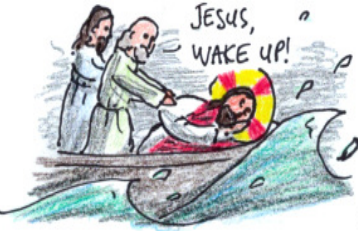


Trust in God



In today's Gospel reading the apostles became very afraid when a storm came up and the boat they were in started to sink.

Jesus was asleep in the boat, but when they woke Him up He told the storm to stop and it did!

Have you ever been very afraid? There are lots of things that can really scare us. Jesus wants us to turn to Him with faith when we are afraid. Sometimes God lets us be scared so that we will remember to ask Him for help.



If ever you feel scared, pray to Jesus right away. He can help to calm your fear, and He can help you to make good decisions. God is always there for us, even when things seem hopeless!



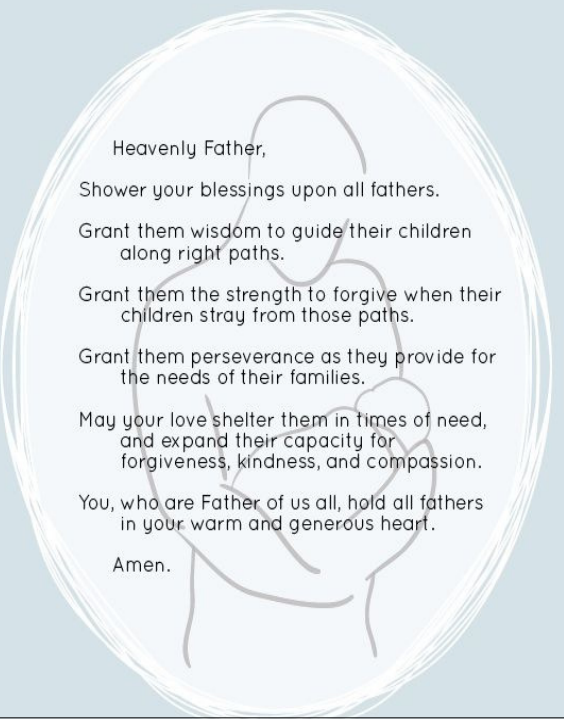
Here's an easy prayer you can say:
Jesus, I trust in You!

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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.

Prayer for Fathers



Heavenly Father,
Shower your blessings upon all fathers.
Grant them wisdom to guide their children along right paths.
Grant them the strength to forgive when their children stray from those paths.
Grant them perseverance as they provide for the needs of their families.
May your love shelter them in times of need, and expand their capacity for forgiveness, kindness, and compassion.
You, who are Father of us all, hold all fathers in your warm and generous heart.
Amen.





Prayer to St. Joseph
*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.*

Amen.



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

CONFESSIONS
Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
6.00 - 6.45p.m.
&
by appointment

VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20TH JUNE 2021 - YEAR B

In the storm.

“How is it that you have no faith?” Our Lord’s question in the Gospel frames the Sunday liturgies for the remainder of the year, which the Church calls “Ordinary Time.” In the weeks ahead, the liturgy will have us journeying with Jesus and His disciples, reliving their experience of His words and deeds, coming to know and believe in Him as they did.

Notice that today’s Psalm almost provides an outline for the Gospel. We sing of sailors caught in a storm; in their desperation, they call to the Lord and He rescues them. Mark’s Gospel also intends us to hear a strong echo of the story of the prophet Jonah. He, too, was found asleep on a boat when a life-threatening storm broke out that caused his fellow travelers to pray for deliverance, and then to marvel when the storm abated. But Jesus is something greater than Jonah; and Mark wants us to come to see what the Apostles saw - that God alone has the power to rebuke the wind and the sea.

This is the point of the First Reading: if even the wind and sea obey Him, shouldn’t we trust Him in the chaos and storms of our own lives?

As with the Apostles, the Lord has asked each of us to cross to the other side, to leave behind our old ways to travel with Him in the little ship of the Church. In their fear today, they call Him “Master, ” and it is only faith in His teaching that can save us from perishing. We should trust in Christ, and trust like Christ, who was able to sleep through the storm, confident that God was with Him.

We should live in thanksgiving for our salvation, as the Epistle tells us, as new creations, no longer for ourselves but for Him who died for our sake.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Job.38:1,8-11
Second Reading
2Cor.5:14-17
Gospel
Mk.4:35-41

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET
Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.
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MONDAY
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.
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TUESDAY
6:00 a.m.
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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.
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SATURDAY
6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.
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SUNDAY
Gros Islet/G. Riviere
7:30 A.M.
Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.
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HOLIDAY
7:00 a.m.
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The Nativity of St. John the Baptist - June 24th

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’.

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’. 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’. 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.

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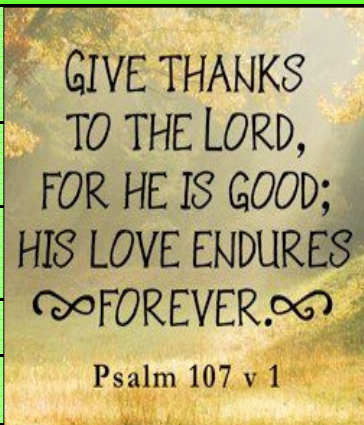
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Daphne Lorde
Denis Augustin
Nellie Hall
Bentley Jn Baptiste

DECEASED

Apolina Smith
Monica Brown
Marie V. Ambrose
Rosena Joseph
Mary Celine Popo
Williana Bruno
Thomas Louison

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Gen.12:1-9
Mt.7:1-5
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TUESDAY
Gen.13:2,5-18
Mt.7:6,12-14
✠
WEDNESDAY
Gen.15:1-12,17-18
Mt.7:15-20
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THURSDAY
Is.49:1-6
Acts.13:22-26
Lk.1:57-66,80
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FRIDAY
Gen.17:1,9-10,15-22
Mt.8:1-4
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SATURDAY
Gen.8:1-15
Mt.8:5-17
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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat June 19 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Chantal St. John Thks: The Destang family Talius James, Monica Richard
Sun June 20 - 7:30 a.m. <i>Father's Day</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Annette Biscette Int: All Fathers
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon June 21 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey Rev. Anthony Louis	Int: Bernadette Pamphile Anthony Robinson
12:30 p.m.		Wedd Anniv: Myrtle & Rudy Octave B'day: Kaelan Haywood, Pauline Bodley
Tue June 22 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	Dc'd: Mary Roach
Wed June 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Theophilus Joseph Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	Thks: Richard Palton
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Kashma St. Martin
Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu June 24 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Nativity of John the Baptist</i>	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	B'day: Alisia Stephen Margerie Philip, Thyahis Eugene
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Gilbert & Felicite Stanislaus Gilroy Stanislaus, Joan Joseph
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri June 25 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Henry Nmor Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav	Int: Cecil Graham
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Randolph Mathurin Anthony Johnson
Sat June 26 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephania Banda	Dc'd: Lucia Joseph , Holy Souls