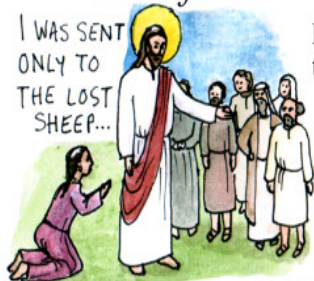


Kids Column

Mt. 15:21-28

Does God Only Care for the Chosen People?



Long ago God had set aside the Israelites as His chosen people. He gave them laws and prophets and set up a covenant with them, that they would be His people and He would be their God. He promised them that He would send them a Savior.

When Jesus the Savior came, His first mission was to care for God's chosen people. In today's Gospel reading, however, a woman who was not an Israelite came to ask Jesus for help. At first Jesus refused- He had been sent to God's children, and "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the woman said, "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." She knew that Jesus could help her. When He saw how much faith she had, He did what she asked and cured her daughter.

Jesus wasn't trying to make the woman give up. He was giving her a chance to show how much humility and faith she had. Jesus used this to show the people that God will let anyone who believes, like this woman, become part of His chosen people.



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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 should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at least **6 months** before the desired date.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Registration for Year One First Communion and Confirmation classes is now open. Please note that candidates must be 6 years old as at December 2020 to register for First Communion, and 11 years old as at December 2020 to register for Confirmation. Registration is also open for Adult Confirmation. Forms are available in church and from the parish office. Please register at the Parish Office.



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 - 6.45 p.m.
&
by appointment

VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 16TH AUG 2020 - YEAR A

For All Mankind.

Most of us are the foreigners, the non-Israelites, about whom today's First Reading prophesies. Coming to worship the God of Israel, we stand in the line of faith epitomized by the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel.

Calling to Jesus as Lord and Son of David, this foreigner shows her great faith in God's covenant with Israel. Jesus tests her faith three times. He refuses to answer her cry. Then, He tells her His mission is only to Israelites. Finally, He uses "dog," an epithet used to disparage non-Israelites. Yet she persists, believing that He alone offers salvation. In this family drama, we see fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy and the promise we sing of in the Psalm: in Jesus, God makes known among all the nations His way and His salvation.

At the start of salvation history, God called Abraham. He chose his offspring, Israel, from all the nations on the face of the earth to build His covenant kingdom. In God's plan, Abraham was to be the father of many nations. Israel was to be the firstborn of a worldwide family of God, made up of all who believe what the Canaanite woman professes, that Jesus is Lord.

Jesus came first to restore the kingdom to Israel. But His ultimate mission was the reconciliation of the world, as Paul declares in the Epistle. In the Mass we join all peoples in doing Him homage. As Isaiah foretold, we come to His holy mountain, the heavenly Jerusalem, to offer sacrifice at His altar. With the Canaanite, we take our place at the Master's table to be fed as His children.

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First Reading

Is.56:1, 6-7

Second Reading

Rom.11:13-15,
29-32

Gospel

Mt.15:21-28

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.



Bernard of Clairvaux, O.Cist (1090 – 1153)
French abbot and Doctor of the Church- Feast Day August 20.

After the death of his mother, Bernard joined the Cistercian Order. He also persuaded four of his five brothers and several of his friends to follow his example. Three years later, he was sent to found a new abbey at an isolated glen in France which became the famous Abbey of Clairvaux. Bernard was appointed Abbot and began an active life which has made him stand out in the history of the 12th century. He founded numerous other monasteries, wrote many books and treatises and undertook many journeys.

The reputation of Bernard spread and even the Popes were governed by his advice. In the year 1128, Bernard assisted at the Council of Troyes, at which he traced the outlines of the Rule of the Knights Templar, who soon became the ideal of Christian nobility. On the death of the Pope in 1130, a schism broke out in the Church. The king of France convened a national council of the French bishops and Bernard was chosen to judge between Innocent and Anacletus, the rival popes. Innocent was chosen by the council, but there were still large portions of the Christian world supporting Anacletus. Bernard helped to convince most of these regions to rally behind Innocent.

Having helped end the schism, Bernard was then called upon to combat heresy. In 1139, Bernard assisted at the Second Council of the Lateran, denouncing the teachings of Peter Abelard, travelling throughout southern France preaching against heresy.

Pope Eugene III commissioned Bernard to launch the Second Crusade and he travelled throughout France and Germany arousing enthusiasm for the holy war. The last years of Bernard's life were saddened by the failure of this expedition, the entire responsibility for which was thrown upon him. Bernard died at age 63, after 40 years spent in the cloister.

Bernard's theology and Mariology, how he explained the virginity of Mary, the "Star of the Sea", how the faithful should pray on the Virgin Mary, and how he relied on the Virgin Mary as Mediatrix, continue to be of major importance, particularly within the Cistercian and Trappist Orders. His influence led Pope Alexander III to launch reforms that would lead to the establishment of Canon Law. Bernard was also instrumental in re-emphasizing the importance of Lectio Divina and contemplation on Scripture within the Cistercian Order. Bernard considered Lectio Divina and contemplation guided by the Holy Spirit the keys to nourishing Christian spirituality.

Canonized in 1174, he was the first Cistercian monk to be made a saint. Pope Pius VIII bestowed on him the title of Doctor of the Church. He is fondly remembered as the "Mellifluous Doctor" (the Honey-Sweet voiced Doctor) for his eloquence.

(excerpt: vitaesanctorum.wordpress.com)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Iris Macauldy
Priscillia Henry
Martha Mason
Luvina Joseph
Mary Sonson
Nellie Hall

DECEASED

Clifton Inglis
Rosanna Louis
Allen Benjamin
Theresa Cherubin
Liliane Jacob
Cecilia Louis

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Ez.24:15-24
Mt.19:16-22



TUESDAY

Ez.28:1-10
Mt.19:23-30



WEDNESDAY

Ez.34:1-11
Mt.20:1-16



THURSDAY

Ez.36:23-28
Mt.22:1-14



FRIDAY

Ez.37:1-14
Mt.22:34-40



SATURDAY

Ez.43:1-7
Mt.23:1-12



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Aug 15 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Aug 16 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

May God be
gracious to us
and *bless* us
and make his
face shine on us
—so that
your ways
may be known
on earth,
your salvation
among all
nations.
Psalm 67:2

Wedd Ann: Adrian & Liesl Glace
B'day: Gwen Sylvester, Angella Deterville
Guid/Protec: Rudell Octave, Unity House

MISSA PRO POPULO

Int: Lions Club of Gros Islet
Thks: Steffi St. Clair & family
B'day: Petra Husbands, Celina Morris
50th B'day: Curtis Mason

Eucharistic Service

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Aug 17 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue Aug 18 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed Aug 19 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Aug 20 - 6:00 a.m.

St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor

12:30 p.m.

Monchy - 6:00 p.m.

Fri Aug 21 - 6:00 a.m.

St. Pius X, Pope

12:30 p.m.

Sat Aug 22 - 6:30 a.m.

Queenship of the BVM

Fr. Yvon Tremont
Rev. Bertrand Clauzel

Fr. Arockiasammy
Sr. Bernadette Peter

Fr. Lambert St. Rose

Fr. Paul Vu

Rev. John Douglas
Rev. Robert Harvey
Rev. Anthony Louis

Fr. Cecil Goodman
Rev. Thomas Alexander

Thks: Anthony Robinson

Dc'd: Placidus Auguste

B'day: Caroline Casimir

B'day: Clint & Clinton Joseph
Starry Moise, Karen Matthew

B'day: Dakarai Deterville
20th Wedd Ann:
David & Sarah Mc Lennon

Parishioners

Int: Bernadette Pamphile & family

Thks: Mikaela & Imani Elliot

Parishioners

B'day: Kenneth Monplaisir
Guid: Tova & Arrienne Verneuill

Dc'd: Anthony Johnson

Thks: Shanta King & family