

Guardian Angels

On Sept 29th we celebrate the feast of the Guardian Angels. Did you know that God has an angel specially looking after you? God gave you a guardian angel to help guard you against temptation and danger.

Angels are pure spirits. Even though we draw them like people with wings, they don't have bodies, so they don't take up space. They can see and understand much more than we can, and they know God much better than we do, too. They are very powerful and can help us very much.

We should try to talk to our Guardian Angel every day. Thank your angel for looking after you, and ask him to keep protecting you from evil. Here is a good prayer you can say every day:

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side
to light, to guard, to rule and guide.
From sinful state O keep me free,
and at death's hour my helper be.
Amen.*

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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.

OFFERINGS & DONATIONS

We advise that your Offerings and Donations to the Parish can be made via Sure Pay. When visiting the Sure Pay payment desk please note the following:

1. Ensure you communicate clearly that the payment is for the St. Joseph The Worker Parish
2. You will be given a number for each community (see below). Please choose the one required.
Gros Islet – 01
Grande Riviere – 02
Monchy – 03

Payments can be made in person or online. For further clarification please contact the Parish Office. We appreciate your support.

“The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart”
Ps. 18:9

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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 26TH SEPT 2021 - YEAR B

Belonging to Christ.

Today's Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, recorded in the First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God's Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the Apostles.

Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans. The Spirit blows where it wills, and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God in every nation under heaven. God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. But really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve.

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in the Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church. But as Jesus says, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples.

Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal, causing others to doubt or lose faith? Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father's will? Are we living, as this Sunday's Epistle warns, for our own luxury and pleasure while neglecting our neighbors?

We need to keep meditating on His Law. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them.

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First Reading
Nm.11:25-29

Second Reading
Jas.5:1-6

Gospel
Mk.9:38-43
45, 47-48

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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Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael - Archangels: Sept 29th



Angels, messengers from God, appear frequently in Scripture, but only Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are named. According to Catholic tradition, there are nine orders, or choirs*, of angels, and the archangels are an order within that hierarchy of angelic hosts.

Michael means “*Who is like God?*“. Michael appears in Daniel's vision as "the great prince" who defends Israel against its enemies. In the Book of Revelation, he leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil. Michael is the champion of God’s people and the protector of the Church. He is also regarded as the angel who brings the souls of men to their judgment before God, thus being the angel of judgment. Devotion to Michael is the oldest angelic devotion, beginning in the East in the fourth century. The Church in the West began to observe a feast to honour Michael and the angels in the fifth century.

Gabriel means “*Power of God*“. Gabriel also makes an appearance in Daniel's visions, announcing Michael's role in God's plan. His best known appearance is an encounter with a young Jewish girl named Mary, who consents to bear the Messiah. He is also believed to be the angel who comforted Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. Because of this, he is known as the herald angel and the angel of mercy.

Raphael means “*God has healed*“. Raphael's activity is confined to the Old Testament story of Tobit. There he appears to guide Tobit's son Tobiah through a series of fantastic adventures. In this passage he was a companion, protector, and healer. He is also believed to be the angel who stirred the water in the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem, giving its healing properties, as mentioned in the New Testament. He therefore is regarded as a healing angel.

Each of these archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides.

Earlier belief that inexplicable events were due to the actions of spiritual beings has given way to a scientific world-view and a different sense of cause and effect. Yet believers still experience God's protection, communication and guidance in ways which defy description. We cannot dismiss angels lightly.

“*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*” *Ps.138*

* The Angelic choirs consist of: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels and Angels

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PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK
Nellie Hall Martha Mason Iris Macauldy Denis Augustin Bentley Jn. Baptiste
DECEASED
Thomas C. St. Louis James T. Prudent Anne Chassang Elizabeth Alfred David Marcellin Isaac Augustin Nadia Coe
WEEKDAY READINGS
✠ MONDAY Zec.8:1-8 Lk.9:46-50 ✠ TUESDAY Zec.8:20-23 Lk.9:51-56 ✠ WEDNESDAY Dan.7:9-10,13-14 Jn.1:47-51 ✠ THURSDAY Neh.8:1-7, 12 Lk.10:1-12 ✠ FRIDAY Bar.1:15-22 Lk.10:13-16 ✠ SATURDAY Bar.4:5-12,27-29 Mt.18:1-5,10 ✠

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat Sept 25 - 2:00 p.m.		B'day: Henry Kappel Healing: Andrea Duval Hazel Sanchez Guid: Alex Blanchard Thks: Girard Glace & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Sept 27 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Vincent De Paul, Priest</i>	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	Thks: Bruno Leonce Healing: Arthur Baptiste
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Bernadette Pamphile Catherine Alexis & family
Tue Sept 28 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. John Milton Rev. Gerard Calderon Rev. David Popo	B'day: Zahir Leslie Wedd Ann: John & Shira Wiggins St. Michael: Perlin Verdant & family Peace & Recon: Victoria Charles Clarke
Wed Sept 29 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels</i>	Rev. Peter Fevrier Rev. Herald Wilson Rev. Winston Taylor	Dc'd: Egbert Lionel, Francis Leonce
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Marjorie Grell
Grand Riviere - 5:30 p.m.	Fr. Cleophus Joseph Sr. Margaret Maynard Sr. Marie Therese Clement	Parishioners
Thu Sept 30 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor</i>		Dc'd: Sheila Leonce, Brian Bernard John Compton, George Odlum
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Keisha & Cameron Cools
Monchy - 5:00 p.m.	Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Fr. Joseph Akande Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo	Parishioners
Fri Oct 1 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Virgin, Dr.</i>		Sacred Heart: Perlin Verdant & family
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Glendon Nicholas Thks: Stennett Bent & family
Sat Oct 2 - 6:30 a.m. <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	Fr. Michel Francis Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Philomin Zacharias	Dc'd: Fr. Raymond Laurent Elizabeth Clement, Anne Leonce