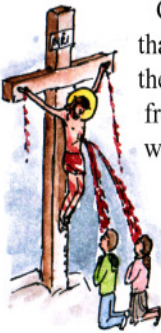


God Washes Away our Sins

In the time of Noah, the people had forgotten about God. They only cared about themselves. They didn't care if they sinned against God or against each other. Only Noah and his family still remembered God and tried to do what was right.



God let a flood destroy all the people other than Noah's family. He wanted to wipe out the sins of the world and give people a fresh start at living in peace with Him. He washed the sins away with the great flood.

But the people still sinned, just like we do even after we have been baptized. So Jesus did something that would have the power to take away all the sins that are ever committed. He died on the cross, letting His blood wash away our sins. Now all we have to do is be sorry and turn to God and accept the forgiveness that He is waiting to give us in Confession.



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DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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Hand-drawn Lenten graphic with text: 40 DAYS, Ash Wednesday, Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return, prepare for the Paschal mystery, Purple, patience, C.O.N.V.E.R.S.I.O.N, joy, Good Works, obedience, Return To Me With Your Whole Heart, Joel 2:12, Lent, a clean heart create in me, O God, psalm 51, suffering, Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned, PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING, Ashes, Palms, Crucifix, Holy Water, Penance, preparation, If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts. psalm 95.

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 21ST 2021 - YEAR B



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

A New Creation.

Lent bids us to return to the innocence our baptism. Peter reminds us in today's Epistle that as Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism.

God's covenant with Noah in the First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation. We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel.

Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam, the beloved son of God living in harmony with the wild beasts, being served by angels. Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death, Jesus is victorious. This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims.

Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom. In the waters of Baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son. We were made children of God, new creations. But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness, a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness.

We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior, the way and the truth we sing of in the Psalm. He feeds us with the bread of angels, and cleanses our consciences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows to repent and believe the gospel.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

CONFESSIONS

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

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First Reading

Gen.9:8-15

Second Reading

1Pet.3:18-22

Gospel

Mk.1:12-15



MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:  
5:45a.m.



MONDAY:

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



TUESDAY:

6:00 a.m.



WEDNESDAY

12:30 & 6:00 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./5:00 p. m.



SUNDAY

Gros Islet/G. Riviere  
7:30 A.M.

Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY

7:00 a.m.





Pray , Give, Sacrifice.

Giving up something for Lent, eating fish on Fridays, fasting, almsgiving and penance throughout the forty days of Lent, are some of the practices for which Catholics are known. But why do we as Catholics do this? Because through these commitments - known as Lenten practices or disciplines - the Church calls us each year to renew our discipleship in Christ. Specifically, each year during the liturgical season of Lent, the Church asks us to pray, give alms, and fast.

**Pray:**  
We know the importance of prayer in our lives - as individuals, as families, and as a community. Prayer is especially important during Lent. The Lenten season is a time for reflection, evaluation, and repentance. Lent asks us: “What needs changing?” Lent calls us to a personal conversion and renewal, to a recommitted life in Christ so that we might not just celebrate Easter forty days later, but also feel the risen Christ alive in us and in the world. This means prayer. During Lent we set aside time for prayer that is reflective in nature and reveals places where we have failed to open ourselves to God.

**Give:**  
Every day we witness situations of injustice, violence, and hatred. Television and the Internet bring these into our living rooms, but we also observe and live them in our own cities and homes. The Church calls us during Lent to be especially conscious of the needs of others and to act accordingly. Giving materially to another is an act of Christian charity known as almsgiving. During Lent, the Church also calls us to first convert ourselves and then to transform the world for justice, so that we might serve the Kingdom which Jesus lived and preached.

**Sacrifice:**  
Fasting and abstinence are not sacrifices for the sake of pain or vain discomfort. Sacrifice for the sake of sacrifice is not a Christian virtue. We are asked by the Church to fast during Lent, and not to eat meat on the Fridays of Lent. Feeling an empty stomach, or fighting the urge to have that juicy steak or candy bar does more than just remind us that for some people an empty stomach is their daily bread. Fasting and abstinence help us to ask ourselves the question: “What sustains me and gives me life?” What nourishes me on my journey of life? We will find the answer, not in the steak or the candy bar, but at the end of these forty days of Lent in the Resurrection of Jesus. We fast and abstain because, when we do, we are reminded of who we are - followers of the risen Christ.  
As Catholics, we pray, give alms, and sacrifice because we follow Christ, who loved us so much that He gave His own life so we might share in Eternal Life.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE SICK

Iris Macauldy  
Martha Mason  
Mary Alexander  
Nellie Hall


DECEASED

Priscillia Henry  
Marie Edward  
Narcissus Regis  
William Mathurin  
Randolph Mathurin  
Augustin Paul  
Lucretia James  
Joseph St. Louis

WEEKDAY READINGS

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**MONDAY**  
1Pet.5:1-4  
Mt.16:13-19  
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**TUESDAY**  
Is.55:10-11  
Mt.6:7-15  
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**WEDNESDAY**  
Jon.3:1-10  
Lk.11:29-32  
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**THURSDAY**  
Es.4:17  
Mt.7:7-12  
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**FRIDAY**  
Ez.18:21-28  
Mt.50:20-26  
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**SATURDAY**  
Deut.26:16-19  
Mt.5:43-48  
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MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY /RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B		
Sat Feb 20- 5:00 p.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Bernadette Leon Shane Defreitas <b>Thks:</b> Trevor Lamontagne & family
Sun Feb 21 - 7:30 a.m.		<b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b>
10:00 a.m.		<b>Thks:</b> Naila Williams <b>Int:</b> Lucretia James
Grande Riviere -7:30 a.m.		<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
<b>Mon Feb 22 - :00 a.m.</b> <i>Chair of St. Peter</i> <i>42nd Independence Anniv.</i>	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	<b>B'day:</b> Jessie Edward Cyril Jn. Baptiste
<b>Tue Feb 23 - 6:00 a.m.</b>	Fr. Yvon Tremont Rev. Bertrand Clauzel	<b>B'day:</b> Giovanni St. Omer Jr
<b>Wed Feb 24 - 6:00 a.m.</b>	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	<b>Dc'd:</b> Joseph & Josephine Louis Most Abandoned Souls
12:30 p.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Kayden Jawahir Kateri Parker
<b>Thu Feb 25 - 6:00 a.m.</b>	Rev. Winston Taylor	<b>Int:</b> Anthony Robinson
12:30 p.m.		<b>Thks:</b> Bernadette Pamphile
<b>Fri Feb 26 - 6:00 a.m.</b>	Fr. Paul Vu Rev. John Douglas	<b>Dc'd:</b> Ledwin & Peter Moise Anne & Eddie Felicien
12:30 p.m.		<b>Thks:</b> Kadie & Keva Chong
<b>Sat Feb 27 - 6:30 a.m.</b>	Rev. Thomas Alexander	<b>Dc'd:</b> Joanne Sidoine Members of the Odlum family