


Invitation to the Wedding Feast

I'M TOO BUSY.




Imagine that you live in a great kingdom with a king and queen and many other great people. You hear that the king's son is going to get married and there will be a great wedding feast. All the lords and ladies and rich land owners are invited. On the day of the wedding the servants go out to call the guests to the wedding, but all those important people refuse to go! They say they are too busy with other things, and can't be bothered to go!

Now imagine that you are one of the children in a poor family that lives down a back street. Suddenly you hear people calling out that the king has invited your family to the feast! What excitement! Everybody puts on their best clothes and goes to the castle. In a little while the king comes in and you see him pointing to a man who isn't dressed neatly, and hasn't washed his face or brushed his hair. He sends the man out of the hall.



This is the story that Jesus told about the kingdom of Heaven. Many important people have been invited, but they have decided that they were too busy with other things. But the King has invited us too! We should rejoice and "dress" our souls by being the best we can be! Don't be a half-hearted Christian!



WHY AREN'T YOU PROPERLY DRESSED?

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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.

ASSEMBLY SONG

1. We are called
To be a church united. (x2)
*Chorus: We are called, we are called,
Yes, we are called. (Repeat)*
 2. We are called
To put the Word in action (x2)
 3. We are called
To mission by the Spirit (x2)
 4. We are called
To walk in truth and mercy (x2)
 5. We are called
To live our stewardship daily (x2)
 6. We are called
To serve the poor and needy (x2)
 7. We are called
As Salt and Light and Leaven (x2)
 8. We are called
To Vision 2020
We are called
To be a church united
We are called
To love one another
- We are called, we are called,
Yes, we are called.
Yes, we are called.
Yes, we are called.
Yes, we are called.*

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.



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

CONFESSIONS
Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
6.00 - 6.45 p.m.
&
by appointment

VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 11TH OCT 2020 - YEAR A

Invitation to the Feast.

Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history. God is the king, Jesus the bridegroom, the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in the First Reading.

The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets. For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies. Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people - good and bad alike - to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad. We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ.

As we sing in the Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. Paul tells us in the Epistle that in the glorious riches of Christ we will find supplied whatever we need. In the rich food of His body, and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever. But are we dressed for the feast, clothed in the garment of righteousness? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Is.25:6-10

Second Reading
Phil.4:12-14,19-20

Gospel
Mt.22:1-14

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET
Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.
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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.
✠

St. Ignatius of Antioch - Feast day October 17th

Ignatius of Antioch, (AD c.35-107), is one of the five Apostolic Fathers, the earliest authoritative group of the Church Fathers, and the third bishop of Antioch. He was reputedly a student of the Apostle John and it is reported that St. Peter himself appointed Ignatius to the see of Antioch.

A holy man who was deeply loved by the Christian faithful, Ignatius always made it his special care to defend "orthodoxy" (right teaching) and "orthopraxy" (right practice) among the early Christians. In 107, during the reign of Emperor Trajan, he was sentenced to death because he refused to renounce the Christian faith and he was taken under guard to Rome. During the journey, his travels took him through Asia Minor and Greece and He made good use of the time by writing seven letters of encouragement, instruction and inspiration to the Christians in those We still have these letters today, a great treasure of the Church. Important topics addressed in these letters include ecclesiology, the sacraments and the role of bishops. These letters connect us to the early Church and the unbroken, clear teaching of the Apostles which was given to them directly by Jesus Christ. They also reveal the holiness of a man of God who became himself a living letter of Christ. It was Ignatius who first used the term "catholic" to describe the whole Church.

In Rome he met his martyrdom by being fed to wild beasts. The shedding his blood in the witness of holy martyrdom was the culmination of a life lived conformed to Jesus Christ. Ignatius sought to offer himself, in Christ, for the sake of the Church which he loved.

“I am dying willingly for God's sake, if only you do not prevent it. I beg you, do not do me an untimely kindness. Allow me to be eaten by the beasts, which are my way of reaching to God. I am God's wheat, and I am to be ground by the teeth of wild beasts, so that I may become the pure bread of Christ.” - Letter to the Romans

“ It is right therefore that we not just be called Christians, but that we actually are Christians”

(excerpt: catholic.org)

October, Month of the Holy Rosary.

“The Most Holy Virgin, these last times in which we live have given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal, or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.”

Sister Lucia dos Santos



“Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world.”

Pope Pius I

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Iris Macauldy
Priscillia Henry
Martha Mason
Rosna Joseph
Nellie Hall

DECEASED

Leone George
Joseph Lucette
Philomene Ambrose
Antoine Actie
Marie Celine Ishmael
Cecilia Louis
Deshay Louis
Sylvester Louis

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Gal.4:22-24,26-27
Lk.11:29-32



TUESDAY

Gal.5:1-6
Lk.11:37-41



WEDNESDAY

Gal.5:18-25
Lk.11:42-46



THURSDAY

Eph.1:1-10
Lk.11:47-54



FRIDAY

Eph.1:11-14
Lk.12:1-7



SATURDAY

Eph.1:15-23
Lk.12:8-12



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Oct 10 - 6:00 p.m.		90th B'day: Nicholas Smith B'day: Chiara Edward, Kamille Joseph Int: Lorraine Williams Wedd Ann: Lyndon & Vanya Samuel
Sun Oct 11 - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Dania Mathurin
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Oct 12 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Arnold Clouden Rev. Wilfred Harris Rev. Marcellus Serieux	B'day: David Popo Gerald Sidoine
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Cecilia George
Tue Oct 13 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Vincent Norbert Rev. Anthony Pierre Rev. Madison Stanislaus	B'day: Vilma St. Hill Sarah Monplaisir, Shana Marius
Wed Oct 14 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Justin Barthelmy Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	Dc'd: Joseph Alexander, James Nichols Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Nina Chong
Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Oct 15 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Teresa of Avila Virgin & Doctor</i>	Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph	Thks. Anthony Robinson & family
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: George Bruno
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Oct 16 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	Guid & Success: Liam Ramlal
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Vernette Brookes & family Mary Wellington & family
Sat Oct 17 - 6:30 a.m. <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch Bishop & Martyr</i>	Fr. Yvon Tremont Rev. Bertrand Clauzel	Dc'd: Sr. Margaret Mary O'Carm Florence & Madelene Auguste