

Changing Your Mind

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the parable of the two sons whose father asked them to help in the vineyard. The first son told his father he wouldn't help, but then he changed his mind and did what he was asked. The second son said he would help, but he didn't.

I always listen. This time I'm just going to play.

In the end it doesn't matter so much if we say we are going to do what's right. What is important is that we do it. We call ourselves Christians because we believe in Jesus and the Church He gave us, but we only really are being Christians if we do what He says.

I should have done my homework... I'll do it now.

Sometimes we decide not to obey God. But if we are sorry afterwards and do what is right, God will not look at the bad things we did. On the other hand, if we do good things and then change to doing bad things, then we have decided to turn away from God, and we will be punished for our sins.

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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.

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MAN	GOD	JOHN	KINGDOM	BELIEVE
THINK	TODAY	WAY	WORK	VINEYARD
SONS	FATHER	TWO	TRUTH	SHOW

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SAINT GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL

GOD'S MESSENGER • SEPTEMBER 29





THE STORY

God sent Gabriel to announce the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Gabriel greeted Mary and told her she would become the mother of the Savior.

FUN FACTS

Gabriel's name means "God is my strength." He appears in Daniel and Luke. His message at the Annunciation is remembered in the Hail Mary.

YOUR FAITH MISSION

Bring good news today: encourage someone, speak truth kindly, or share how God has helped you.

PRAYER

Saint Gabriel the Archangel, help us listen to God, speak with courage, and welcome Jesus with trusting hearts. Amen.

Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you. • Luke 1:28

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St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

CONFESSIONS
Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
&
by appointment

Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Participation/Mission

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026 - YEAR A

The True Path.

Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin? This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in the Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day, tax collectors and prostitutes, who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders who said they would serve God in the vineyard but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance.

Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, and in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the Cross. In this He has shown sinners, each one of us, the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority, that they had no further need to hear God's Word or listen to God's servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel.

We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Ez.18:25-28

Second Reading
Phil.2:1-11

Gospel
Mt.21:28-32
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MASS TIMES

Gros Islet

Morning Prayers:
Mon -Fri
5:45 a.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.

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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
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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. The archangels are an order of angels within a hierarchy of angelic hosts.

Each of the three archangels we honour today performs a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides.

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 honouring 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.

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

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Claudia Joseph

DECEASED

Delia Everett
Rose Eugene
Peter Eugene
Titus Albertie
Nancy Joseph
Antoine Nelson
Auguste Tommy
Monica M. Joseph
Joseph Jn. Baptiste

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Job.1:6-22
Lk.9:46-50
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TUESDAY
Dan.7:9-10,13-14
Jn.1:47-51
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WEDNESDAY
Job.9:1-13,14-16
Lk.9:57-62
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THURSDAY
Job.19:21-27
Lk.10:1-12
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FRIDAY
Job.38:1,12-21—40:3-5
Mt.18:1-5,10
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SATURDAY
Job.42:1-2,5-6,12-17
Lk.10:17-24
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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Sep 26 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Rev. Girard Glace Justine Girard St. Michael: Perlin Verdant & family
Sun Sep 27 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Tristan Matthews Ansley Fontenelle Thks: Felicia Hyacinth & family
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Danny Augustin
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Teresa Philip Guid: Kaelan, Kateri & Kate Haywood
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Sep 28 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. John Milton	Healing: Willie Sifflet Thks: Mikaela Elliott
12:30 p.m.		Deliv: David Cox B'day: Zahir Leslie, Mauricia Edward
Tue Sep 29 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels</i>	Rev. David Popo Rev. Herald Wilson Rev. Gerard Calderon	Dc'd: Egbert Lionel Members of the Lionel family
Wed Sep 30 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor</i>	Rev. Peter Fevrier Sr. Margaret Maynard	Healing: Willie Sifflet Thks: Marcia Haywood
12:30 p.m.		Healing & Deliv: Dorina Jn. Marie
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Oct 1 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus Virgin, Doctor</i>	Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Fr. Cleophus Joseph Sr. Marie Therese Clement	Holy Spirit: Sonia Sifflet & family Thks: Red Dot, Bernice Springer Mgmt. & Staff Glace Motors Ltd
12:30 p.m.		Bapt. Ann: Micaela Parker
Fri Oct 2 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Stephen Quinlan Fr. Philomin Zacharias	Healing: Willie Sifflet Thks: Shanta King & family
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Marie Ange Williams Thks: Jose Anne d' Auvergne Sacred Heart: Perlin Verdant & family
Sat Oct 3 - 6:30 a.m. <i>Mass at the Shrine BVM</i>	Archbishop Malzaire Msgr. Michel Francis	Dc'd: Fr. Raymond Laurent Elizabeth Clement Sr. Margaret Mary OC Florence & Madlene Auguste