The Greatest Commandment



What does Jesus say the greatest commandment is? At first you might think that the most important thing would be to not kill anyone, wouldn't you? But that's not what He says! The very most important thing is to love God with our whole heart and soul and mind! It means that we must do everything we do for love of God, and live our whole life completely for Him.

But how can we love God so much? Well, we can practice little by little, loving Him more each day. Paying attention at Mass every Sunday and saying a prayer every day would be a good start. Every morning tell God that you will do everything for Him today and every night before you go to bed, thank God for all that He has done for you and tell Him you're sorry for the bad things you did that day. Then try to think about God through the day.



The second greatest commandment that Jesus tells us is that we should love others as much as we love ourselves. If we really love God then we will want to love other people too, because God loves them! If you don't love others, it shows that you don't really love God as much as you should. What can you do today to start loving God more?



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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.

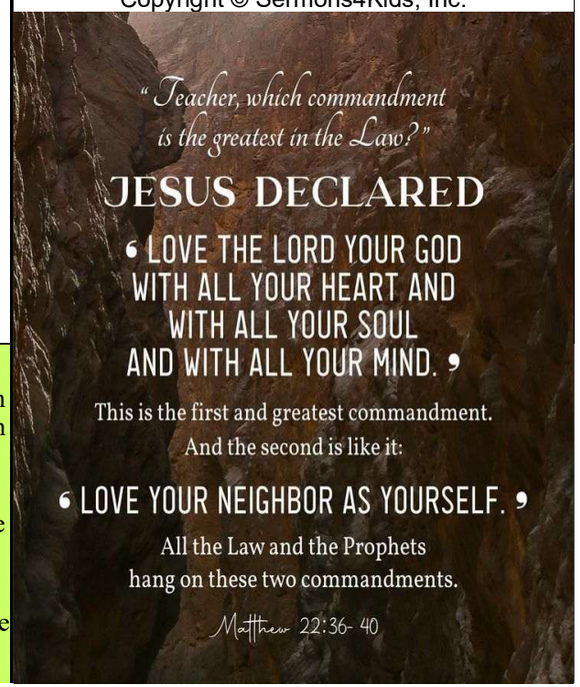
MASS INTENTIONS:

Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.

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Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Participation/Mission

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25TH OCTOBER 2026 - YEAR A

His Commandment Is Love.

Jesus came, not to abolish the Old Testament law, but to fulfill it. And in today's Gospel, He reveals that love of God and of neighbor is the fulfillment of the whole of the law.

Devout Israelites were to keep all 613 commands found in the Bible's first five books. Jesus says today that all these, and all the teachings of the prophets, can be summarized by two verses of this law. He seems to summarize the two stone tablets on which God was said to have engraved the Ten Commandments.

The first tablet set out three laws concerning the love of God, such as the command not to take His name in vain; the second contained seven commands regarding love of neighbor, such as those against stealing and adultery. Love is the hinge that binds the two tablets of the law. For we can't love God, whom we can't see, if we don't love our neighbor, whom we can.

But this love we are called to is far more than simple affection or warm sentiment. We must give ourselves totally to God, loving with our whole beings, with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Our love for our neighbor must express itself in concrete actions, such as those set out in the First Reading.

We love because He first loved us. As we sing in the Psalm, He has been our deliverer, our strength when we could not possibly defend ourselves against the enemies of sin and death.

We love in thanksgiving for our salvation. In this we become imitators of Jesus, as Paul tells us in the Epistle, laying down our lives daily in ways large and small, seen and unseen, our lives offered as a continual sacrifice of praise.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Ex.22:20-26

Second Reading
1Thes.1:5-1

Gospel
Mt.22:30-40

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.

V

TUESDAY
6:00 a.m.

V

WEDNESDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.

V

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

V

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

V

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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St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

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

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Saints Simon & Jude - Feast Day October 28th

According to the New Testament, Simon the Zealot, and Jude, also known as Judas Thaddaeus, and were two of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. The lives of these two saints remind us to learn all we can about Jesus and to share it with others, as they did.

Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He became known as Jude after early translators of the New Testament from Greek into English sought to distinguish him from Judas Iscariot and thus abbreviated his name.

According to the legend, Jude was a son of Cleophas, a brother of St. Joseph, and his mother was Mary, a cousin of the Virgin Mary. When the Apostles left Jerusalem to proclaim the Kingdom of God in other lands, Jude went into Syria, Armenia and ancient Persia. He joined up with Simon, and their missionary partnership won tens of thousands of Babylonians and people from other cities for Christ. Jude has left us a short but powerful Epistle, written after the death of his brother James, bishop of Jerusalem, and addressed to the new Christians being tempted by false brethren and heretics.

A tradition arose over the centuries - since Judas Iscariot was so despised, and the reluctance of the faithful to seek the intercession of one who shared a name with Christ's betrayer - of petitioning St. Jude only when all other saints had failed to answer prayers. Out of confusion or an abundance of caution, Jude thus became the saint of last resort.

Simon is mentioned in all four lists of the apostles. To distinguish him from Simon Peter, in two of them he is called "the Zealot." Eastern Orthodox Church tradition holds that it was at Simon's wedding in Cana that Christ turned water to wine, and that he was called zealot because on seeing this miracle, Simon left his home, his parents and his bride and followed Christ.

Simon and Jude traveled together to teach others about Jesus. Because of their eyewitness accounts of Jesus' miracles and His death and resurrection, many people became believers and were baptized. Simon and Jude died for their faith on the same day, in 65AD, in Persia.

In art, Simon carries a saw because he was martyred by being sawn in half. St. Simon is the patron of curriers, sawmen, sawyers and tanners. St. Jude is the patron saint of desperate situations, forgotten causes, hospital workers, hospitals, impossible and lost causes. The axe that he is often shown holding in pictures symbolizes the way in which he was killed.

As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown. Jesus chose some unlikely people: a former crooked tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two "sons of thunder" and a man named Judas Iscariot. It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift.

(excerpt: catholicculture.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Claudia Joseph
Iris Macauldy

DECEASED

John Victor
Karen James
Miley Delice
Frances Moise
Marina Habran
Lucille Marshall
Marie Dusquesne
Mary Ann Bernard
Innocent Jn. Baptiste

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Eph.4:32-5:8
Lk.13:10-17

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TUESDAY
Eph.5:21-33
Lk.13:18-21

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WEDNESDAY
Eph.2:19-22
Lk.6:12-19

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THURSDAY
Eph.6:10-20
Lk.13:31-35

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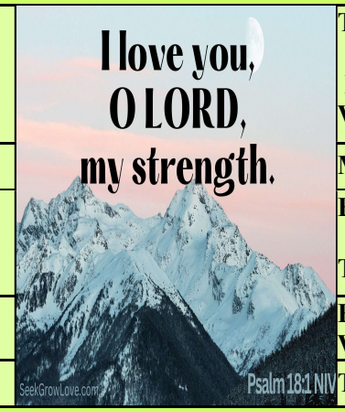
FRIDAY
Phil.1:1-11
Lk.14:1-6

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SATURDAY
Phil.1:18-26
Lk.14:1,7-11

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MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Oct 24 - 6:00 p.m.		**Thks:** The Destang family Dionysia Sealy-Compton, Ernell Aimable **B'day:** Raphael St. Hill, Olientia Blenman **Wedd Ann:** Rohan & Sirah Phillip
Sun Oct 25 - 7:30 a.m.		**MISSA PRO POPULO**
10:00 a.m.		**B'day:** Jada Emmanuel Larry Philip, Daria Paul **Thks:** Mikaela Elliott, Laura Stecy
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		**B'day:** Eldica Nicholas **Wedd Ann:** Rohan & Sirah Phillip
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		**Thks:** Margerie Philip & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Oct 26 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephania Banda	**B'day:** Simon Altenor, Niara Williams **Guid:** Kaelan Haywood
12:30 p.m.		**Dc'd:** Viviana Chastanet, Rita Edmunds
Tue Oct 27 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	**B'day:** Marvin & Stephen Lubin **Guid:** Kaelan Haywood
Wed Oct 28 - 6:00 a.m. *Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles*	Fr. John Milton	**Thks:** Bernitha Clery **St. Jude:** Perlin Verdant & family
12:30 p.m.		**Deliv:** Dorina Jn. Marie **Guid:** Kaelan Haywood
Grande Riviere – 6:00 p.m.		**NO MASS**
Thu Oct 29 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. David Popo Rev. Gerard Calderon Rev. Herald Wilson	**B'day:** Monique Louis Estellita and Ahmed Rene
12:30 p.m.		**Guid:** Kaelan Haywood **Thks:** Mikaela Elliott, Laura Stecy
Fri Oct 30 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Peter Fevrier Sr. Margaret Maynard	**Dc'd:** George Nicholas
12:30 p.m.		**Thks:** Mary Wellington & family **Guid:** Kaelan Haywood
Sat Oct 31 - 6:30 a.m. *Mass at the Shrine*	Sr. Mary Mumba	**Thks:** Sandra Aimable & family Rachel Myers & family **Guid:** Kaelan Haywood