

# Divine Mercy

In today's Gospel we hear about the first time that Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. He breathed on them and told them that they had the power to forgive sins. Jesus had just given us the Sacrament of Confession- now a priest could take God's place to hear our sins and tell us that we are forgiven.

Today, the second Sunday of Easter, is also the feast of Divine Mercy. Mercy means being treated well even though we don't deserve it. God is so merciful that He wants to forgive ALL our sins, no matter how bad. All we have to do is be sorry and go to Confession.

God's Divine Mercy is so great that even the worst sinner in the world can be saved from Hell if he asks for it. But even our little sins hurt Jesus, so we need to ask God for mercy too. Don't ever imagine that God can't forgive you when you are sorry- remember, Jesus died on the cross so that you would be able to go to Heaven!

Jesus, I Trust in 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.

# Saint Louis Marie de Montfort

April 28

LOUIS MARIE GRIGNON WAS BORN TO A LARGE FAMILY IN MONTFORT, FRANCE, IN 1673. HE WAS A VERY GOOD STUDENT AND VISITED THE CHURCH OFTEN.



LOUIS GAVE ALL HE HAD TO THE POOR, WENT TO THE SEMINARY, AND BECAME A PRIEST AT AGE 27.



FR. LOUIS TRAVELLED AROUND, PREACHING. MIRACLES BEGAN TO HAPPEN...



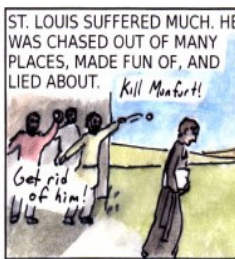
Jesus did not come to earth to leave us in our sins...




ST. LOUIS LOVED OUR LADY AND WROTE BOOKS THAT ARE VERY WELL KNOWN, EVEN TODAY!



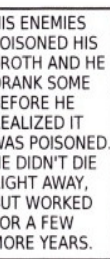
ST. LOUIS SUFFERED MUCH. HE WAS CHASED OUT OF MANY PLACES, MADE FUN OF, AND LIED ABOUT.



There's something in this...




HIS ENEMIES POISONED HIS BROTH AND HE DRANK SOME BEFORE HE REALIZED IT WAS POISONED. HE DIDN'T DIE RIGHT AWAY, BUT WORKED FOR A FEW MORE YEARS.



SAINT LOUIS DIED WHEN HE WAS 43 YEARS OLD. HE HAD WORKED VERY HARD TO HELP EVERYONE TO TURN TO GOD. WHAT DO YOU THINK HE TOLD THE PEOPLE WAS THE BEST WAY TO GROW CLOSE TO GOD? THROUGH MARY! NOBODY WAS EVER CLOSER TO GOD THAN MARY WAS. TALK TO MARY TODAY!

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Why do you look for the living among the dead?



He is not here, but has risen.

Luke 24:5



# Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - 27TH APRIL, 2025 - YEAR C

## The Living Christ.

The prophet Daniel saw in a vision “One like the Son of Man” receive everlasting kingship. John is taken to heaven in today’s Second Reading where he sees Daniel’s prophecy fulfilled in Jesus, who appears “like a Son of Man.”

Jesus is clad in the robe of a High Priest, and wearing the gold sash of a king. He has been exalted by the right hand of the Lord. His risen body, which the Apostles touch in the Gospel, has been made a life-giving Spirit.

As the Father anointed Him with the Spirit and power, Jesus pours out that Spirit on the Apostles, sending them into the world “as the Father has sent Me.” Jesus breathes the Spirit of His divine life into the Apostles, as God blew the breath of life into Adam, as Elijah’s prayer returned the life breath to the dead child, and as the Spirit breathed new life into the slain in the valley of bones. His creative breath unites the Apostles, His Church, to His body, and empowers them to breathe His life into a dying world, to make it a new creation.

In today’s Gospel and First Reading, we see the Apostles fulfilling this mission with powers only God possesses, the power to forgive sins and to work “signs and wonders,” a biblical expression only used to describe the mighty works of God.

Thomas and the others saw “many other signs” after Jesus was raised from the dead. They saw and they believed. They had been given His life, which continues in the Church’s Word and sacraments, so that we who have not seen might inherit His blessings and “have life through His name.”

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

## CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday  
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

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by appointment

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## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

### Second Reading

Rev.1:9-13,17-19

### Gospel

John 20:19-31

## 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.



### FRIDAY

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



### SATURDAY

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



### SUNDAY

G/Islet/G.Riviere  
7:30 a.m.



### Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.



### HOLIDAY

Variable





Divine Mercy Sunday:

When, after His resurrection, Christ entered the Upper Room, He might have said to His disciples: "Where were you? Why did you abandon me when I was laying down my life for you?" But He did not. Rather, He said, "Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give to you." With these words He forgave their infidelity, dispelled their fears, healed their broken hearts, and shared with them His own joy. In short, the Lord blessed them with Divine Mercy.

Pope Francis had this to say about Divine Mercy: *"It restores hope to those who feel overwhelmed by the burden of sin. The mercy of God is present in our love for those we forgive and those we care for when they suffer: It is a love which is greater than any evil and greater than death itself. "Father, forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." "You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us." And give us the grace to ourselves have mercy on others, especially on those we find it hardest to forgive and most needing to be healed."*

The two means Pope Francis underlined for becoming instruments of Divine Mercy are to forgive and to heal. To be disposed to do so, he said, is to be a channel of Christ's Peace. The mission the Church entrusts to us is to be a sign and instrument of the Father's Mercy and Christ's Peace, to keep alive the desire to recognize and welcome the numerous signs of the tenderness which God offers to the whole world and, above all, to those who suffer greatly, who are alone and abandoned, and who are without hope of being pardoned or feeling the Father's love.


Faced with the tragic events of in our world today, the immense strain on our poor, frustration of our marginalized, and suffering in our victims of injustice, we can feel helpless and crushed. How can we adequately deal with this evil and the pain it causes? For us on our own it is impossible. Only God can bring us what we need: Divine Mercy and Peace. Our God is a God of Mercy.

It is Jesus who died on the Cross, rose on the third day, and visited the upper room to be with His beloved disciples, who delivers to them the fullness of Mercy and Peace to enjoy and to share with others. He delivers these gifts to us today, throughout the year, and for the rest of our lives for us to enjoy and share with others.

(excerpt: onlineministries.creighton.edu/kevinkersten)

### How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use an ordinary rosary.



1. Make the Sign of the Cross
2. Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed
3. On the Our Father beads say:  
**Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**
4. On the Hail Mary beads say:  
**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**
5. Repeat for the five decades.
6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:  
**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton  
Martha Mason  
Iris Macauldy  
Marie Joseph  
Anne Marie Felicien

DECEASED

Greg Glace  
Muriel Gill  
Virginia Lionel  
Richard Gomez  
Catherine Alexis  
Isidore Lecompte  
Josephine Bernard

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Acts 4:23-31  
Jn.3:1-8



TUESDAY

Acts 4:32-37  
Jn.3:7-15



WEDNESDAY

Acts 5:17-26  
Jn.3:16-21



THURSDAY

Acts 5:27-33  
Jn.3:31-36



FRIDAY

Acts 5:34-42  
Jn.6:1-15



SATURDAY

1Cor.15:1-8  
Jn.14:6-14



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER		
Sat April 26 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Liesl Glace Wedd Ann: Hilton & Maude Oculien
Sun April 27 - 7:30 a.m. <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Int: Parish Youth
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Neal Peter George Wedd Ann: Tarbula & Cyrille Amedee Anniv: G/Riviere Hospitality Team
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Andrea Joseph-Paul Anne Marie Felicien 8th Anniv: Leap of Faith Chorale
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon April 28 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. John Milton Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Rev. Gerard Calderon	Success: Sven Fevrier B'day: Lyndon Samuel Lady of Perpetual Help: Emalie Popo
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Stephen & Anne Marie Montrose Antoinese Edward, Theonie Gaillard
Tue April 29 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. David Popo Rev. Peter Fevrier	Dc'd: Catherine Alexis
Wed April 30 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Akande Sr. Margaret Maynard Sr. Marie Therese Clement Rev. Herald Wilson	Thks: Haywood family Healing: Francillia Elcock & family B'day: Zenna Smith Jacqueline Hippolyte
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Raymond Laurent Albert & Letitia Laurent
Gros Islet - 6:00 p.m.		St. Joseph the Worker Feast
Fri May 2 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Stephen Quinlan Fr. Celestine Nwakwu	B'day: Dillan Darcheville Vanya Pilgrim-Samuel Sacred Heart: Perlin Verdant & family
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Stacy Lubin, Athanasie Morgan
Sat May 3 - 6:30 a.m. <i>Sts. Philip &amp; James, Apostles</i>	Arch. Gabriel Malzaire Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Cleophus Joseph	Dc'd: Teresa Huntley, Philomene David Josephine & Felix Remy

