

# Being Punished...

In today's second reading, Saint Paul wrote to the Hebrews about being disciplined by God. When we are young God wants our parents to make sure we behave well. When we don't behave He wants them to discipline us so that we will learn to be good.



Our parents don't punish us just because they are angry at us; they do it because they really love us and want us to learn to be better. Saint Paul says that the Lord disciplines the people that He loves.



Being punished is a painful thing, but we will be happy once we have learned our lesson and become a better person. Saint Paul says, "make a straight path for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed." He means that when you are punished, you should stop doing the wrong thing so that you won't be hurt worse from the punishment, but will get better instead. So the next time you are disciplined or punished, remember that God is allowing it to help you become a better person. If you can, even thank God for giving you the chance to make up for your sin and learn a good lesson!



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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.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- There will be no midday Mass at Gros Islet this Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, due to a clergy meeting. Please be guided accordingly.
- Archbishop Gabriel Malzaire will make his pastoral visit to the Gros Islet Saturday Night congregation on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, and Grande Riviere and Monchy on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. resp. Please turn out in large numbers to welcome him. Gifts for him can be brought up during the Offertory procession at those Masses.
- Online meetings for lectors and persons interested in becoming readers take place every Monday at 7:30 p.m. The link is provided on the same day.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.  
Closed Tuesdays**

### 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.  
5:00-5:45 p.m.  
&  
by appointment

## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 21ST AUG 2022 - YEAR C

### The Gateway to Life.

Jesus doesn't answer the question put to Him in this Sunday's Gospel; it profits us nothing to speculate on how many will be saved. What we need to know is what He tells us, how to enter into salvation and how urgent it is to strive now, before the Master closes the door.  
Jesus is "the narrow gate," the only way of salvation, the path by which all must travel to enter the kingdom of the Father. In Jesus, God has come - as He promises in the First Reading - to gather nations of every language, to reveal to them His glory. Eating and drinking with them, teaching in their streets, Jesus in the Gospel is slowly making His way to Jerusalem. There, Isaiah's vision will be fulfilled: on the holy mountain He will be lifted up, and He will draw to Himself brethren from among all the nations to worship in the heavenly Jerusalem, to glorify Him for His kindness.  
In God's plan, the kingdom was proclaimed first to the Israelites and last to the Gentiles, who in the Church have come from the earth's four corners to make up the new people of God. Many, however, will lose their place at the heavenly table, Jesus warns. Refusing to accept His narrow way they will weaken, rendering themselves unknown to the Father. We don't want to be numbered among those of drooping hands and weak knees. So we must strive for that narrow gate, a way of hardship and suffering, the way of the beloved Son.  
As the Epistle reminds us, by our trials we know we are truly God's sons and daughters. We are being disciplined by our afflictions, strengthened to walk that straight and narrow path, that we may enter the gate and take our place at the banquet of the righteous.

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### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading**  
**Is.66:18-21**  
**Second Reading**  
**Heb.12:5-7, 11-13**  
**Gospel**  
**Lk.13:22-30**

### 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 Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary*

Eight days ago, the Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. In the course of these eight days, the Church meditates more deeply on the mystery of the Assumption, and on the Octave of the Assumption (August 22nd), we conclude the reflection with the celebration of the Queenship of Mary.

Catholic teaching on the Queenship of Mary is expressed in the papal encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam* issued by Pope Pius XII. It states that Mary is called Queen of Heaven because her son, Jesus Christ, is the King of Israel and Heavenly King of the universe. Indeed, the Davidic tradition of Israel recognized the mother of the King as the Queen Mother of Israel. Said Pope Pius, “The purpose of the Feast is that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and motherly sovereignty of her who bore God in her womb”.

In the fourth century St. Ephrem of Syria said that the Queenship of Mary derives from her maternity: She is Mother of the Lord, of the King of kings, and she points to Jesus as our life, salvation and our hope.

It could be said that God assumed Mary into heaven to share the victory of Christ and to reign with Him in glory as Queen of Heaven. So the proclamation and celebration of Mary's Queenship in essence points to the Kingship of Christ.

In celebrating the Queenship of Mary, we are also reminded that we are not just the chosen and royal people of God. We are also the chosen and royal *servants* of Christ the King. Mary showed us how to serve when she responded to God's call by accepting God's will, giving us the concrete example of obedience in the form of servanthood. With Mary as our Queen, let us offer ourselves in service to the Church, so that in all that we do and say God will be glorified and exalted.

What Christ has done in Heaven and the Church has done on our behalf we should now do individually and recognize Mary's Queenship, enthrone her in our homes, consecrate ourselves to her, and by this means establish in our lives the reign of Mary, Immaculate Queen of the Universe.

(excerpt: frstephenyim.weekdays.blogspot.com/wikipedia.com)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

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

DECEASED

Juliana Louis  
Maurice Moffat  
Catherine Biscette  
Muriel Jn. Baptiste  
Ann Mary Baptiste

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

2Thes.1:1-5,11-12  
Mt.23:13-22



TUESDAY

2Thes.2:1-3,14-17  
Mt.23:23-26



WEDNESDAY

Apoc.21:9-14  
Jn.1:45-51



THURSDAY

1Cor.1:1-9  
Mt.24:42-51



FRIDAY

1Cor.1:17-25  
Mt.25:1-13



SATURDAY

1Cor.1:26-31  
Mt.25:14-30



MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Aug 20 - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Thks:</b> The Destang family Theodocia Goring <b>B'day:</b> Tova Verneuil Sr. Angella Samuel
Sun Aug 21 - 7:30 a.m.		<b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b>
10:00 a.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Kenneth Monplaisir <b>Thks:</b> Michelle John & family <b>Wedd Ann:</b> Catherine & Thaddeus Simon
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		<b>Parishioners</b>
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		<b>Parishioners</b>
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Aug 22 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Queenship of the BVM</i>	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	<b>Guid:</b> Bernitha Clery
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Antoine & Veronica Malanda Alexander Philip Blanchard
Tue Aug 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Theophilus Joseph Fr. Linus Clovis	<b>B'day:</b> Philipp Lake
Wed Aug 24 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	<b>Deliv:</b> Janne-Eve d' Auvergne
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Guid:</b> Delana & Dania Mathurin
Thu Aug 25 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Henry Nmor Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav	<b>Int:</b> Bernadette Pamphile
12:30 p.m.		<b>Thks:</b> Bernice Springer Anna Mariniccio <b>Deliv:</b> Janne-Eve d' Auvergne <b>Heal &amp; Guid:</b> Thecla Augustin & family
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Parishioners</b>
Fri Aug 26 - 6:00 a.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Vincent Palmer
	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephania Banda	<b>B'day:</b> Gifta Francois <b>Deliv:</b> Janne-Eve d' Auvergne <b>St Michael for Deliv:</b> Irene Coureur <b>Healing:</b> Alexander Blanchard
12:30 p.m.		
Sat Aug 27 - 6:30 a.m. <i>St. Monica</i>	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	<b>Dc'd:</b> Felix Pamphile