

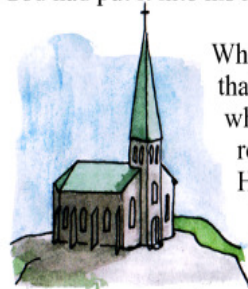
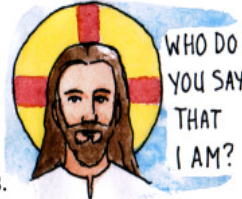
## Kids Column

Mt.16:13-20

# "You Are Peter."

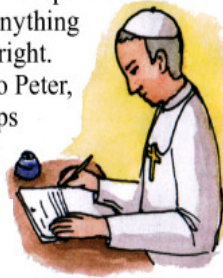
Today in the Gospel reading, Jesus asked His disciples who people thought that He was. Everybody seemed to think He was someone special, but none of them knew who He really was.

When Jesus asked the disciples themselves who they thought He was, Simon said that He was "the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Simon only knew this because God had put it into his mind.



When Simon had said this, Jesus said that his name would now be Peter, which means rock, and that on this rock He would build His Church. He made Simon Peter the first pope. He also said that the gates of Hell would not prevail against the Church. Jesus was assuring us that He would always protect the Church from error.

Now whenever the pope, or the bishops who are agreeing with the pope, teach anything about God, we know that they are right. Jesus gave the teaching authority to Peter, and he passed it down to the bishops through all the centuries until now. Isn't that pretty amazing?



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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 Dec. 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.
- 48 children will receive the Sacrament of First Communion this Sunday, August 23rd, at 3:00 p.m. at the Gros Islet Church. 28 youth will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Wednesday, August 26th at 6:00 p.m.. Please note that due to Covid-19 restrictions, seating is limited, and therefore only family of candidates will be allowed in church at both ceremonies. Please keep them all in your prayers.

## 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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 23RD AUG 2020 - YEAR A

*Deep is the Wisdom of God.*

“How rich are the depths of God - how deep His wisdom and knowledge....!” Paul exclaims in today’s Epistle. The Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter.

With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed Son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God’s temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom. What Jesus calls “my Church” is the kingdom promised to David’s son.

As we hear in the First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David’s kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God’s people. Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom’s keys. In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter, and all who succeed him, as holy father of His Church. His Church, too, is the new house of God, the spiritual temple founded on the “rock” of Peter, and built up out of the living stones of individual believers.

Abraham was called “the rock” from which the children of Israel were hewn, and Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God. The word Jesus uses, church (*ekklesia*), was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the “assembly” of God’s children after the Exodus. His Church is the “assembly of the firstborn” established by Jesus’ exodus.

Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food. Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

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## SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading**

Is.22:19-23

**Second Reading**

Rom.11:33-36

**Gospel**

Mt.16:13-20

## 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.



St. Augustine of Hippo- Feast Day August 2

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 holy fierceness, 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 adaptation 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 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.

(excerpt: americancatholic.org)

“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)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

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

DECEASED

Denis Leon  
Marie Jones  
Mary Jane Sonson  
Theresa Cherubin  
Liliane Jacob  
Cecilia Louis

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

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



TUESDAY

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



WEDNESDAY

2Thes.3:6-10,16-18  
Mt.23:27-32



THURSDAY

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



FRIDAY

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



SATURDAY

1Cor.1:26-31  
Mk.6:17-29



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Aug 22 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Aug 23 - 7:30 a.m.

St. Rose of Lima

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

ON THE DAY I CALLED,  
YOU ANSWERED ME;  
MY STRENGTH OF SOUL  
YOU INCREASED.  
PSALM 138:3 (ESV)

Int: Lorraine Williams  
Guid & Protec: Unity House  
Thks: Kareem, Amelia & Alex Verneuil

MISSA PRO POPULO

B’day: Jennifer Gaston  
Philipp Lake, Raquel Willie Trotman

Parishioners

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Aug 24 - 6:00 a.m.

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

12:30 p.m.

Fr. Vincent Arulanandam  
Rev. Girard Glace  
Sr. Mary Muskosa

Int: Lucretia James, Delice Severin  
The Brinkley & Severin families

Dc’d: Nigel Prospere

Tue Aug 25 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Konrad Mair  
Fr. Henry Nmor  
Fr. Kenneth Haakyav

Dc’d: Alvina George  
Joan Alexis

Wed Aug 26 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Rev. Nathalbert Husbands  
Sr. Stephanía Banda

Thks: Thecla Deterville & family

B’day: Elizabeth Prudent

Thu Aug 27 - 6:00 a.m.

St. Monica

12:30 p.m.

Fr. Kevin Ryan Murray  
Rev, Gabriel Geoffrey

B’day: Karen Helidore-Joseph

Dc’d: Egbert Jean

Fri Aug 28 - 6:00 a.m.

St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor

12:30 p.m.

Fr. John Milton  
Rev. Gerard Calderon  
Rev. David Popo

Thks: Lucretia James

B’day: Trevor Bernard

Sat Aug 29 - 6:30 a.m.

Martyrdom of John the Baptist

Rev. Peter Fevrier  
Rev. Herald Wilson

Dc’d: Elizabeth Mondesir  
Mem. of the Hyacinth & Casimir families