

We are Hungry for Jesus

The people in today's Gospel reading followed Jesus because He had given them bread. He told them that what they really needed was not just ordinary food, but the food that God would give them. And that was Jesus Himself, the Bread of Life!



Have you ever been hungry? You know you need food and you want to eat. But did you know that your soul can be hungry too? The food for our souls is Jesus. We receive Him in Holy Communion. Just like our bodies need food to stay alive, our souls need God.



All your life there are things you want that you think will make you happy. Have you ever gotten something that you really wanted? It probably made you really happy for a while. But we can only be really satisfied if we have God living in us.

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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.

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LIFE	HEAVEN	LOAVES	TRUTH	FATHER
ETERNAL	TRUE	MANNA	DESERT	MOSES
SIGNS	FILL	THIRSTY	LAKE	BREAD
RABBI	BELIEVE	LIFE	HUNGRY	FOOD

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.
6.00 - 6.45p.m.
&
by appointment

VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 1ST AUGUST 2021 - YEAR B

Bread of Angels.

The journey of discipleship is a lifelong exodus from the slavery of sin and death to the holiness of truth on Mount Zion, the promised land of eternal life. The road can get rough, and when it does, we can be tempted to complain like the Israelites in this week's First Reading.

We have to see times of hardship as a test of what is in our hearts, a call to trust God more and to purify the motives for our faith. As Paul reminds us in the Epistle, we must leave behind our old self-deceptions and desires and live according to the likeness of God in which we are made.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the crowd that they are following Him for the wrong reasons. They seek Him because He filled their bellies. The Israelites, too, were content to follow God so long as there was plenty of food.

Food is the most obvious of signs because it is the most basic of our human needs. We need our daily bread to live. But we cannot live by this bread alone. We need the bread of eternal life that preserves those who believe in Him. The manna in the wilderness, like the bread Jesus multiplied for the crowd, was a sign of God's Providence - that we should trust that He will provide.

These signs pointed to their fulfillment in the Eucharist, the abundant bread of angels we sing about in the Psalm. This is the food that God longs to give us. This is the bread we should be seeking. But too often we don't ask for this bread. Instead we seek the perishable stuff of our everyday wants and anxieties. In our weakness we think these things are what we really need. We have to trust God more. If we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, all these things will be ours as well.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Ex.16:2-4,12-15

Second Reading
Eph.4:17,20-24

Gospel
Jn.6:24-35

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.
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THURSDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
Monchy: 6:00 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
7:00 a.m.
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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 years old, 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 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, and he was canonized on May 31, 1925. 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

Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Denis Augustin
Nellie Hall
Bentley Jn Baptiste

DECEASED

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Num.11:4-15
Mt.14:13-21
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TUESDAY
Num.12:1-13
Mt.14:22-36
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WEDNESDAY
Num.13:1-2,25-14:1,
26-29,34-35
Mt.15:21-28
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THURSDAY
Num.20:1-13
Mt.16:13-23
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FRIDAY
Dan.7:9-10,13-14
Mk.9:2-10
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SATURDAY
Dt.6:4-13
Mt.17:14-20
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MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat July 31 - 6:00 p.m.		Int: Edith Eudoxie B'day: Adelle St John Thks: Tarbula & Cyrille Amedee
Sun Aug 1 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Wedd Ann: Anthony & Anthea Bousquet Thks: Lenard Montoute & family 5th B'day: Gabby & Joshua Rosemond
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Aug 2 - 6:30 a.m.	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo Fr. Philomin Zacharias	Int: Anthony Robinson B'day: Jaimie & Sarah Lesmond
Tue Aug 3 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Arthur Zalewski	Thks: Diane Palton & family Richard Palton & family
Wed Aug 4 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. John Vianney, Priest</i>	Fr. John Wilson Fr. Vinoth Santhappan Sr. Mary Lee Cox	Dc'd: Members of the St John family
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Kenson Casimir B'day: Oswald Bernard Guid & Protec: Rudell Octave
Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m. <i>Patronal Feast</i>		Int: Parishioners B'day: Sharon Elisee
Thu Aug 5 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	Dc'd: Fr. Raymond Laurent Leonard Leon, Holy Souls
12:30 p.m.		Int: Bernadette Pamphile
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Aug 6 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	Msgr. Patrick Anthony	B'day: Claudia & Alphonso Charles Sacred Heart: Perlin Verdant & family
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Mona James, Philomene Richard
Sat Aug 7 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Arch. Robert Rivas OP Sr. Frances Nosbisch	Dc'd: Josephine & Felix Remy Members of the Raphael family