Kids Column John 13:31-35

# The New Commandment

In the Old Testament, before Jesus came, there were many commandments. They told the people how they should live and what they should and shouldn't do. Jesus obeyed the commandments, but He gave His followers a new one, something different than any of the others:

#### LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

The love that Jesus was talking about is called charity. It means doing what is best for a person. Here are some ways to love others:



Always think kindly of people. Even when you know something bad about someone, try to think nice thoughts about them.

Always speak kindly about people. Saying bad things about others can hurt them.





Always act kindly toward others. Treat everyone in the way that you would want to be treated. Show that you are a follower of Jesus by how you love others!

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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.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- ◆ Diocesan priests of the Archdiocese will be attending the annual conference of the Diocesan Clergy of the Province of Castries from this Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> to May 21<sup>st</sup>. There will therefore only be midday Masses at Gros Islet this week; there will be no Mass on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, and no morning Mass on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please be guided accordingly.
- ◆The annual Vocations and Seminary Collection will be taken up in a second collection at all Masses next weekend. Please be generous
- ♦The Northern Vicariate Youth Mass takes place at the Monchy Church on Sunday, May 29th, at 10am. There will be a short activity following the Mass. All youth are invited to attend. Please give your name to the youth leaders or catechists in your community. Transportation will be provided. Come let us revive Youth Ministry.



## Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

## Loving each other.

By God's goodness and compassion, the doors of His kingdom have been opened to all who have faith, Jew or Gentile. That's the good news Paul and Barnabas proclaim in today's First Reading. With the coming of the Church - the new Jerusalem John sees in the Second Reading - God is "making the whole of creation new."

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John sees in the Second Reading - God is "making the whole of creation new."

In His Church, the old order of death is passing away and God for all time is making His dwelling with the human race, so that all peoples "shall be His people....His name is God-with-them," In this the promises made through His prophets are accomplished. The Church is the kingdom that "lasts from age to age" that we sing of in the Psalm. That's why we see the Apostles, under the guidance of the Spirit, ordaining "presbyters" or priests. Anointed priests and bishops will be the Apostles' successors, ensuring that the Church's dominion endures through all generations.

Until the end of time, the Church will declare to the world God's mighty deeds, blessing His holy name and giving Him thanks, singing of the glories of His kingdom. In His Church, we know ourselves as His faithful ones, as those Jesus calls "my little children" in the Gospel. We live by the new law, the "new commandment" that He gave in His final hours.

The love He commands of us is no human love but a supernatural love. We love each other as Jesus loved us in suffering and dying for us. We love in imitation of His love. This kind of love is only made possible by the Spirit poured into our hearts at Baptism, renewed in the sacrifice His priests offer in every Mass. By our love we glorify the Father, and by our love all peoples will know that we are His people, that He is our God.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

#### CONFESSIONS

Parish

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Every Saturday 9.00 - 10.00 a.m. 6.00 - 6.45p.m. & by appointment Parish Priest: Msgr. Michel Francis
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First Reading

Acts 14:21-27

**Second Reading** 

Apoc.21:1-5

Gospel

Jn.13:31-35

#### **MASS TIMES**

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Morning Prayers: 5:45a.m.

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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. **T**FRIDAY

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SUNDAY
G/Islet/G. Riviere

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

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10:00 a.m. 廿

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## Honouring Mary during the Month of May:

The Church dedicates the month of May to The Blessed Virgin Mary, and we reflect on the remarkable role she plays in salvation history. Her "yes" to God's invitation forever changed the course of history. Today, Mary offers us three essential pathways for living our faith:

## Mary shows us how to listen.

Mary was a young girl living in a culture where she could have been stoned to death for having a child out of wedlock. She knew the consequences of her "yes." She knew what could happen if Joseph didn't understand. She had reason to fear her parents' reactions. When the angel appeared to Mary, we read in scripture how she was deeply troubled. Somewhere deep within she found the courage, inner strength, and grace to respond with full assent, "Let it be done to me according to your word." Mary show us what it means to listen with full intensity to what God is asking; God's invitations may very well demand everything of us. Deep pondering, heart-centered attentiveness, and courageous listening are required of us, too.

## Mary shows us how God's word must be shared with others.

When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, they did not simply exchange a simple greeting, but one of deep faith. God's word is meant to be shared. It cannot be contained within us if we are to be filled with the life it offers. We must share it with others. During this Year of God's Word, we are invited to ponder the word of God so that we might share it joyfully with others.

## Mary shows us how to live in God's word.

Mary lived moments of profound joy as well as profound sorrow. From losing Jesus in the Temple to the journey to Calvary, Mary lived these sorrows and was sometimes deeply anguished. Mary formed and raised Jesus from the simplicity of her daily life. She was a person in conversation with God, with the Word of God, and also with the events through which God spoke to her. From the Annunciation to Pentecost, Mary appears as someone whose freedom is completely open to God's will and shows us how to live in God's word.

In this month of May, let us turn to Mary in our times of joy and sorrow and ask her to continue to show us the way to her Son. As we strive to grow in faith and live more fully in God's word, may we, like Mary, bring Christ to others.

Sr. Katherine Feely, SND Just Faith Ministries (excerpt: stbrigeteastfalls.org)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Nellie Hall Martha Mason Iris Macauldy Patsy Crafton Carmen Lord Denis Augustin

#### **DECEASED**

Teresa Gaspard Michael Charles Ferdinand Charles Charmaine Blanchard-Johnson

#### WEEKDAY READINGS

æ **MONDAY** Acts. 14:5-18 Jn.14:21-26 **TUESDAY** Acts.14:19-28 Jn.14:27-31 4 **WEDNESDAY** Acts 15:1-6 Jn.15:1-8 4 **THURSDAY** Acts 15:7-21 Jn.15:9-11 4 **FRIDAY** Acts 15:22-31 Jn.15:12-17 Ŧ **SATURDAY** Acts 16:1-10 Jn.15:18-21 4

	MASS INTENTIONS	
GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
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Sat May 14 - 6:00 p.m.	Your KINGDOM IS	<b>Thks:</b> Emalie Popo The Destang family
Sun May 15 - 7:30 a.m.	EVERLASTING	MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.	KINGDOM YOUR DOMINION MAND YOUR	B'day: Annette Nicholas 70th B'day: Elsa Alfred Intention: Elandra Casimir 70th Ann: First Communicants of 1952
Gr. Riviere - 7:30 a.m.	ALL CENEDATIONS	Eucharistic Service
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.	ALL ULINEKATIONS  PSALM 145:13(NK)V)	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon May 16 - 12:30 p.m.	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	Dc'd: Mary Agatha Ambrose
Wed May 18 - 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	Thks: Derek Glace B'day: Joan Laurencin Dusty & Shane Macauldy
Thu May 19 - 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	Dc'd: Marie Lake Mary Popo
Fri May 20 - 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Paul Vu	Thks: Tyrone Chong Deliv. Benoit Hyacinth
Sat May 21 - <u>6:00 p.m.</u>	Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey Rev. Anthony Louis	Thks: Danielle Glace B'day: Mary Ella Felix