1-8

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./12:30 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

G/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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May - The Month of Mary.

The month of May is the “month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady,” and it is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love” which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.

In this month, too, “the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance” (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which took place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion. The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order, and from there it spread to the whole Church.

There are many ways to celebrate this particular devotion. Most churches have a daily recitation of the rosary. Some include the crowning of Our Lady's statue; a statue of Mary is honored with a wreath of blossoms to indicate Mary's virtues, virtues that are to be imitated by the faithful. The important thing is that Mary be honored in a special way.

How can we honor Mary this month?

Simple, pray the rosary. In all the hundreds of apparitions of Mary she has constantly called us to pray the holy rosary for the salvation of souls. This is an easy yet powerful way to honor her this month. It has been said that each time we pray the rosary, a rose is added to the crown of Mary. This isn't something that needs to be done alone or in private. Pray it as a family and allow Mary to wrap her mantle of peace around all of you.

Pope Francis also encourages us to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home this May, traditionally a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect.

Pope Francis says that contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Teresa Huntley
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Anne Charles
Ira Martial
Augustin Laurencin
Rosemarie Jn. Baptiste
Cecile Louison Darius

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

1Jn.1: 5-2:2
Mt.11:25-30



TUESDAY

Acts 14:19-28
Jn.14:27-31



WEDNESDAY

Gen.1:26-2:3
Col.3:14-15
17,23-24
Mt.13:54-58



THURSDAY

Acts.15:7-21
Jn.15:9-11



FRIDAY

1Cor.15:1-8
Jn.14:6-14



SATURDAY

Acts 16:1-10
Jn.15:18-21

MASS INTENTIONS



GROS ISLET

CLERGY / RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat Apr 27- 6:00 p.m.

~Psalm 22:26 (KJV)~

Wedd Ann: Maude & Hilton Oculien
Augustin & Martha Rosemond
Holy Spirit: Diane Robinson

Sun Apr 28 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere – 7:30 a.m.

The meek shall eat and
be satisfied: they shall
praise the Lord that
seek him: your heart
shall live for ever.

Eucharistic Service

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B'day: Lyndon Samuel, Neal George
Bapt. Ann: Edel Mason
45th Wedd Ann:
Isidore & Ginerva Davidson

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

MISSA PRO POPULO

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Apr 29 - 6:00 a.m.
St. Catherine of Sienna

Rev. David Popo
Rev. Herald Wilson
Rev. Gerard Calderon

Dc'd: Annetta Sidoine
Members of the Sidoine family

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Marcia Pilgrim, Cyrus Emmanuel
Albert, Letitia & Raymond Laurent

Tue Apr 30 - 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Peter Fevrier
Sr. Margaret Maynard
Sr. Marie Therese Clement

B'day: Xanaii Boxill
Guid: The Haywood family

Wed May 1- 7:00 a.m.
St. Joseph the Worker

Fr. Joseph Akande
Fr. Ignatius Cetoute
Fr. Cleophus Joseph

Parishioners

Thu May 2- 6:00 a.m.
St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor

Fr. Athanase Joseph
Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo
Fr. Philomin Zacharias

Thks: Diane & Richard Palton
Holy Spirit: Huntley & Wells families

12:30 p.m.

Thks: Glace Motors Ltd.
B'day: Vanya Pilgrim-Samuel

Fri May 3 - 6:00 a.m.
Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

Msgr. Michel Francis
Fr. Stephen Quinlan
Fr. Arthur Zalewski

Thks: Stennett Bent & family
Sacred Heart: Perlin Verdant & family

12:30 p.m.

Thks: Francisca Jean
Augusta Toussaint
B'day: Dionysia Sealy-Compton

Sat May 4 - 6:30 a.m.
Mass at the Shrine

Fr. Vinoth Santhappan

BVM: Perlin Verdant & family
Holy Spirit:
Claude & Mary Severin & family