

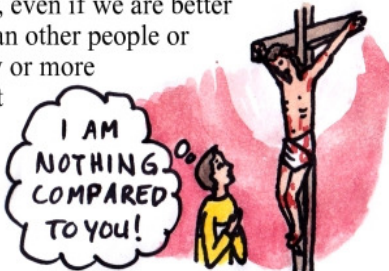
Taking the Lowest Place



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus was watching to see where the people sat when they were guests at a dinner. Some people thought they were important so they sat in the more important places. Jesus saw that they were proud, so He taught them about being humble.

When we are proud we think that we are more important than other people, and that we deserve to have better things. We start to look down on everyone else, and pretty soon we start thinking that God isn't so great either!

Being humble means knowing that we really are not all that important, even if we are better at some things than other people or have more money or more important jobs. It means we know that God gave us these things to help others, not so that we could be proud about them.



Luke 14:1,7-14

We can only give glory to God when we are humble.

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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

- ♦ 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.
- ♦ The clergy of the diocese will be away from their parishes for a Retreat commencing Monday Sep 12th to Friday Sep 16th. Therefore no Masses will be held in Gros Islet parish for that week except on Monday Sep 12th at 6:00 a.m. Please be guided accordingly.



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.



Going up higher.

We come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today's First Reading, and the message of the Gospel. Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all. This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages: filling the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud. We again call to mind the Exodus in the Psalm, how in His goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them His inheritance becoming a "Father of orphans." We now have also gained a share of His inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from His table. We are to give alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood.

The Lord promises that if we are humble we will be exalted and find favor with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous. We anticipate the fulfillment of those promises in every Eucharist, the Epistle tells us.

In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God. It is the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Eccl.3:19-21,30-31

Second Reading
Heb.12:18-19,22-24

Gospel
Lk.14:1, 7-14

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

Variable



CONFESSIONS

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

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The Martyrdom of John the Baptist - August 29th

The Church, having celebrated the birthday of St. John the Baptist on June 24th, honours the anniversary of his martyrdom on August 29th. Besides our Lord and our Lady, John the Baptist is the only other celebrated by the Church in both his birth and death.

John’s holiness was so evident that the Jews thought he might be the Messiah who had been promised, but John himself strongly denied this. At the Jordan, John pointed out Christ in person exclaiming: *"Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sin of the world."* That there be no doubt as to whom he meant John also said: *"And I saw, and I give testimony that this is the Son of God."*

John’s mission was to announce the Messiah. Therefore, once his prophecy was fulfilled, John’s public mission decreased as he headed toward his martyrdom. Said John, *"He must increase, and I must decrease."* Shortly after he had baptized Jesus in the Jordan, John denounced Herod, Tetrarch of Galilee, to his face, for the scandal of his illegal union with his sister-in-law Herodias, whose husband was still alive. In the same fearless manner in which he censured the Jewish nation for the moral decadence into which it had fallen and called sinners to repentance, John spelled out clearly to Herod the evil he had done: "It is not lawful for you to have her." Herodias contrived to make Herod imprison John, and took advantage of an opportunity to obtain his beheading through her daughter Salome.

There is no doubt that John suffered imprisonment and chains as a witness to our Redeemer, and gave his life for Him. John’s persecutor had not demanded that he deny Christ, only that he should keep silent about the truth. Christ says: "I am the truth". Therefore, because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ. Through his birth, preaching and baptizing, John bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering he showed that Christ also would suffer.

After John’s martyrdom, his name was covered with glory. Jesus said that no man born of woman was greater than John the Baptist. It is impossible to have a higher praise or more honorable glorification. But this glory had as its foundation John’s most profound humility.

Are you prepared to be a witness, and if necessary, a martyr for Jesus Christ? Are you ready to make Christ known and loved, and if necessary to suffer for His sake and the sake of the gospel?

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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
Maurice Moffat
Catherine Biscette
Muriel Jn. Baptiste
Ann Mary Baptiste

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

1Cor.2:1-5
Mk.6:17-29



TUESDAY

1Cor.2:10-16
Lk.4:31-37



WEDNESDAY

1Cor.3:1-9
Lk.4:38-44



THURSDAY

1Cor.3:18-23
Lk.5:1-11



FRIDAY

1Cor.4:1-5
Lk.5:33-39



SATURDAY

1Cor.4:6-15
Lk.6:1-5



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

Sat Aug 27 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Aug 28 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

in your goodness,
O God, you
provided
for the
needy.

Psalms
68:10

Thks: Edith Eudoxie
B'day: Felix Finisterre

MISSA PRO POPULO

Healing: George Elizee

B'day: Trevor Bernard
Thks: Catherine Augustin & family

B'day: Troy Valcin

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Aug 29 - 6:00 a.m.

Passion of St. John the Baptist

12:30 p.m.

Rev. David Popo
Rev. Herald Wilson
Rev. Gerard Calderon

Thks: Cecilia Nicholas & family

Dc'd: Joseph Cavalier
Dora & Joseph Allahdua

Tue Aug 30 - 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Peter Fevrier
Rev. Winston Taylor
Sr. Margaret Maynard

B'day: Kurliss Harris
St. Rose Verneuil

Wed Aug 31 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sr. Mary Mumba
Sr. Marie Therese Clement

Dc'd: Josephine & Epiphane Verdant

Dc'd: Egbert Jean & parents
Leo Burt, Kayode Modeste

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Thu Sept 1 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fr. Cleophus Joseph
Fr. Ignatius Cetoute
Fr. Joseph Akande

B'day: Chris Jn. Marie

Dc'd: Darwyn Louis

Monchy - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Fri Sept 2 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fr. Stephen Quinlan
Fr. Athanase Joseph
Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo

Thks: Gabriel Abung

Thks: Glace Motors Ltd.
Guid & Protec:
Virginia d' Auvergne & family

Sat Sept 3 - 6:30 a.m.

St. Gregory the Great
Pope & Doctor

Msgr. Michel Francis
Fr. Arthur Zalewski
Fr. Philomin Zacharias

Thks: Althea & Ellen Regis
Elizabeth Laurent & family