

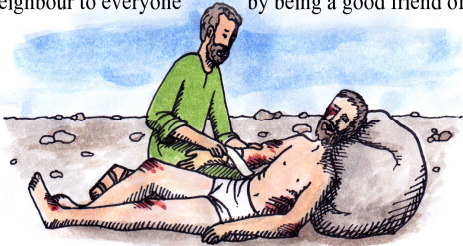
Loving God and Our Neighbour

In today's Gospel reading we learn that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart and soul and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The most important thing you do in your life is loving God. If you really love God then you will do what is right and love other people as well. The Samaritan in the story loved God even though he didn't worship Him in the proper way like the Jews did. But because he loved God he wanted to please Him by being kind to his enemy.

If you don't love God then you will not be able to make good decisions about other things either. You can't even love other people properly if you don't love God the most. The priest and Levite in the parable probably cared more about themselves than about God. That is why when they saw their own countryman injured and lying by the roadside they just walked past.

Is God the most important person in your life? Talk to Him every day and you will grow to love Him. You can be a good neighbour to everyone by being a good friend of God.



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.

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.**

*The Lord listens when the
needy cry out, and does not
forget the prisoners.*

Psalm 69:33

Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. **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

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VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10TH JULY 2022 - YEAR C

Love without limits.

We are to love God and our neighbor with all the strength of our being, as the scholar of the Law answers Jesus in this week's Gospel. This command is nothing remote or mysterious. It's already written in our hearts, in the book of Sacred Scripture. "You have only to carry it out," Moses says in the First Reading. Jesus tells His interrogator the same thing: "Do this and you will live."

The scholar, however, wants to know where he can draw the line. That's the motive behind his question, "Who is my neighbor?" In his compassion, the Samaritan in Jesus' parable reveals the boundless mercy of God who came down to us when we were fallen in sin, close to dead, unable to pick ourselves up. Jesus is "the image of the unseen God," the Epistle tells us. In Him, the love of God has come very near to us. By the "His death on the cross" - by bearing His neighbors' sufferings in His own body, being stripped, beaten and left for dead - He saved us from the bonds of sin and reconciled us to God and to one another. Like the Samaritan, He pays the price for us, heals the wounds of sin, pours out on us the oil and wine of the sacraments, and entrusts us to the care of His Church until He comes back for us.

Because His love has known no limits, ours cannot either. We are to love as we have been loved, to do for others what He has done for us, joining all things together in His Body, the Church. We are to love like the psalmist, like those whose prayers have been answered, like those whose lives have been saved, who have known the time of His favor, have seen God in His great mercy turn toward us.

This is the love that leads to eternal life, the love Jesus commands of the scholar and of each of us: "Go and do likewise."

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Dt.30:10-14

Second Reading
Col.1:15-20

Gospel
Lk.10:25-37

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

Gros Islet/G. Riviere

7:30 A.M.

Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY

Variable



St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor - Feast Day July 15th

St. Bonaventure, born in central Italy in 1221, was a Franciscan theologian and philosopher. Tradition says that he received the name Bonaventure when as a child St. Francis of Assisi prayed for his recovery from a dangerous illness, and foreseeing the child’s future greatness cried out, "O Buona ventura" (O good fortune).

Bonaventure, regarded as one of the greatest philosophers of the 13th century, was very influential in the development of scholasticism in medieval thought. Like Aquinas and other notable 13th century philosophers and theologians, Bonaventure believed that it is possible to prove the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. His theology was marked by an attempt to completely integrate faith and reason. He thought of Christ as the "one true master" who offers humans knowledge that begins in faith, is developed through rational understanding, and is perfected by mystical union with God.

Influenced by the Franciscans throughout his education and having a great reverence for the life of St. Francis of Assisi, he entered the Franciscan Order at the age of twenty-two. Having made his vows, he was sent to Paris to complete his studies where he became the intimate friend of Thomas Aquinas. He continued his studies in theology at the University of Paris and wrote commentaries on the Scriptures and other works. He later wrote a biography of St. Francis of Assisi which became the official biography accepted by the Franciscan Order. He received a license to teach in 1253, and taught theology at the University of Paris until 1257.

In 1257 he was elected as Minister General of the Franciscan Order. Just then the Order was becoming divided between those who wished to alter the rule of St. Francis by allowing the Order to own property and participate in university education and political life, and those who wished it to remain as faithful as possible to St. Francis' original ideal of poverty and missionary activity among the common people. Bonaventure was, by training and inclination, committed to the aims of the first group and therefore advocated Franciscan participation in education and ecclesiastical affairs, and steered the Order on a moderate, intellectual course that made it the most prominent order in the Catholic Church until the coming of the Jesuits.

In recognition of his activities as general of the Franciscan Order and as a papal confidant, Pope Gregory X made Bonaventure a cardinal bishop in 1273. Bonaventure helped the Holy See organize and conduct the Second General Council of Lyons in 1274. On July 15, before the Council ended, he died suddenly and was buried in the Franciscan Church in Lyons.

He was canonized in 1482 by Pope Sixtus IV. In 1588 Pope Sixtus V declared St. Bonaventure a Doctor of the Church with the title “Seraphic Doctor”, no doubt because of the great depth of insight into the spiritual which breathes through his writings.

(excerpt: biography.yourdictionary.com)
(excerpt: wikipedia.com)
(excerpt: catholic.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR	
<u>THE SICK</u>	
Carmen Lord Martha Mason Iris Macauldy Patsy Crafton Theresa Huntley	
<u>DECEASED</u>	
Nellie Hall Andre Joseph Edward Springer Kareem Auguste Berthilda Jameson Egbert A. Williams Raymond Laurencin	
WEEKDAY READINGS	
✠ MONDAY Is.1:10-17 Mt.10:34--11:1 ✠ TUESDAY Is.7:1-9 Mt.11:20-24 ✠ WEDNESDAY Is.10:5-7,13-16 Mt.11:25-27 ✠ THURSDAY Is.26:7-9,12,16-19 Mt.11:28-30 ✠ FRIDAY Is.38:1-6,21-22.7-8 Mt.12:1-8 ✠ SATURDAY Mi.2:1-5 Mt.12:14-21 ✠	

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat July 9 - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: The Destang family B'day: Alannah Bousquet, Jaeden Glace
Sun July 10 - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Xilef Felix
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon July 11 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Benedict, Abbot</i>	Sr. Scholastica Felician	B'day: Marina St. Martin Lordina Gaspard
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Anthony Thomas
Tue July 12 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Arnold Clouden Rev. Marcellus Serieux	Thks: Shanta King IHO St. Michael for deliv & protec: For the Nation & parish Community
Wed July 13 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Anthony Pierre Rev. Vincent Norbert Rev. Madison Stanislaus	B'day: Kayla Rose Richard
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Josée Straughn, Antoine Glace Arlene & Joseph Evariste
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu July 14 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin</i>	Msgr. Justin Barthelmy Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	B'day: Samson Louis 50th B'day: Mervin Charles
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Sylvia Boxill Lester & Josephine Jn. Baptiste Thks: Bernice Springer
Monchy- 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri July 15 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor</i>	Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph	Dc'd: Charmaine Blanchard-Johnson James Prudent, Marguerite Arlain
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Natasha Butcher Deliv: Hayden Jean IHO St. Jude: Hopeless Cases
Sat July 16 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	Wedd Ann: Chris & Carole Jn Marie