

Kids Column

Matt. 18:15-20

*What should I do
when somebody else sins?*

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that if someone sins against us we should quietly go and talk to them about it. Have you ever seen someone else do something bad? Did you talk to them about it?



When we talk to somebody about something bad they are doing we should do it with love. We aren't trying to make them feel bad; we're trying to help!

Has anyone ever told you when you were doing something wrong? Did you find it easy to listen to them? When we try to help people who do bad things, what God wants us to do is be kind to them and help them to turn away from their sins. It's hard to do, but it makes God so happy to see us helping people come back to Him!



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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. Forms are available in church and from the parish office. Please register at the Parish Office.
- Registration is also open for Adult Confirmation. Classes will commence on Tuesday September 15th at the Old Convent from 5:30 .p.m. Please register at the Parish Office.

Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.
Romans 13:10

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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 6TH SEPT 2020 - YEAR A

Listening to God's voice.

As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in the first Reading, so Jesus in today's Gospel establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church. He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on rules of discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel.

The heads of the new Israel receive extraordinary powers, similar to those given to Peter. They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners in His name. But the powers He gives the Apostles and their successors depends on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father.

But today's readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we're to deal with those who trespass against us, a theme that we'll hear in next week's readings as well. Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them.

This is the love, Paul says in the Epistle, that we owe to our neighbors. To love our neighbors as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths. We should never correct out of anger or a desire to punish. Instead, our message must be that of today's Psalm, urging the sinner to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, and is the rock of our salvation.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Ez.33:7-9

Second Reading

Rom.13:8-10

Gospel

Mt.18:15-20

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.



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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. It began 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 the Church commemorates most saints on 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 that 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

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

DECEASED

Joseph Lucette
Helen Marie Jones
Mary Jane Sonson
Theresa Cherubin
Bernadette Joseph
Cecilia Louis

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
1Cor.5:1-8
Lk.6:6-11
✠
TUESDAY
Mi.5:1-4
Mt.1:1-16,18-23
✠
WEDNESDAY
1Cor.7:25-31
Lk.6:20-26
✠
THURSDAY
1Cor.8:1-7, 11-13
Lk.6:27-38
✠
FRIDAY
1Cor.9:16-19, 22-27
Lk.6:39-42
✠
SATURDAY
1Cor.10:14-22
Lk.6:43-49
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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Sept 5 - 6:00 p.m.	<i>Oh come, let us worship and bow down let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!</i> Psalm 95:6	Int: Lorraine Williams Guid & Protec: Unity House Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family Wedd Ann: Girard & Jean Glace Gregory & Teresa Jean Baptiste
Sun Sept 6 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Joshua Roach, Brenda Brookes Guid: Zoey Hinkson Guid & Success: Ian Simon
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Sept 7 - 6:00 a.m.	Arch. Robert Rivas OP Fr. Albert Smith Sr. Frances Nosbisch	B'day: Laura Stanislaus Healing: George Nicholas
Tue Sept 8 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Nativity of the BVM</i>	Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Christine Alphonse Sr. Giovanna Mabunda	B'day: Rudy Octave, Nellie Hall Thks: Richard Palton & family
Wed Sept 9 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i>	Fr. Amalraj Fr. Cezar Herrera Sr. Ramona George	Holy Spirit: Mark Jules Guid & Protec: Brenda Nicholas & family
Thu Sept 10 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Will Howard Rev. Andrew Edward Sr. Benedicta Chanda	B'day: Mary & Claude Severin Thks: George Nicholas & family
Fri Sept 11 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Arnold Clouden Sr. Petronilla Banda Sr. Scholastica Felician	B'day: Mekuey Henry Sharon Pancham, Micaela Parker
Sat Sept 12 - 6:30 a.m.	Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Marcellus Serieux	Holy Spirit: Martha Jules-White Thks: Monica Richard & family B'day: Mandy Boxill, Philomene Lorde