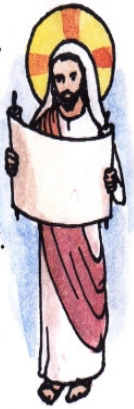


The Church is a Body

The Catholic Church isn't a building. Did you know that? The Church is actually the group of people who have been baptized into the Faith. All the different kinds of people in the Church work together, just like a person's body.



Think about the different parts of your body. What do your eyes do? What about your ears? Hands? Feet? Brain?

Now think about the Church. It has a pope, bishops and priests, teachers, doctors, musicians, mothers and fathers, and even children. What do each of these people do for the Church?

What is your job in the Church right now? What do you think it will be when you are grown up?



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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.

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B	W	J	N	I	A	R	B	G	Z	R	Q	E	L	M

Baptism	Body	Brain
Ears	Eyes	Feet
Hands	Head	Knees
Nose	Spirit	Toes

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.
5.00-5.45 p.m.
&
by appointment

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 23RD JANUARY 2022 - YEAR C

A New Day .

The meaning of today’s liturgy is subtle and many-layered. In the First Reading, Babylon has been defeated by King Cyrus of Persia who decrees that the Jews exiled in Babylon could return home to Jerusalem. Once back, they rebuilt their ruined temple and under Nehemiah finished rebuilding the city walls. The stage was set for the renewal of the covenant and the re-establishment of the Law of Moses as the people’s rule of life. As Ezra reads and interprets the Law, the people respond with a great “Amen!” Israel, as we see in the Psalm, is rededicating itself to God and His Law. The scene in the First Reading seems like the Isaiah prophecy that Jesus reads from in the Gospel. Read all of Isaiah 61; the “glad tidings” Isaiah brings include these promises: the liberation of prisoners; the rebuilding of Jerusalem, or Zion; the restoration of Israel as a kingdom of priests; and the forging of an everlasting covenant. The Gospel scene, too, recalls the First Reading. Jesus declares that Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled in Him. Like Ezra, Jesus stands before the people, is handed a scroll, unrolls it, then reads and interprets it. We witness in today’s Liturgy the creation of a new people of God. Ezra started reading at dawn of the first day of the Jewish new year. Jesus also proclaims a “sabbath,” a great year of Jubilee, a deliverance from slavery to sin, a release from the debts we owe to God. The people greeted Ezra “as one man”, and, as the Epistle teaches, in the Spirit the new people of God, the Church, is made “one body” with Him.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Neh.8:2-6,8-10
Second Reading
1Cor.12:12-30
Gospel
Lk.1:1-4,4:14-21

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.



The Conversion of St. Paul: January 25th

The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul is unlike other feasts, for Paul’s conversion marks a milestone, not only in his own life, but in the life of God’s people.

Once a persecutor of Christ, he became the Lord’s preacher. Once an impediment to the Gospel, he became its great champion. Once a guardian of Israel as an ethnic preserve of holiness, Paul came to serve as a father in the worldwide (literally, catholic) Church that included both Jews and Gentiles.

And he is not just a patron to those who change religious affiliation. St. Paul is everyone’s patron because we’re all called to conversion, and we’re always called to conversion, even if we’ve been Catholics since the cradle and attending Mass daily for decades.

Jesus said: “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven”. This turning is at the root of all our Christian terms and notions about conversion. Conversion is a turning toward God. It is a turning away from sin and from attachment to worldly things and worldly cares. This is the work of a lifetime. It’s not the matter of a moment. It’s not just “once and done.”

Unless we turn - unless we become “converts” - we’re not Christian. Unless we make a habit of repentance, we’re not disciples of Jesus Christ. We must convert again and again.

We celebrate our conversions whenever we go to Confession. We celebrate our conversions, in fact, whenever we resist distraction and turn to our Father God in prayer.

St. Paul should be our model for conversion. His conversion was ongoing, lifelong, never easy, but always joyful. “Rejoice in the Lord always,” he said in his Letter to the Philippians, “Again I will say, rejoice.”

Paul is joyful not because of how good things are getting, but how good God is. That is the fruit of true conversion.

(excerpt: salvationhistory.com)

Therefore, if anyone
is in Christ, he is a
new creation;
old things have
passed away; behold,
all things have
become new.
2 Corinthians 5:17

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Nellie Hall
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Denis Augustin
Bentley Jn. Baptiste

DECEASED

Alfred Julian
Darwyn Louis
Mary Mitchell
Gabriel Demille
Harris Eleodore
Edith Philogene
Raphael Frederic

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
2Sm.5:1-7,10
Mk.3:22-30
✠
TUESDAY
Acts.22:3-16
Mk.16:15-18
✠
WEDNESDAY
2Tim.1:1-8
Mk.4:1-20
✠
THURSDAY
2Sm.7:18-19,24-29
Mk.4:21-25
✠
FRIDAY
2Sm.11:1-4,5-10,13-17
Mk.4:26-34
✠
SATURDAY
2Sm.12:1-7,10-17
Mk.4:35-41
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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Jan 22 - 6:00 p.m.	The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. Psalm 19:8	Thks: The Destang family, Edith Eudoxie
Sun Jan 23 – 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Parishioners
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jan 24 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Francis de Sales Bishop /Doctor</i>	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	B’day: Denzel Roberts Sandy Marcellin
12:30 p.m.		Dc’d: Teresa Willie, Irvine Blanchard
Tue Jan 25 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle</i>	Fr. Henry Nmor Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav	Thks: Anthony Louis B’day: Anne Marie Charles
Wed Jan 26 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Sts Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i>	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephania Banda	Thks: Althea and Ellen Regis
12:30 p.m.		Deliv: Hayden Jean Thks: Francisca Jean Healing: Alex Blanchard
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Jan 27 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	B’day: Tommy Adolphe
12:30 p.m.		Int: Cecil Graham Holy Spirit: Thomas Louis & family
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Jan 28 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Thomas Aquinas Priest & Doctor</i>		Thks: Bernadette Pamphile Int: Anthony Robinson
12:30 p.m.		Dc’d: Teresa Willie
Sat Jan 29 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Rev. David Popo Rev. Peter Fevrier Rev. Herald Wilson	Dc’d: Mathurine Charles Frances Valasse, Andy Delmar