

Jesus Gives the Gift of Hearing

Being able to hear is a wonderful gift from God. Imagine what it would be like if you couldn't hear anything! In today's Gospel reading, the people begged Jesus to heal a deaf man. What do you think it was like for that man when suddenly he could hear everything that was going on around him?

God has given us the gift of hearing to be able to talk with and listen to other people, and to appreciate the sounds of creation. We use this gift to hear God's Word at Mass and when we are being taught.



Think of all the things that we can do because we can hear: we can listen to and play music, we can sing and talk with people, we can hear birds and wind in the trees, and we can also be warned of things like barking dogs, or cars coming. Did you ever thank God for the gift of hearing? Thank Him today!



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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.

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.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages, "curing every disease and illness". At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the Coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together, and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. In your wisdom protect our country, Saint Lucia, our region and the whole world from this pandemic. Be with the doctors, nurses and researchers, and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected, and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Mary, comforter of the afflicted, pray for us.

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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 5TH SEPT 2021 - YEAR B

He Does All Things Well

The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things He had done and declared them good. Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in the First Reading, that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (*mogilalon* - "speech impediment") that's only found one other place in the Bible, in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing.

The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater, that, to use the words from the First Reading: "He is coming to save you." Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh. What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation. As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of Baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him. Let us then give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Let us say with Isaiah that our God is coming, He comes to save us. Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Is.35:4-7

Second Reading
Jas.2:1-5

Gospel
Mk.7:31-37

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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The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - September 8th

The Nativity of Mary refers to the traditional birthday of the Blessed Virgin. This feast, like that of the Assumption of Mary, originated in Jerusalem in the fifth century as the feast of the *Basilica Sanctae Mariae ubi nata est*, now called the Basilica of St. Anne. The feast spread to Rome in the seventh century.

While in the case of saints the Church commemorates their date of death, the Virgin Mary and John the Baptist are two whose *birth dates* are commemorated as well. The reason for this is found in the singular mission each had in salvation history.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Gospel of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. The story stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

St. Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "*She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed.*"

The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace. We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in His creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world.

This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world.

“Today the barren Anna claps her hands for joy, the earth radiates with light, kings sing their happiness, priests enjoy every blessing, the entire universe rejoices, for she who is Queen and the Father's immaculate bride buds forth from the stem of Jesse” (adapted from *Byzantine Daily Worship*).

(excerpt: americancatholic.org/Wikipedia.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

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

DECEASED

Vincent Palmer
Edouard Casimir
Eustace Alphonse
Hamilton Edward
Beatrix Marcellin
Isaac Augustin
Henrietta Eugene

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Col.1:24-23
Lk.6:6-11
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TUESDAY
Col.2:6-15
Lk.6:12-19
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WEDNESDAY
Mi.5:1-4
Mt.1:1-16,18-23
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THURSDAY
Col.3:12-17
Lk.6:27-38
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FRIDAY
1Tim.1:1-2,12-14
Lk.6:39-42
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SATURDAY
1Tim.1:15-17
Lk.6:43-49
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MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat Sept 4 - 2:00 p.m.	<div>He gives <i>Justice</i> to the poor and food to the hungry.</div> <div>The LORD sets Prisoners <i>Free</i></div> <div><small>Psalms 146:7 (CEV)</small></div>	B'day: Joshua Roach Wedd Ann: Girard & Jean Glace Thks: The McLean family Algitha Richelieu & family Int: Leroy & Marietta Moore Guid: Zoey Hinkson Augusta Toussaint
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Sept 6 - 6:00 a.m.	Arch. Robert Rivas OP Msgr. Patrick Anthony Sr. Frances Norbisch	De'd: Ian Simon, Beatrice George Stephanie & Charles David
Tue Sept 7 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Albert Smith Mother Rosaria Joseph	103rd B'day: Bethaline Cox B'day: Laura Stanislaus Thks: Viaje, Navirge & Nikolai Frederick
Wed Sept 8 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Nativity of the BVM</i>	Fr. Amalraj Penigilipadi Sr. Christine Alphonse Sr. Giovanna Mabunda	Thks: Stennett Bent & family Healing: Winifred Charles Wedd Ann: Teresa & Gregory Jean Baptiste
Grand Riviere - 5:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Sept 9 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i>	Fr. Cezar Herrera Rev. Andrew Edward Sr. Ramona George	B'day: Georgiana Isaac Curtis Charles
Monchy - 5:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Sept 10 - 6:00 a.m.	Sr. Benedicta Chanda Sr. Petronilla Banda	B'day: Claude & Mary Severin Thks: George, Cathy & Benda Nicholas
Sat Sept 11 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Sr. Petronilla Banda	B'day: Shurma Felix Sharon Pancham Wedd Ann: John & Ruth Wiggins