


Being a Good Steward



Jesus tells the story of a steward who looked after a rich man's wealth. When he was about to lose his job, he quickly made friends by letting the rich man's debtors pay less than what they owed. Then when he couldn't work anymore these friends would look after him.

What Jesus is telling us through this parable is that we should use the money and things we have on earth to make friends with God and the saints so that they will be happy to take us into Heaven when we die and have nothing left.

How can you make friends with God using your money? First of all, God wants us to be good stewards. That means spending money when it is good or necessary, and not foolishly. We can also please God by giving money to the Church and the poor. He wants us to show that we can do well looking after small things like money so that He can trust us with bigger jobs.



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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

♦ Youth of the parish are invited to Youth Mass and activities on Sunday, Sept 25th at the Minor Basilica, Castries, from 10am, after which scheduled activities will be held. Come have fun, food and fellowship with other young persons like yourself. If you need transportation please give your name your youth leaders or catechists.

Weekdays:
6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays:
6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sundays:
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Holidays:
7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration



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

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Prudent Stewards.

The steward in today's Gospel confronts the reality that he can't go on living the way he has been. He is under judgment. He must give account for what he has done. The exploiters of the poor in the First Reading are also about to be pulled down, to be thrust from their stations. Servants of mammon, or money, they're so in love with wealth that they reduce the poor to objects; they despise the new moons and sabbaths, the observances and holy days of God. Their only hope is to follow the steward's path.

He is no model of repentance, but he makes a prudent calculation - to use his last hours in charge of his master's property to show mercy to others, to relieve their debts. He is a child of this world, driven by a purely selfish motive, to make friends and be welcomed into the homes of his master's debtors. Yet his prudence is commended as an example to us, the children of light. We too must realize, as the steward does, that what we have is not honestly ours, but in truth belongs to another, our Master. All the mammon in the world could not have paid the debt we owe our Master. So He paid it for us. He gave His life as a ransom for all, as we hear in the Epistle. God wants everyone to be saved, even kings and princes, even the lovers of money. But we cannot serve two Masters. By His grace, we should choose to be, as we sing in the Psalm, "servants of the Lord."

We serve Him by using what He has entrusted us with to give alms, to lift the lowly from the dust and dunghills of this world. By this we will gain what is ours and be welcomed into eternal dwellings, the many mansions of the Father's house .

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Am.8:4-7

Second Reading
1Tim.2:1-8

Gospel
Lk.16:1-13

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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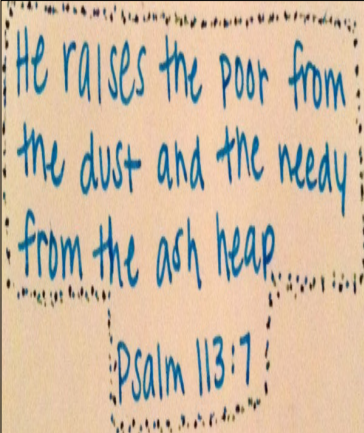
St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist - Feast Day September 21st

St. Matthew was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus and one of the four Evangelists. Christian tradition has always identified him with Levi, mentioned in Mark 2:14 and Luke 5:27. Matthew is thought to have been the name that Christ gave to Levi at his calling. Matthew was a tax collector at Capernaum, which is traditionally designated as the place of his birth. Tax collectors were despised in the ancient world, especially among the Jews at the time of Christ, who saw the imposition of taxes as a mark of their occupation by the Romans. Jesus’ contemporaries were surprised to see the Christ with a “traitor,” but Jesus explained that he had come “not to call the just, but sinners.” Matthew was the first to put down in writing Jesus’ teachings and the account of His life. His Gospel was written in Aramaic, the language that Jesus Himself spoke. Matthew’s Gospel is given pride of place in the canon of the New Testament, and was written to convince Jewish readers that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus. After Christ's Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Matthew is said to have preached the Gospel to the Hebrews for as many as fifteen years (during which time he wrote his Gospel) before heading east to continue his efforts at evangelization. His audiences may have included the Jewish enclave in Ethiopia. By tradition, Matthew, like all of the apostles with the exception of St. John the Evangelist, was martyred, but accounts of his martyrdom vary widely. All place it somewhere in the East, but, as the Catholic Encyclopedia notes, "it is not known whether he was burned, stoned, or beheaded." Because of the uncertainty surrounding Matthew's martyrdom, his feast day is not consistent in the Western and Eastern Churches. In the West, his feast is celebrated on September 21; in the East, on November 16. Traditional iconography often shows St. Matthew with a money sack and account books to signify his old life as a tax collector, and an angel above or behind him, to signify his new life as a messenger of Christ. He is the patron saint of accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, customs officers, money managers, stock brokers and tax collectors.

“(Jesus) said to (Matthew), ‘Follow me.’
And he got up and followed Him.” Matt.9:9

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PLEASE PRAY FOR	
THE SICK	
Carmen Lord Coleta Henry Martha Mason Iris Macauldy Patsy Crafton Theresa Huntley Mary Alexander	
DECEASED	
Merona Joseph Agupite James Anthony David Kevin McPhee Mary Christophe Anne Marie Louisien	
WEEKDAY READINGS	
✠ MONDAY Prov.3:27-34 Lk.8:16-18 ✠ TUESDAY Prov.21:1-6,10-13 Lk.8:19-21 ✠ WEDNESDAY Eph.4:1-7,11-13 Matt.9:9-13 ✠ THURSDAY Eccl.1:2-11 Lk.9:7-9 ✠ FRIDAY Eccl.3:1-11 Lk.9:18-22 ✠ SATURDAY Eccl.11:9-12:8 Lk.9:43-45 ✠	

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Sept 17 - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: The Destang family B'day: Renetta Joseph-Bruce Sp. Int: Girard Glace & family
Sun Sept 18- 7:30 a.m. <i>Catechist Sunday</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Bless: Garfield Leon B'day: Leeann Boxill Thks: Emsco Remy & family
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Delana Mathurin 70th B'day: Felicite Augustin
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: All Catechists
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Sept 19 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	Guid & Protec: Victoria Charles-Clarke
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Kenneth Morgan
Tue Sept 20 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest Paul Chong Hasang and Comp</i>	Fr. Paul Vu	B'day: Norma Boxill Int: Anthony Robinson
Wed Sept 21- 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Matthew, Apostle</i>	Rev. Anthony Louis Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey	B'day: Ike Blanchard
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Egbert Lionel Members of the Willie family
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Maura Bernard
Thu Sept 22 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	Dc'd: Leone George
12:30 p.m.		99th B'day: Thomas Louis B'day: Roystan Nicholas Thks: Catherine Alexis & family
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Sept 23- 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest</i>	Msgr. Theophilus Joseph Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	Int: Bernadette Pamphile
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Joan & Mya Norville
Sat Sept 24 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	50th B'day: Nadia Mc Lean B'day: Hildreth Blanchard Jerome Cazaubon, Ellen Regis