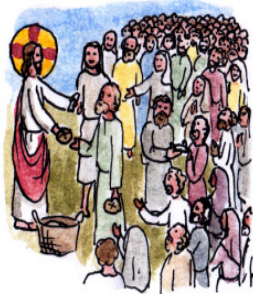


Kids Column

John 6:1-15

Jesus Multiplies our Gifts



Jesus saw that a huge crowd of people had come to Him, and He knew that they needed food. However, all they had was a few loaves of bread and a couple fish that a boy had brought along.

Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish and blessed it, and started giving it to the crowd. Soon there was enough to feed five thousand people, plus there were twelve baskets of leftovers!

Jesus still multiplies what we give Him today. At Mass we offer to God some bread and wine and He turns it into the Body and Blood of Jesus!



We have something to offer to Jesus too. If you offer your work, or your talents, or even your whole life to God, He will use your gifts to bring His blessings to the world.

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*The Tabernacle Candles
are lit this week*



*in Thanksgiving for
Maria D. Hippolyte*

Word Search Puzzle

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JESUS	BASKETFULS	SATISFIED	CROWDS	LOAVES
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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

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25TH JULY 2021 - YEAR B

Living Bread.

Today's liturgy brings together several strands of Old Testament expectation to reveal Jesus as Israel's promised Messiah and King, the Lord who comes to feed His people. Notice the parallels between the Gospel and First Reading. Both Elisha and Jesus face a crowd of hungry people with only a few barley loaves. We hear similar words about how impossible it will be to feed the crowd with so little, and in both, the miraculous multiplication of bread satisfies the hungry and leaves food left over. The Elisha story looks back to Moses, the prophet who fed God's people in the wilderness. Moses prophesied that God would send a prophet like him; the crowd in the Gospel, witnessing His miracle, identifies Jesus as that prophet.

The Gospel again shows Jesus to be the Lord, the good shepherd, who makes His people lie down on green grass and spreads a table before them. The miraculous feeding is a sign that God has begun to fulfill His promise, which we sing of in today's Psalm, to give His people food in due season and satisfy their desires.

But Jesus points to the final fulfillment of that promise in the Eucharist. He does the same things He does at the Last Supper: He takes the loaves, pronounces a blessing of thanksgiving (literally, "eucharist"), and gives the bread to the people. Notice, too, that twelve baskets of bread are left over, one for each of the Apostles.

These are signs that should point us to the Eucharist, in which the Church founded on the Apostles continues to feed us with the living bread of His Body. In this Eucharist, we are made one Body with the Lord. Let us resolve again, then, to live lives worthy of such a great calling.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

2Kgs.4:42-44

Second Reading

Eph.4:1-6

Gospel

Jn.6:1-15

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

7:00 a.m.



CONFESSIONS

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

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Feast of St. Martha - July 29th

“Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus.” This statement in John's gospel tells us of the special relationship Jesus had with these siblings. Apparently Jesus was a frequent guest at their home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. We read of three visits - in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53, and John 12:1-9.

Many of us find it easy to identify with Martha in the story Luke tells: Martha welcomes Jesus and His disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them. Hospitality is paramount in the Middle East and Martha believed in its importance. Imagine her frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality in order to sit and listen to Jesus. Instead of speaking to her sister, she asks Jesus to intervene. Jesus' response is not unkind, which gives us an idea of His affection for her. He observes that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being present to Him. He reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important - listening to Him.

In Martha we see ourselves, worried and distracted by all we have to do in the world and forgetting to spend time with Jesus. It is, however, comforting to note that Jesus loved her just the same. The next visit shows how well Martha learned this lesson. She is grieving the death of her brother with a house full of mourners when she hears that Jesus has just come to the area. She gets up immediately, leaves the guests, and goes to meet Him.

Her conversation with Jesus shows her faith and courage. In this dialogue she states clearly and without doubt that she believes in Jesus' power, in the resurrection, and, most of all, that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus tells her that He is the resurrection and the life and then goes on to raise her brother from the dead.

Our final picture of Martha in Scripture is the one that sums up who she was. Jesus has returned to Bethany some time later to share a meal with His good friends. In this home were three extraordinary people. We hear how brother Lazarus caused a stir when he was brought back to life, we hear how Mary causes a commotion at dinner by anointing Jesus with expensive perfume, but all we hear about Martha is the simple statement: “Martha served.” She isn't in the spotlight, she doesn't do showy things, she doesn't receive spectacular miracles. She simply serves Jesus.

We know nothing more about Martha and what happened to her later. But wouldn't it be wonderful if the most important thing that could be said about us is “They served?”

Martha is the patron saint of servants and cooks.

(excerpt: catholic.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Denis Augustin
Nellie Hall
Bentley Jn Baptiste

DECEASED

Mericie Leopold
Jacinta Eugene
Elevine Mathurin
Teresa Lorde-Paul
Catherine Philip
Stanislaus Joseph
Joseph Andrew
Anne Marie Lesporis

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Ex.32:15-24,30-34
Mt.13:31-35
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TUESDAY
Ex.33:7-11;34:5-9,28
Mt.13:36-43
✠
WEDNESDAY
Ex.34:29-35
Mt.13:44-46
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THURSDAY
Ex.40:16-21,34-38
Jn.11:19-27
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FRIDAY
Lev.23:1,4-11,15-16,
27, 34-37
Mt.13:54-58
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SATURDAY
Lev.25:1,8-17
Mt.14:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat July 24 - 6:00 p.m.	<i>The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. Psalm 145:15</i>	Wedd Ann: Joakim & Azelia George Thks: The Findlay family, Zoey Hinkson Sashla Regobert, Laurencia Cadette
Sun July 25 - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Lucille Inglis Michael St. Martin
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon July 26 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Sts. Joachim and Ann Parents of the BVM</i>	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephania Banda	Dc'd: Lucia Joseph, Holy Souls
12:30 p.m.		Guid: Alex Blanchard
Tue July 27 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	B'day: Tracy Wiggins, Jaycie Dalson Wedd Ann: Winifred & Gerard Calderon
Wed July 28 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. John Milton Fr. Barnabas Iorgilim Rev. Gerard Calderon	Dc'd: Elizabeth Monrose Joyce Fealings, Nugent Dennehy
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Martha Hodge
Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu July 29 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Martha, Disciple of the Lord</i>	Rev. David Popo Rev. Peter Fevrier Rev. Herald Wilson	Dc'd: Paul Joseph
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Tanysia Compton
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri July 30 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Winston Taylor Sr. Margaret Maynard	Thks: Adrian Popo & family
12:30 p.m.		Guid & Protec: June & Ken Burns Sharon & Cuthbert Elisee
Sat July 31 - 6:30 a.m. <i>St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>	Sr. Mary Mumba	Dc'd: Irene & Joseph Destang Rosa & Antoine Glace