

Kids Column


Mt. 21:28-32

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.

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 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.

and being as all men are,
He was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised Him high,
and gave Him the name
which is above all other names...

Phil.2:8-9

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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 27TH SEPT 2020 - YEAR A

The True Path.

Choosing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again 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 Gospel.

In the parable, 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, 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

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.



MONDAY

6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.



TUESDAY

6:00 a.m.



WEDNESDAY

6:00 a.m.& 12:30 p.m.

G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.



THURSDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.

Monchy: 6:00 p.m.



FRIDAY

6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.



SATURDAY

6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.



SUNDAY

Gros Islet/G. Riviere

7:30 A.M.

Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY

7:00 a.m.





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 honoring 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

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Iris Macauldy
Priscillia Henry
Martha Mason
Rosna Joseph
Nellie Hall

DECEASED

James Frederick
Joseph Lucette
Philomene Ambrose
Antoine Actie
Marie Celine Ishmael
Cecilia Louis
Deshay Louis
Sylvester Louis

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 9:1-12,14-16
Lk.9:57-62
✠
THURSDAY
Job 19:21-27
Lk.10:1-12
✠
FRIDAY
Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5
Mt.18:1-5,10
✠
SATURDAY
Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17
Lk.10:17-24
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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Sept 26 - 6:00 p.m.	". . . guide me in your <i>truth</i> and teach me, for you are <i>God</i> my Savior , and my <i>hope</i> is in you all day long." Psalms 25:5	Int: Lorraine Williams Thks: Joycelyn Joseph, Keith John Christine, Jackie & Marilyn John
Sun Sept 27 - 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: Danny Augustin Wedd Ann: John Jr.& Shira Wiggins
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Sept 28 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. John Milton Rev. Gerard Calderon Rev. David Popo	Int: Lucretia James IHO St. Michael: Perlin Verdant & family
12:30 p.m.		Int: Lorna Foster B'day: Mauricia Edward Charmion Florent
Tue Sept 29 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels</i>	Rev. Herald Wilson Rev. Peter Fevrier	Thks: Janelle James Int: Girard Glace & family IHO Archangels: Marjorie Grell
Wed Sept 30 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor</i>	Rev. Winston Taylor Sr. Margaret Maynard Sr. Marie Therese Clement	Dc'd: George Odlum, Brian Bernard Bernadette Gaspard, John Compton
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Lucretia James
Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Oct 1 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus Virgin & Doctor</i>	Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Fr. Cleophus Joseph Fr. Joseph Akande	Thks: Red Dot B'day: Glendon Nicholas
12:30 p.m.		Int: Bernadette Pamphile & family
Fri Oct 2 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo Fr. Philomin Zacharias	Int: Sacred Heart Confraternity IHO Sacred Heart: Perlin Verdant & family B'day: Marie Ange Williams
12:30 p.m.		Sp Int: The Jean family
Sat Oct 3 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Arthur Zalewski	Dc'd: Fr. Raymond Laurent