

Jesus teaches us not to be greedy



In today's Gospel reading, a man tells Jesus that his brother is being unfair to him. But Jesus knows that the man is just being greedy, so He tells him the parable of the rich farmer. One year he had such a good harvest that he couldn't fit it all into his barns. He tore down his old barns and built new ones, so that he could store his food for many years. But just when he thought he would be able to rest and enjoy his food, God told him that he would die.



This parable is a warning against being greedy. Jesus is not saying that we should not save some food or that we shouldn't save our money. He is just telling us to remember that we are going to die one day, and then everything we saved is going to be useless for us. He wants us to use the things we have wisely, but not be too attached to them.



Think of something that is really special to you. How would you feel if you lost it or it was taken away? Do your feelings show that you care too much about things? Try to think of your belongings in such a way that if you lost them you wouldn't be too upset. After all, none of your stuff is going to matter to you when you die!



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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.

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.**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Closed Tuesdays

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.**



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 31ST JULY 2022 - YEAR C

Guarding against vanity.

Trust in God as the Rock of our salvation, as the Lord who made us His chosen people, as our shepherd and guide. This should be the mark of our following of Jesus.

We must take care to guard against the folly that befell the Israelites, that led them to quarrel and test God's goodness at Meribah and Massah. We can harden our hearts in ways more subtle but no less ruinous. We can put our trust in possessions, squabble over earthly inheritances, fool ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they'll afford us security and rest. All this is "vanity of vanities," a false and deadly way of living, as the First Reading tells us.

This is the greed that Jesus warns against in this week's Gospel. The rich man's anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God's care and provision. That's why Paul calls greed "idolatry" in the Epistle. Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker.

Jesus calls the rich man a "fool" - a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him. We should treasure most the new life we have been given in Christ and seek what is above, the promised inheritance of heaven. We have to see all things in the light of eternity, mindful that He who gives us the breath of life could at any moment - this night even - demand it back from us.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Eccl.1:2. 2:21-23

Second Reading
Col.3:1-5,9-11

Gospel
Lk.12:13-21

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



CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
5:00-5:45 p.m.
&
by appointment

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

St. John Marie Vianney, Curé d’Ars: Feast Day August 4th

Jean-Baptiste Marie Vianney was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, France. He was the fourth of six children born to Matthieu and Marie Vianney. In 1790, when the anticlerical phase of the French Revolution forced priests to work in secrecy or face execution, young Vianney believed that priests were heroes. At 13, in secrecy, John made his First Communion and prepared for his confirmation. When he was 20 years old, John was allowed to leave the family farm to undertake ecclesiastical studies at a "presbytery school" in Écully. In 1809, John was drafted into Napoleon Bonaparte's armies. As an ecclesiastical student, he would normally have been exempted from military service, but Napoleon had withdrawn the exemption in some dioceses as he required more soldiers. Two days into his service, John fell ill and required hospitalization. He then met a young man who led him into the mountains where military deserters met. John lived with them for over one year and hid when gendarmes came in search of deserters until 1810, when deserters were granted amnesty. John then returned to Écully and resumed his ecclesiastic studies. He attended a minor seminary in 1812, and became a priest on August 12, 1815. When he began his priestly duties, Fr. Vianney realized many were either ignorant or indifferent to religion as a result of the French Revolution. He spent much time in confession working eleven to sixteen hours each day to reconcile people with God, and often delivered homilies against blasphemy. Soon his parish of Ars became known for the radical spiritual transformation of the community and its surroundings. This transformation is attributed to Fr. Vianney’s saintly life, mortification, his ministry in the sacrament of confession, and an ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary as well as St. Philomena, to whom he was deeply devoted. When he later became deathly ill, he attributed his return to health to St. Philomena's intercession. His fame spread until people began to travel to Ars visit him. Within thirty years, it is said he received up to twenty thousand pilgrims each year. However, by 1853, Fr. Vianney had attempted to leave Ars four times with the intention of becoming a monk, but decided after the final time that it was not to be. Six years later, he passed away and left behind a legacy of faith. He is viewed as the champion of the poor. On October 3, 1873, Pope Pius IX proclaimed Fr. Vianney as "venerable" and on January 8, 1905, Pope Pius X beatified him. St. John Vianney was canonized on May 31, 1925. His feast day was declared August 9 but it was changed twice before it fell to August 4. St. John Vianney is the patron saint of parish priests, and the patron of our Grande Riviere Chapel.

“I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life.” St. John Vianney.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR	
THE SICK	
Carmen Lord Martha Mason Iris Macauldy Patsy Crafton Theresa Huntley	
DECEASED	
Nellie Hall Elma Charles Rose Herman Caesarius Lionel Jameson Eugene Philomene Thomy Raymond Laurencin	
WEEKDAY READINGS	
✠ MONDAY Jer.28:1-17 Mt.14:13-21 ✠ TUESDAY Jer.30:1-2,12-15,18-22 Mt.14:22-36 ✠ WEDNESDAY Jer.31:1-7 Mt.15:21-28 ✠ THURSDAY Jer.31:31-34 Mt.16:13-23 ✠ FRIDAY Nah.2:1-3;3:1-3,6-7 Mt.16:24-28 ✠ SATURDAY Dan.7:9-10,13-14 Lk.9:28-36 ✠	

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat July 30 - 6:00 p.m.		B’day: Tanysia Compton
Sun July 31 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Guid: Kaelan Haywood 22nd Wedd Ann: Lawrence & Daria Paul Blessings: Lions Club of Gros Islet
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Trevor Lamontagne & family
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Aug 1 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Alphonsus Liguori Bishop & Doctor</i>	Fr. Cleophus Joseph Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Sr. Marie Therese Clement	B’day: Justina Monlouis Thks: Althea & Ellen Regis
Tue Aug 2 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Akande Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo Fr. Philomin Zacharias	B’day: Jaimie & Sarah Lesmond Thks: Diane & Richard Palton & family
Wed Aug 3 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Stephen Quinlan	De’d: Bruce Hiscock
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Gemma Joseph & family
Thu Aug 4 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. John Marie Vianney, Priest</i>	Fr. Arthur Zalewski Fr. Vinoth Santhappan Fr. John Wilson	IHO BVM: Rovana Adjodha
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Glace Motors Ltd.
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Int: Mya Norville & family Thks: Parishioners
Fri Aug 5 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Lee Cox Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	De’d: Angelina Roberts
12:30 p.m.		Guid & Protec: Virginia d’Auvergne & family Sacred Heart: Perlin Verdant & family
Sat Aug 6 - 6:30 a.m. <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	Msgr. Patrick Anthony	De’d: Mona James Theonie Gaillard, Edouard Casimir Remy & Chong families, Unborn Souls