## **Kids** Column

### John 10:11-18

# Our Good Shepherd

This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel reading Jesus tells His friends that He is the Good Shepherd who loves His sheep.

When sheep are out grazing in open fields, the shepherd watches them and protects them from hurting themselves, getting lost, or being killed by wild animals. Jesus looks after us like a shepherd looks after his sheep. He gave us the Church so we could know what is good for us, and He protects us from being ruined by the devil by giving us grace in the sacraments.



Now, Jesus did something that an ordinary shepherd would not do.

Besides guiding and protecting us, He died to save us! Because He died for our sins, all of His sheep can now go to Heaven where they will be



happy forever! How blessed we are to have such a loving Shepherd!

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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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## Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son: in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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**Our Shepherd's Voice** 

esus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel. He is the shepherdprince, the new David, who frees people from bondage to J sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new Monchy covenant, made in His blood. His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel. And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In the First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church. Peter tells Israel's leaders that the Psalm we sing ere today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the "builders" of Israel's temple that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple,  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ the Church.

**O** Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks, pu forgives sins and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread. It is a mission that σ will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did, as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today's Epistle, He ros calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them. U

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

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I. DAY BEADING **First Reading** 

> Acts 4:8-12 Second Reading

1Jn.3:1-2 Gospel

Jn.10:11-18

## MASS TIMES

**GROS ISLET** Morning Prayers: 5:45a.m. ₫**₽** 

MONDAY

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

÷ TUESDAY 6:00 a.m. ₽**P** WEDNESDAY 12:30 & 6:00 p.m. G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m. - **P** 

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

de. SATURDAY 6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m. ዮ SUNDAY G/Islet/G.Riviere 7:30 a.m. **Gros Islet/Monchy** 10:00 a.m. ዮ HOLIDAY

> 7:00 a.m. ዮ

## A Resurrection People (an excerpt from the writings of Fr. Antony Kadavil)

The season of Easter gives us the joyful message that we are a "Resurrection people." This means that we are not to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits and dangerous addictions. It gives us the Good News that no tomb can hold us down anymore, not the tomb of despair, discouragement, doubt, nor death. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the real presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives. Easter reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives will have an Easter Sunday and that Jesus will let us share in the power of His Resurrection. Each time we face a betrayal of trust, we share in the Resurrection of Jesus. Each time we fail in our attempts to ward off temptations but keep on trying to overcome them, we share in the Resurrection. Each time we have nour hope seems unanswered, we share in the power of Jesus' Resurrection.

In short, the message of Easter is that nothing can destroy us – not pain, sin, rejection or death – because Christ has conquered all these, and we too can conquer them if we put our faith in Him. For the true Christian, every day must be an Easter Day, lived joyfully in the close company of the Risen Lord.

(excerpt: vaticannews.va)

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## St. Joseph the Worker: Feast Day 1st May

(The following is an excerpt from Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde")

St. Joseph, "a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family," teaches us "the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour." This aspect of Joseph's character provides Pope Francis the opportunity to launch an appeal in favour of work, which has become "a burning social issue" even in countries with a certain level of well-being, as "there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which St. Joseph is an exemplary patron."

Work, Pope Francis says, "is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion." Those who work "are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us."

Pope Francis encourages everyone "to rediscover the value, the importance and the necessity of work for bringing about a new normal from which no one is excluded." Especially in light of rising unemployment due to the pandemic, the Pope calls everyone to "review our priorities" and to express our firm conviction that no person at all should be without work".

St. Joseph, the worker, pray for us.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Martha Mason Iris Macauldy Luvina Joseph Nellie Hall Rosna Joseph Denis Augustin

**DECEASED** 

Blaise Peter Esther Gustave Mary Roach Charles Hippolyte Evans Aristide Dorothy Wilson Christopher Auguste

WEEKDAY READINGS

ዮ MONDAY Acts 11:1-18 Jn.10:1-10 ዮ TUESDAY Acts 11:19-26 Jn.10:22-30 ዮ **WEDNESDAY** Acts 12:24-13:5 Jn.12:44-50 ዮ **THURSDAY** Acts 13:13-25 Jn.13:16-20 ዮ FRIDAY Acts 13:26-33 Jn.14:1-6 ት **SATURDAY** Acts 13:44-52 Jn.14:7-14

MASS INTENTIONS				
GROS ISLET	<b>CLERGY / RELIGIOUS</b>	INTENTIONS		
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER				
Sat Apr 24 - 6:00 p.m.	Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.	<b>B'day:</b> Tarbula Amedee Alex Blanchard, Liesl Glace <b>Wedd. Ann:</b> Cyrille & Tarbula Amedee		
Sun Apr 25 - 7:30 a.m. Good Shepherd Sunday	for He is good;	Eucharistic Service		
10:00 a.m.	His love endures lorever.	Eucharistic Service		
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO		
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.	Psalm 118:1	B'day: Lease Christal Elien		
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon Apr 26 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephania Banda	Healing: Anthony Robinson		
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Jane Joseph, Waynette Richelieu		
Tue Apr 27 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	70th B'day: Anne Marie Felicien		
Wed Apr 28 - 6:00 a.m.		Dc'd: Loretta Hippolyte		
12:30 p.m.	Fr. John Milton	Int: Bernadette Pamphile		
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.	Rev. Gerard Calderon	Wedd Ann: Ginerva & Isidore Davidson Bapt Ann: Emy & Edel Mason		
<b>Thu Apr 29 - 6:00 a.m.</b> Saint Catherine of Siena Virgin & Doctor of the Church	Rev. David Popo Rev. Herald Wilson Rev. Peter Fevrier	Dc'd: Albert & Letitia Laurent		
12:30 p.m.		Int: Cecil Graham		
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners		
Fri Apr 30 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Winston Taylor Sr. Margaret Maynard Sr. Mary Mumba	B'day: Xanaii Boxill		
12:30 p.m.		Guid & Protec: Marva Wellington Mary Wellington & family		
Sat May 1 - 6:30 a.m. St. Joseph the Worker	Fr. Ignatius Cetoute Fr. Cleophus Joseph Fr. Joseph Akande	Dc'd: Albert & Letitia Laurent		