

Kids Column

Lk.16:19-31

Lazarus
and the Rich Man

In today's Gospel Jesus tells a parable about a rich man and a poor man. While they were alive, the rich man had everything he wanted. He feasted every day and was never hungry. Meanwhile Lazarus, the poor man, lay in the rich man's gate, always hungry and sick. Even the dogs came to lick the sores on his body.

Once the men died everything changed. The rich man went to Hell. He got what he deserved for thinking only of himself while he was alive. Lazarus, on the other hand, went to be with Abraham in Heaven. He had suffered so much while he was alive, but now he was perfectly happy.

The rich man wanted a drop of water to cool his tongue but Lazarus couldn't help him. He found out what happens if you only think about getting the best for yourself. What does this story make you want to do for the poor and suffering people around you?



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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 this 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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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25TH SEPT 2022 - YEAR C

Pursuing Righteousness.

The rich and powerful are visited with woe and exile in today's Liturgy, not for their wealth but for their refusal to share it; not for their power but for their indifference to the suffering at their door.

The complacent leaders in the First Reading feast on fine foods and wines, reveling while the house of Joseph, the kingdom of Israel, collapses around them. The rich man in the Gospel also lives like a king, dressed in royal purple and fine linen. The rich man symbolizes Israel's failure to keep the Old Covenant, to heed the commandments of Moses and the prophets. This is the sin of the rulers in the First Reading. Born to the nation God favored first, they could claim Abraham as their father. But for their failure to give, their inheritance is taken away. The rulers are exiled from their homeland. The rich man is punished with an exile far greater, eternity with a "great chasm" fixed between himself and God.

In this world, the rich and powerful make a name for themselves and dine sumptuously, while the poor remain anonymous, refused an invitation to their feasts. But notice that the Lord knows Lazarus by name, and Joseph in his sufferings, while the leaders and the rich man have no name.

Today's Liturgy is a call to repentance, to heed the warning of One who was raised from the dead. To lay hold of the eternal life He promises, we must pursue righteousness, keep the commandment of love, as Paul exhorts in the Epistle.

"The Lord loves the just," we sing in the Psalm, and in this Eucharist we have a foretaste of the love that will be ours in the next life, when He will raise the lowly to the heavenly banquet with Abraham and the prophets, where we too will rest our heads on the bosom of our Lord.

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SUNDAY READINGS
First Reading
Am.6:1,4-7
Second Reading
1Tim.6:11-16
Gospel
Lk.16:19-31

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
Variable
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Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael - Archangels

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	
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 Job 1:6-22 Lk.9:46-50 ✠ TUESDAY Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23 Lk.9:51-56 ✠ WEDNESDAY Job 9:1-13,14-16 Lk.9:57-62 ✠ THURSDAY Dan.7:9-10,13-14 Jn.1:47-51 ✠ FRIDAY Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5 Lk.10:13-16 ✠ SATURDAY Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 Lk.10:17-24 ✠	

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Sept 24 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Joycelin Joseph Cassidy Moffat, Girard Glace
Sun Sept 25- 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Omari Felicien, Danny Augustin
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Sept 26 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephanía Banda	Dc'd: Bertha Calliste
12:30 p.m.		Healing: Alexander Blanchard B'day: Augustin Felicien & family
Tue Sept 27 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	Thks: Audrey Charles
Wed Sept 28- 6:00 a.m.	Fr. John Milton Rev. Gerard Calderon	B'day: Mauricia Edward Marie Ambrose, Cynthia Hall St. Michael: Perlin Verdant & family
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Lionel James, Brian Bernard John Compton, George Odlum
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Sept 29 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels</i>	Rev. David Popo Rev. Peter Fevrier Rev. Herald Wilson	Thks: Merlin Severin Guid & Protec: The Brinkley family Victoria Charles-Clarke
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang Arthur Baptiste, Egbert Lionel
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Sept 30- 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor</i>	Rev. Winston Taylor Sr. Margaret Maynard Sr. Marie Therese Clement	B'day: Angela Clarke Thks: Zoey Hinkson, Sashla St. Omer Laurencia Cadette, Marcia Haywood
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Orian Archibald Elizabeth & Philomene Macauldy
Sat Oct 1- 6:30 a.m. <i>St. Therese of Lisieux Virgin & Doctor</i>	Fr. Joseph Akande Fr. Cleophus Joseph Fr. Ignatius Cetoute	Dc'd: Elizabeth Clement