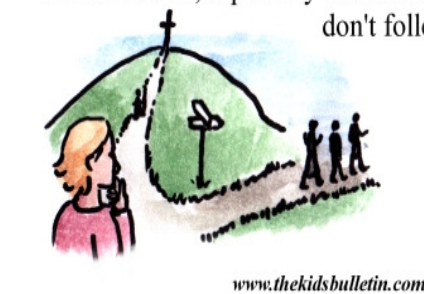


We Choose to Follow Jesus

In today's first reading, Joshua told the people that they had to choose between the false gods and the true God. Joshua and the people chose to worship the true God.

In the Gospel today we hear that many people stopped following Jesus because they couldn't understand what He was teaching. But the Apostles chose to stay with Jesus. Like Saint Peter said, they knew that He was the Holy One of God.

Do you ever have a hard time understanding what Jesus tells us? We need to be like the Apostles and choose to follow Jesus even when it's hard, especially when other people don't follow Him.



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.

Word Search Puzzle sermons4kids.com John 6: 0-69

Word search grid and word list:

GIVES	GRUMBLING	BETRAY	LIFE	WORDS
ETERNAL	TURN	BACK	BELIEVE	JESUS
LEAVE	KNOW	TEACHING	FOLLOW	HARD

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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 22ND AUGUST 2021 - YEAR B

A Choice to Make.

This Sunday's readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist. The Twelve Apostles in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice, either to believe and accept the New Covenant Jesus offers in His Body and Blood, or return to their former ways of life.

This choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in the First Reading. Joshua gathers the tribes at Shechem, where God first appeared to Abraham promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land, and issues a blunt challenge: either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist, a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt. He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we will have no life in us.

It is a hard saying, as many murmur in the Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life. We must believe, as Peter says, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed Himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world. As we hear in the Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Jos.24:1-2,15-18

Second Reading
Eph.5:21-32

Gospel
Jn.6:60-69

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. Augustine of Hippo - Feast Day August 28

A christian at 33, a priest at 36, a bishop at 41; we are all familiar with the biography of Augustine of Hippo, sinner turned saint. He lived his life with an intensity, whether his path led away from or toward God. The tears of his mother, St. Monica, the instructions of St. Ambrose and, most of all, God speaking to him in the Scriptures redirected Augustine’s love of life to a life of love.

Augustine's intellectual brilliance, wide education, ardent temperament and mystical insight formed a personality of extraordinary quality. Having been so deeply immersed in worldly pleasures in his early years it is not surprising that Augustine should have turned, with a convert’s zeal, against the many evils rampant in his day. He was a stirring orator who took every opportunity to defend Christianity against its detractors. Augustine was an important part of the "baptism" of Greek thought and its entrance into the Christian intellectual tradition. His understanding of Christian Revelation is shown in his many writings, which have probably proved more influential in the history of thought than any Christian writer since St. Paul. The most famous are the *Confessions*, the sermons on the Gospel and Epistle of John, the *De Trinitate* and, the *De Civitate Dei*.

Augustine is still both acclaimed and condemned today and remains a central figure both in Christianity and in the history of Western thought. It is largely due to Augustine's influence that Western Christianity subscribes to the doctrine of Original Sin. Many Protestants, especially Calvinists, consider him to be one of the theological fathers of the Protestant Reformation due to his teachings on salvation and divine grace. However, in the Eastern Church many of his teachings are not accepted.

He is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from his early life of loose living. His complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break.

“*Too late have I loved you, O Beauty of ancient days, yet ever new!
Too late I loved you! And behold, you were within, and I abroad,
and there I searched for you....You were with me, but I was not with you.
You called, and shouted, and burst my deafness.
You flashed and shone, and scattered my blindness.
You breathed odors and I drew in breath - and I pant for you.
I tasted, and I hunger and thirst.
You touched me, and I burned for your peace”*
(St. Augustine, *Confessions*).

(excerpt: americancatholic.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Denis Augustin
Nellie Hall
Isaac Augustin
Bentley Jn. Baptiste

DECEASED

Valeria Williams
Julian Pamphile
Teresa Lorde-Paul
Ginette Nicholas
Beatrix Marcellin
Sylvia Preville

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
1Thes.1:1-5,8-10
Mt.23:13-22
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TUESDAY
Apoc.21:9-14
Jn.1:45-51
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WEDNESDAY
1Thes.2:9-13
Mt.23:27-32
✠
THURSDAY
1Thes.3:7-13
Mt.24:42-51
✠
FRIDAY
1Thes.4:1-8
Mt.25:1-13
✠
SATURDAY
1Thes.4:9-11
Mt.25:14-30
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MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat Aug 21 - 4:30 p.m.		B'day: Tova Verneuil Thks: Sandra Aimable & family Wedd Ann: Adrian & Liesl Glace Thaddeus & Catherine Simon
Sun Aug 22 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Sr. Angella Samuel SSM Int: Leroy & Marietta Moore Andre, Ross & Melanie Downes
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Aug 23 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Rose of Lima</i>	Msgr. Theophilus Joseph Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	Thks: Bernitha Clery B'day: Raquel Willie-Trotman
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Philipp Lake
Tue Aug 24 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace	Guid & Protec: Mary, Yakini & Nichole Foster
Wed Aug 25 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Henry Nmor Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav	Thks: Bernitha Clery Stennett Bent & family
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Remy & Chong families Theonie Gaillard, Randolph Mathurin
Grand Riviere - 5:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Aug 26 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephania Banda	Int: Bernadette Pamphile & family
12:30 p.m.		Guid: Alex Blanchard B'day: Elizabeth Prudent IHO Our Lady: Ammia Popo
Monchy - 5:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Aug 27 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Monica</i>	Fr. John Milton Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	Thks: Bernitha Clery Guid & Protec: Daren, Zoe and Logan Rosemond
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang
Sat Aug 28 - 6:30 a.m. <i>St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor</i>	Fr. Barnabas Iorgilim	B'day: Trevor Bernard