

# A Full Day's Wages

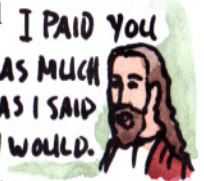
Today in the Gospel, Jesus tells a story of several men who were hired to work at a vineyard. The owner of the vineyard went out at different times to find men to work. At the end of the day, he gave each man a whole day's wages, even though some had only worked for a little while!

Wow! He paid us  
A full day's wage!



THAT'S NOT FAIR- THEY GOT A WHOLE DAY'S PAY! Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like this too: some people spend their whole lives working for God, and some people only turn to Him at the last minute. God opens Heaven to all the people who choose to love Him.

At first this doesn't seem fair. After all, some people give their whole lives to God and some give hardly any! But here is why it is fair: the only reason that any of us turns to God is because He gave us that grace. Some people have to live their whole lives without God's grace until the very end, but some of us have been given grace all our lives.



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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 continues. Please note that candidates must be 6 years old as at December 2020 to register for First Communion, and 11 years old as at December 2020 to register for Confirmation. Forms are available in church and from the parish office. Please register at the Parish Office.

Life is Christ...

PHILIPPIANS

1:21

**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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 20TH SEPT 2020 - YEAR A

Compassionate to all.

The house of Israel is the vine of God, who planted and watered it, preparing the Israelites to bear fruits of righteousness. Israel failed to yield good fruits and the Lord allowed His vineyard, Israel's kingdom, to be overrun by conquerors. But God promised that one day He would replant His vineyard and its shoots would blossom to the ends of the earth.

This is the biblical backdrop to Jesus' parable of salvation history in today's Gospel. The landowner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise. In the Lord's great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations.

The landowner's action provokes grumbling in the parable. Doesn't the complaint of those first laborers sound like that of the older brother in Jesus' prodigal son parable? God's ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in the First Reading. And today's readings caution us against the temptation to resent God's lavish mercy.

Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late, after having spent most of their days idling in sin. But even these can call upon Him and find Him near, as we sing in the Psalm.

We should rejoice that God has compassion on all whom He has created. This should console us, too, especially if we have loved ones who remain far from the vineyard. Our task is to continue laboring in His vineyard. As Paul says, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name.

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## SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading**  
Is.55:6-9

**Second Reading**  
Phil.1:20-24,27

**Gospel**  
Mt.20:1-16

## 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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<b>St. Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist - Feast Day September 21st</b>	
<p>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.</p> <p>Matthew was a tax collector at Capernaum, on the Sea of Galilee, which is traditionally designated as the place of his birth. The people of ancient Israel had a special loathing for Jewish tax collectors. They regarded them as shameless crooks who committed the two-fold crime of collaborating with heathens and preying upon their own people. (Taxes were subcontracted to private individuals who, in exchange for paying the Romans a fee up front for the right to collect taxes, were given free rein to extort as much as they could out of tax payers. Once tax season was over, the collectors rendered to Caesar what was Caesar’s, and pocketed whatever was left over.)</p> <p>According to Matthew 9:9 and Mark 2:14, Matthew was sitting by the customs house in Capernaum when Jesus called him into His company. Many were scandalized to see the Christ with a “traitor” and public sinner, and felt that Matthew was unworthy to be chosen as a follower of Jesus.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By tradition, Matthew, like all of the apostles with the exception of John, 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 mystery 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>He is the patron saint of accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, customs officers, money managers, stock brokers and tax collectors.</p> <p>“(Jesus) said to (Matthew), ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed Him.” <i>Matt.9:9</i></p> <p>(excerpt: catholicism.about.com)</p>	
<b>PLEASE PRAY FOR</b>	
<b><u>THE SICK</u></b>	
Iris Macauldy Priscillia Henry Martha Mason Rosna Joseph Nellie Hall	
<b><u>DECEASED</u></b>	
James Frederick Joseph Lucette Philomene Ambrose Antoine Actie Bernadette Joseph Cecilia Louis Deshay Louis Sylvester Louis	
<b>WEEKDAY READINGS</b>	
<div>✠ <b>MONDAY</b> Eph.4:1-7,11-13 Mt.9:9-13 ✠ <b>TUESDAY</b> Prov.21:1-6,10-13 Lk.8:19-21 ✠ <b>WEDNESDAY</b> Prov.30:5-9 Lk.9:1-6 ✠ <b>THURSDAY</b> Ecc1.1:2-11 Lk.9:7-9 ✠ <b>FRIDAY</b> Ecc1.3:1-11 Lk.9:18-22 ✠ <b>SATURDAY</b> Ecc1.11:9-12:8 Lk.9:43-45 ✠</div>	

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Sept 19 - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Thks:</b> The Destang family <b>Guid &amp; Protec:</b> Agnes Actie <b>Int:</b> Lorraine Williams
Sun Sept 20 - 7:30 a.m.		<b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b>
10:00 a.m.		<b>Thks:</b> Hetty Lucien <b>B'day:</b> Muriel Gill Norma Boxill, Thorn Walcott
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Sept 21 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Matthew Evangelist &amp; Apostle</i>	Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey Rev. Anthony Pierre	<b>Dc'd:</b> Egbert Lionel Emmanuela Jn Baptiste Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:30 p.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Maura Bernard Petua Morris, Darren Lee Joseph
Tue Sept 22 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	<b>B'day:</b> Gaston Louis Michaelina Auguste
Wed Sept 23 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest</i>	Msgr. Theophilus Joseph Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	<b>Dc'd:</b> Beryl Maycock Anne Marie Joseph
12:30 p.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Roystan Nicholas <b>Thks:</b> Angela Alphonse
Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Parishioners</b>
Thu Sept 24 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	<b>B'day:</b> Girard Glace <b>Thks:</b> The Glace family
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Kenneth Foster Rosa & Antoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang
Fri Sept 25 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Henry Nmor Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav	<b>Dc'd:</b> Alvina George
12:30 p.m.		<b>Thks:</b> Vernetta Brooks & family
Sat Sept 26 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephania Banda	<b>Holy Spirit:</b> The Williams family