

## Priests

### Take the Place of Jesus

In today's Gospel reading Jesus was preaching in the synagogue. (A synagogue is kind of like your local church building.) The people there didn't believe in Him because they thought they knew Him. They didn't take Him seriously because they knew His family.

Do you know the priest at your church? He takes the place of Jesus at every Mass and when you go to Confession. God gave him a very special job.

However, even though priests have a very special job, they are still people like you. They need lots of help from God to do their job well. We should pray for our priests every day!

Here is a prayer you can say:

*Dear Jesus,  
Please bless all priests. Make them be like you. Give them all the help they need to lead us to Heaven.  
Thank you for all the priests who have helped me, and please send more good priests to the Church. Amen.*

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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.

## SAINTS FUN FACTS

by mario d. macari

**SAINT BENEDICT** WAS A MERE TEENAGER WHEN HE LEFT THE SINFUL WORLD IN 497 TO LIVE LIFE FASTING AND PRAYING IN THE INACCESSIBLE DESERT MOUNTAINS. HE WAS THEREFORE QUITE SURPRISED ONE DAY TO SEE A PRIEST BEARING FOOD APPEAR IN THE REMOTE REGION. "IT'S EASTER DAY!," THE PRIEST SAID, "SHARE THIS FEAST WITH ME!"

AFTER PRAYING AND EATING TOGETHER, THE YOUNG SAINT WONDERED WHY THE PRIEST HAD FOUND HIM.

AS HE WAS ABOUT TO SIT DOWN TO HIS DINNER THAT DAY, THE PRIEST REPLIED, HE HAD HEARD A GENTLE VOICE SAY: "YOU ARE PREPARING FOR YOURSELF A BANQUET, WHILE MY SERVANT BENEDICT IS DISTRESSED WITH HUNGER." THE PRIEST IMMEDIATELY PACKED UP THE MEAL AND SET OUT LOOKING FOR BENEDICT!




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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.



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

**CONFESSIONS**

Every Saturday  
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

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by appointment

# Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Participation/Mission

## 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -7TH JULY 2024 - YEAR B

### Son of Mary

As we've walked with the Apostles in the Gospels in recent weeks, we've witnessed Jesus command the wind and sea, and order a little girl to arise from the dead. But He seems to meet His match in His hometown of Nazareth.

Today's Gospel is blunt: "and He (Jesus) could work no miracle there." Why not? Because of the people's lack of faith. They acknowledged the wisdom of His words, the power of His works. But they refused to recognize Jesus as a prophet come among them, a messenger sent by God. All they could see was how much this "man" was like them - a carpenter, the son of their neighbor, Mary, with brothers and sisters.

Of course, Mary was ever-virgin and had no other children. The Gospel refers to Jesus' brothers as Paul refers to all Israelites as his brothers, the children of Abraham. That's the point in the Gospel, too. Like the prophet Ezekiel in the First Reading, Jesus was sent by God to the rebellious house of Israel, where He found His own brothers and sisters obstinate of heart and in revolt against God. The servant is not above the Master. As His disciples, we too face the mockery and contempt we hear of in today's Psalm. And isn't it often hardest to live our faith among those in our own families, those who think they really know us, who define us by the people we used to be before we chose to walk with Jesus?

As Paul confides in the Epistle, insults and hardships are God's way of teaching us to rely solely on His grace. Jesus will work no mighty deeds in our lives unless we abandon ourselves to Him in faith.

Blessed then are those who take no offense in Him. Instead, we must look upon Him with the eyes of servants, knowing that the son of Mary is also the Lord enthroned in the heavens.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading**  
Ez.2:2-5

**Second Reading**  
2Cor.12:7-10

**Gospel**  
Mk.6:1-6

### MASS TIMES

**Gros Islet**  
Morning Prayers:  
Mon -Fri  
5:45 a.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.

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**THURSDAY**  
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.

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**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**  
Variable  
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<b>St. Benedict (C.480–543) - Feast Day July 11th</b>	
Benedict of Nursia was born just as the Roman Empire was disintegrating. During his youth, the Italian peninsula was the scene of constant war. The young Benedict moved from his birthplace to Rome, but soon abandoned the place, disgusted with the paganism and immorality he saw there. He retired to a cave some 30 miles east of Rome where he lived as a hermit and endured severe privations. As Benedict’s reputation for holiness and performing miracles spread, many monks tried to attach themselves to him. He agreed to become abbot of a small monastery, but the monks who tried to live under his direction hated his regimen so much, they plotted to kill him. After the attempted murder, he returned to a life of solitude. Other monks again sought him out, and before long he had established 12 monasteries. He soon moved on again, and with some disciples established another monastery, this time on the mountain above Cassino, about 80 miles south of Rome. At this new monastery, Benedict directed the monks with his beliefs and instructions on religious life, and ideas from a number of earlier monastic writings. These were collected in what is now known as the Rule of Saint Benedict. The “Rule” has a unique spirit of balance, moderation and reasonableness, and became one of the most influential religious books in Western Christendom. Its combination of compassion and discipline made the Rule a model for many later monastic orders, and one reason why monasticism became such a viable life for so many over the next centuries, during which the institution literally shaped the future of Europe. For this reason, Benedict is often called the founder of western monasticism. To this day the “Rule of St. Benedict” remains the most common and influential of precepts used by monasteries and monks, more than 1,400 years after its writing. He is honoured by the Church as the patron saint of Europe and students.	
<b>About The St. Benedict Crucifix:</b> This crucifix was made in honour of St Benedict and is considered a symbol of the fight against evil. On one side, the medal on the crucifix has an image of St Benedict holding the “Rule” in his left hand and a cross in his right. There is a raven on one side of him with a cup on the other. Around the outer margin are the words "Eius in obitu nostro praesentia muniamur" ("May we, at our death, be fortified by His presence"). The other side of the medal has a cross with the initials CSSML on the vertical bar which mean "Crux Sacra Sit Mihi Lux" ("May the Holy Cross be my light") and on the horizontal bar are the initials NDSMD which stand for "Non Draco Sit Mihi Dux" ("Let not the dragon be my overlord"). The initials CSPB stand for "Crux Sancti Patris Benedicti" ("The Cross of the Holy Father Benedict") and are located on the interior angles of the cross. Either the inscription "PAX" (Peace) or IHS" may be found at the top of the cross in most cases. Around the medal's margin on this side are the initials VRSNSM which stand for "Vade Retro Satana, Nonquam Suade Mihi Vana" ("Begone Satan, do not suggest to me thy vanities") then a space followed by the initials SMLIVB which signify "Sunt Mala Quae Libas, Ipse Venena Bibas"("Evil are the things thou profferest, drink thou thy own poison").	
(excerpt:wikipedia.org)	
<b><u>PLEASE PRAY FOR</u></b>	
<b><u>THE SICK</u></b>	
Patsy Crafton Iris Macauldy Martha Mason Teresa Huntley Marie Joseph	
<b><u>DECEASED</u></b>	
Jane Ellis John Weekes Teresa Xavier Bridget Evans Teresa Michaud George Nicholas	
<b>WEEKDAY READINGS</b>	
✠ <b>MONDAY</b> Hos.2:16-18,21-22 Mt.9:18-26 ✠ <b>TUESDAY</b> Hos.8:4-7,11-13 Mt.9:32-38 ✠ <b>WEDNESDAY</b> Hos.10:1-3,7-8,12 Mt.10:1-7 ✠ <b>THURSDAY</b> Hos.11:1-4,8-9 Mt.10:7-15 ✠ <b>FRIDAY</b> Hos.14:2-10 Mt.10:16-23 ✠ <b>SATURDAY</b> Is.6:1-8 Mt.10:24-33 ✠	

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat Jul 6 - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: Augusta Toussaint B'day: Alannah Bousquet, Jaeden Glace
Sun Jul 7- 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Deliv & Guid: Roberta Polius Holy Spirit: Bibiana Flavien
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Catherine Augustin & family
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: John Cherubin & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jul 8 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Albert Smith Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Christine Alphonse	Deliv & Guid: Roberta Polius
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Celia & Gregory Burton Joseph Clifton Huntley
Tue Jul 9 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Amalraj Penigilipadi Fr. Cezar Herrera Sr. Giovanna Mabunda	B'day: Deacon Andrew Edward Deliv & Guid: Roberta Polius
Wed Jul 10- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Xavier Fr. Will Howard Rev. Andrew Edward	B'day: Xilef Felix, Jamaal Bruce Lordina Gaspard, Marina St. Martin Thks: Christina Cazaubon Deliv & Guid: Roberta Polius
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Dc'd: Joseph Clifton Huntley
Thu Jul 11 - 6:00 a.m. St. Benedict, Abbot	Sr. Benedicta Chanda Sr. Petronilla Banda Sr. Scholastica Felician	Dc'd: Kate Roselyn Moise Ann Margaret & Horace Gallion
12:30 p.m.		Wisdom: Hayden Jean
Fri Jul 12 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Festus Iwuagwu Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Marcellus Serieux	Health: Matthew Pistol B'day: Anne Marie Louis, Adams Alexis
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Yana Auguste Joseph & Arlene Evariste
Sat Jul 13 - 6:30 a.m. BVM	Rev. Vincent Norbert Rev. Anthony Pierre Rev. Madison Stanislaus	80th B'day: Bibiana Jules