

Kids Column

Mt. 25:14-30

Use Your Talents!

God has given each of us talents, or things that we're good at. In today's parable, Jesus tells about a master who gave three of his servants large amounts of money, which were also called talents. Two of the men used the talents and earned more, but one just hid his talent and didn't use it at all. When the master returned he rewarded the men who had used theirs, but punished the man who hadn't.



Some people have many talents and can do lots of good things. Other people can only do a few things well. But no matter what you can do, God wants you to do your best.



What are some things you're good at? What are some things you are not very good at? Rather than think about the things we can't do, we should be happy to do the things we can, and do them for God! Some people are good at drawing or writing. They can make people happy and teach people about God by drawing pictures or writing stories or letters. Some people are good at talking to people and making friends. They can show God's love and make people happy. Some people have a talent of being patient with others, and show Jesus' love that way. What are your talents? How can you use them to bring people closer to God?



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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.

ASSEMBLY SONG

1. We are called to be a church united.  
We are called to walk in truth and mercy

**Chorus: We are called, we are called,  
Yes, we are called. (Repeat)**

2. We are called to mission by the Spirit  
We are called to put the Word in action
3. We are called to live our stewardship daily  
We are called to serve the poor and needy
4. We are called as Salt and Light and Leaven  
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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.**

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages, "curing every disease and illness". At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the Coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together, and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. In your wisdom protect our country, Saint Lucia, our region and the whole world from this pandemic. Be with the doctors, nurses and researchers, and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected, and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Mary, comforter of the afflicted, pray for us. **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

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 15TH NOV 2020 - YEAR A

*The Coming of the Lord.*

The day of the Lord is coming, Paul warns in today's Epistle. What matters isn't the time or the season, but what the Lord finds us doing with the new life, the graces He has given to us. This is at the heart of Jesus' parable in the Gospel. Jesus is the Master. Having died, risen, and ascended into heaven, He appears to have gone away for a long time. By our Baptism, He has entrusted to each of us a portion of His "possessions," a share in His divine life. He has given us talents and responsibilities, according to the measure of our faith. We are to be like the worthy wife in the First Reading and the faithful man we sing of in the Psalm. Like them, we should walk in the "fear of the Lord" - in reverence, awe, and thanksgiving for His marvelous gifts.

This is the beginning of wisdom. This is not the "fear" of the useless servant in today's parable; his is the fear of a slave cowering before a cruel master, the fear of one who refuses the relationship that God calls us to. God has called us to be trusted servants, fellow workers, using our talents to serve one another and His kingdom as good stewards of His grace. In this, we each have a different part to play.

Though the good servants in the parable were given different numbers of talents, each doubled what he was given. And each earned the same reward for his faithfulness, greater responsibilities and a share of the Master's joy.

So let us resolve again in this Eucharist to make much of what we've been given, to do all for the glory of God. That we, too, may approach our Master with confidence and love when He comes to settle accounts.

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**SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading**  
Prov.31:10-13,  
19-20,30-31

**Second Reading**  
1Thes.5:1-6

**Gospel**  
Mt.25:14-30

**MASS TIMES**

**GROS ISLET**  
Morning Prayers:  
5:45a.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.  
**Monchy: 6:00 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**  
7:00 a.m.  
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**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - November 21**

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates, in the words of the Liturgy of the Hours, "that dedication of herself which Mary made to God from her very childhood under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who filled her with grace at her Immaculate Conception."

Mary's presentation was already being celebrated in Jerusalem by the sixth century. The Basilica of St. Mary the New was built near the ruins of the Temple in Jerusalem, the reputed place of Mary's presentation, in honor of this mystery. As with Mary's birth, we read of the presentation of Mary in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the Protoevangelium of James tells us that her parents Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was only three years old in gratitude for being granted a child after years of infertility. When they presented her at the Temple, she stayed willingly, showing her dedication to God even at that young age. When Mary left the Temple at the age of twelve after her betrothal to Joseph, she remained pure and chaste, and at the Annunciation, God came to dwell in her.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the Nativity of Mary; it emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond. It stresses an important truth about Mary, that from the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by human hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvelous manner, and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches us, her children. We too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work.

The Feast of the Presentation first made its way to the West through monasteries in Southern Italy in the ninth century and by the eleventh century, it had spread to other locales. Under the influence of a French nobleman, Philippe de Mazières, Pope Gregory XI began celebrating the feast during his papacy. Pope Sixtus IV first placed the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the universal calendar in 1472, but in the Tridentine reform of the calendar in 1568, Pope Pius V removed the feast. It was restored seventeen years later by Pope Sixtus V, and remains in the Roman calendar today as a memorial.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK
Iris Macauldy Priscillia Henry Priscillia St. Martin Martha Mason Rosna Joseph Nellie Hall
DECEASED
Wilkie Larcher Claire Leo Nicholas Kimane Riviere Joseph Felix Anthony Charles Theresa Joseph Rev. Bertrand Clauzel
WEEKDAY READINGS
<div>✝</div> <div>MONDAY</div> <div>Apoc.1:1-4, 2:1-5 Lk.18:35-43</div> <div>✝</div> <div>TUESDAY</div> <div>Apoc.3:1-6,14-22 Lk.19:1-10</div> <div>✝</div> <div>WEDNESDAY</div> <div>Apoc.4:1-11 Lk.19:11-28</div> <div>✝</div> <div>THURSDAY</div> <div>Apoc.5:1-10 Lk.19:41-44</div> <div>✝</div> <div>FRIDAY</div> <div>Apoc.10:8-11 Lk.19:45-48</div> <div>✝</div> <div>SATURDAY</div> <div>Apoc.11:4-12 Lk.20:27-40</div> <div>✝</div>

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Nov 14 - 6:00 p.m.	<div>How blessed is everyone:-</div> <div>1) who fears the LORD</div> <div>2) who walks in His way</div> <div>Proverbs 1:28-31</div>	<b>B'day:</b> Azelia Glace-George <b>Thks:</b> Myrtle Octave & family Tarbula & Cyrille Amedee
Sun Nov 15 - 7:30 a.m.		<b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b>
10:00 a.m.		<b>Thks:</b> Cecilia George & family <b>Guid &amp; Protec:</b> Gernell & Cornelius Michaud
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Nov 16 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	<b>Dc'd:</b> Verdant family, Mathilda Philip Patsy Dixon, Roseanne Raymond
12:30 p.m.		<b>B'day:</b> Jazzy Smith
Tue Nov 17 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i>	Fr. Yvon Tremont	<b>B'day:</b> Sonia Louis, Ansel James <b>Wedd Ann:</b> Sonia & Anthony Louis
Wed Nov 18 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	<b>B'day:</b> Christine Herman <b>For Peace &amp; Recon:</b> Victoria & Cecil Clarke
12:30 p.m.		<b>Thks:</b> Eleanor & Alex Alexis
Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		<b>Parishioners</b>
Thu Nov 19 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	<b>Int:</b> Edwin & Elizabeth Laurent <b>B'day:</b> Elizabeth Biscette Tariq Monplaisir
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Members of the Augustin family Oswald Hill, Antoine & Rosa Glace Egbert Jean, Irene & Joseph Destang
Fri Nov 20 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Paul Vu Rev. John Douglas	<b>Dc'd:</b> Leonard Leon Mathurine & Bertha Charles
12:30 p.m.		<b>Dc'd:</b> Theresa St. Rose Ambrosine Philip, James Nichols
Sat Nov 21 - 6:30 a.m. <i>Presentation of the BVM</i>	Rev. Robert Harvey Rev. Anthony Louis	<b>Thks:</b> Shanta King & family Marlene Hippolyte <b>IHO Holy Spirit/Healing:</b> Tronai Louis