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The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - June 24th



For us the word “Sacred Heart of Jesus” symbolizes the divine love of Jesus. It is centered on the heart of Jesus as the emblem of Divine love.

This feast celebrates a love so great that nothing is asking too much of this magnificent love. The love of God remains a love for those who are unworthy. It is a “foolish” love. From this “foolishness” of God came our salvation. Jesus breathed forth the Spirit as He died upon the cross and from His wounded side flowed the life giving waters of baptism and the precious blood of the Eucharist. He gave up His life not just for us, but to us. We are so used to baptism and Eucharist that we forget that they issued forth from His broken body and His pierced heart.

On this feast day, let us express our love to this Sacred Heart to whom families are consecrated and place our total trust in Him and run to Him in our need This Sacred Heart is burning with love for us and will protect us, care for us and give us peace and tranquility.

We are of the religion of love, the religion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Behold the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There, we can see His sufferings, His Cross, His humility, His forgiveness, His victory in the Resurrection, His infinite Love for us.

But the most important demonstration of the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the Holy Eucharist. Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is the companion of our exile, by His real presence: “Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened and I will give you rest”.

Fr. Eugene Lobo S.J.
(excerpt: msjnov.wordpress.com)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 22ND JUNE 2025 - YEAR C

The Path to Follow.

In the First Reading, we hear the voice of the Prophet Zechariah as he delivers difficult oracles from God. The people have returned from exile and now, back in Jerusalem, they face the arduous work of rebuilding the Temple. Zechariah acknowledges their hardships and foresees more obstacles. But their grief has a purpose. It is a remedy, a penance, to heal them, “a fountain” to purify them from sin.

Thus purified, the people will be ready to receive the Messiah and usher in a new creation. God promises to “pour out a spirit of kindness and prayer” over the house of David and the citizens of Jerusalem. So that no one should mistake the identity of the Messiah when He comes, God says through Zechariah: “they will look on the one whom they have pierced; they will mourn for him as for an only son.” That prophecy could be fulfilled in no other than Jesus, the Word made Flesh, the Only-Begotten Son of God, the Crucified.

The day of the Messiah indeed came, with an outpouring of the Spirit. Yet it was a saving event not only for Jerusalem, but for all people. Both Jews and Gentiles could become, Paul says, “sons of God”, and now, “there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female.” If we belong to Christ, then we are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to the promise.

In light of these readings, Sunday's Gospel is poignant. Jesus asks His closest friends, “ho do you say that I am?” Peter replies, “The Christ of God.” Jesus then reveals, as Zechariah had foretold, that the Messiah must be killed and mourned before the Spirit would come forth on Pentecost. The day has indeed come. Yet still we long for its fullness, and so we pray to God as in the Psalm: “for you I long: for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you, like a dry weary land...”

Jesus gave His life for all people. As His followers, we too must follow Him along the path of self giving, taking up our cross by not seeking our own will, but the will of the Father who wants the world to be a place of peace and true justice. That is not an easy path to follow, but it is the one that gives life.

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CONFESSIONS

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9.00 - 10.00 a.m
&
by appointment

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First Reading
Zec.12:10-11.13:1

Second Reading
Gal.3:26-29

Gospel

Lk.9:18-24

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
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The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

On June 24th, we celebrate the birth of a remarkable life. While the Church usually commemorates only the date of the death most saints, the Virgin Mary and John the Baptist are two whose *birth dates* are commemorated as well. The reason for this is found in the singular mission each had in salvation history.

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’. 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’.

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 bride- groom’s friend, who stands there and listens and is glad when he hears the bridegroom’s voice’. And he makes himself an inspiring model to *all* disciples of Jesus, when he declares, ‘He must increase and I must decrease’. Unlike so many people, John the Baptist clearly understood that he had been set apart by God for a purpose. John's greatest strength was his focused and faithful commitment to the call of God. Taking the Nazarite vow for life, he personified the term set apart for God. John knew he had been given a specific job to do and he set out with singular obedience to fulfill that mission. He didn't just talk about repentance from sin. He lived with boldness of purpose throughout his uncompromising mission, willing to be martyred for his stand against sin. We must all follow his example.

John Thornhill SM
(excerpt theemausseries.com)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Marie Joseph
Anne Marie Felicien

DECEASED

Canice Louis
Charles Pascal
Joseph Oculien
Catherine Alexis
Christella Z. Volney

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Gen.12:1-9
Mt.7:1-5
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TUESDAY
Is.49:1-6
Acts.13:22-26
Lk.1:57-66,80
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WEDNESDAY
JGen.15:1-12,17-20
Mt.7:15-20
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THURSDAY
Gen.16:1-12,15-16
Mt.7:21-29
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FRIDAY
Ez.34:11-16
Rom.5:5-11
Lk.15:3-7
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SATURDAY
Gen.17:1,9-10,15-22
Mt.8:5-17

MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Jun 21 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Chantal St. John Thks: The Destang family
Sun Jun 22 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Isabella McLean, Mateo Paul Protec & Thks: Marcella Johnson
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Guid: Zoey Hinkson Sashla St. Omer, Laurencia Cadette
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: Margerie Philip
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jun 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	Dc'd: Teresa Huntley, Cynthia Edward
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Richard Palton Int: Gwendolyn Sylvester
Tue Jun 24 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Nativity of John the Baptist</i>	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	B'day: Alicia Stephen, Margerie Philip Our Lady of Good Success: Kate Haywood
Wed Jun 25 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Henry Nmor Fr. Kenneth Haakyav	Guid: Sherline Christmas
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Andre Arlette & family
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Jun 26 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephanía Banda	Dc'd: Lucia Joseph
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Soup Kitchen Volunteers
Fri Jun 27 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	Thks: Sacred Heart Confraternity
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat Jun 28 - 6:30 a.m. <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	Fr. John Milton	Thks: Marylin Hyacinth & family