

Fire in Our Hearts

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that He has come to set the earth on fire. Of course He didn't mean that He wanted everything to burn up. He meant that He wanted the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn in the hearts of people all over the world.

What do you think happens when the Holy Spirit is in someone's soul? The Holy Spirit pulls us closer to Himself and God the Father and Jesus. When we are closer to God that means we love Him more, and the more we love God the more we will love other people too. We were made to love God and be happy with Him, so we want the Holy Spirit to live in us and bring us close to Him!

How does the Holy Spirit come into our souls? When we are baptized the Holy Spirit comes into us for the first time. He will stay with us unless we sin and close our hearts to Him. But when we go to Confession He comes back, and in Holy Communion and the other Sacraments

He becomes even stronger in us. He comes in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation, when He gives us grace and strength to live as grown-up Christians and soldiers for God. Pray to the Holy Spirit to live in your heart and make you love God more every day!

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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.



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

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

Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Participation/Mission

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 14TH AUG 2022 - YEAR C

A Consuming Fire.

Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us, and in this week's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship. The fire He has come to cast on the earth is the fire that He wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in Baptism. We were baptized into His death. This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel. The baptism with which He must be baptized is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth. The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting ourselves to the revealing fire of God's Word. In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in the Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading, but this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of the God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters. Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace. It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood. But Christ is our peace. By His Cross He has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death, as He will rescue the prophet Jeremiah. And as we sing in the Psalm, we trust in our deliverer.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Jer.38:4-6,8-10
Second Reading
Heb.12:1-4
Gospel
Lk.12:49-53

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
Variable
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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15th

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven before her body could begin to decay, a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. On November 1st, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared in *Munificentissimus Deus* that it is a dogma of the Church "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics; anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

Far from being a theological innovation, this belief had been held by Christians from the earliest days of Christianity. The Feast of the Assumption is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. It was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, which means "the falling asleep."

The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

Tradition variously places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living. In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels for her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Carmen Lord
Coleta Henry
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Patsy Crafton
Theresa Huntley
Mary Alexander

DECEASED

Juliana Louis
Catherine Biscette
Muriel Jn. Baptiste
Ann Mary Baptiste

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Apoc.11:19;12:1-6,10
Lk.1:39-56
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TUESDAY
Ez.28:1-10
Mt.19:23-30
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WEDNESDAY
Ez.34:1-11
Mt.20:1-16
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THURSDAY
Ez.36:23-28
Mt.22:1-14
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FRIDAY
Ez.37:1-14
Mt.22:34-40
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SATURDAY
Ez.43:1-7
Mt.23:1-12
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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Aug 13 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Ashford St. Romaine Sp. Int: Sheldon Goring Thks: Sandra Aimable & family Wedd Ann: Adrian & Liesl Glace
Sun Aug 14 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPOLO
10:00 a.m.		Holy Spirit: Theophilus family Thks: Stellina Best & family B'day: Robert Melius, Rose Marie Pierre
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Diondre Desir James
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Aug 15 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Assumption of the BVM</i>	Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph	Thks: Annette Calderon Wedd Ann: Charde & Laverne Desir
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: James Prudent Charmaine Blanchard Johnson
Tue Aug 16 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	Thks: Vanessa Morgan
Wed Aug 17 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Yvon Tremont	Guid: Bernitha Clery Thks: Leona Lesmond
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Celina Morris Healing: Nimi Akinkugbe Thks: Gwen & David Sylvester
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Aug 18 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	Thks: Cecil Graham
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Gerona Jn Francois Rosa & Antoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Aug 19 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	B'day: Marlyn David, Karen Matthews
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Starry Moise Clint & Clinton Joseph
Sat Aug 20 - 6:30 a.m. <i>St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor</i>	Fr. Paul Vu	B'day: Yohannes Nsima