

Jesus is the True Vine

Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit. Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.

Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are



suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!

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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.

Word Search Puzzle

The Vine and the Branches

John 15:1-8

R P O W M P N S I O N F J X Z
S E O G A Z Y M H A P B K G X
N S M L D R W O E P P V T P W
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B P P L I A C R T N M F R Z A
X K R N N N A I H W O R D S J
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J J N Q B A K E O L G E V Y T
B E E P W I G J W O U F Y I C
R B S W N I D Z N R O E U V E
A U Z N N H T B T Y G R X N J
N R F D P W H H J Z F N I F H
C N S I J F M K E G B V Y B G
H E Q E R H X G A R D E N E R
U D F V A E W R Z U S S G G E

WORDS	GARDENER	REMAIN	BEAR	GLORY
CLEAN	PRUNES	THROWN	VINE	TRUE
FRUIT	BRANCH	FIRE	WITHERS	BURNED

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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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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 2ND MAY, 2021 - YEAR B

The True vine.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be - the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations. In Baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist.

In the First Reading, Paul seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine, His Church. Because he was once the chief persecutor of the Church, Paul encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life.

We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to God's goodness. Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will "prune" us as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness.

We need to always remain rooted in Him, as the Epistle tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us, and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing.

As we sing in the Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises until all families come to know His justice in their lives.

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CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
6.00 - 6.45p.m.
&
by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

Second Reading

1Jn.3:18-24

Gospel

Jn.15:1-8

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.



MONDAY

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



TUESDAY

6:00 a.m.



WEDNESDAY

12:30 & 6:00 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

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



Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY

7:00 a.m.



May - The Month of Mary.

The month of May is the “month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady,” and it is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love” which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven.

During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance” (Paul VI)

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which took place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared that fostered this devotion. The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order, and from there it spread to the whole Church.

There are many ways to celebrate this particular devotion. Most churches have a daily recitation of the rosary. Some include the crowning of Our Lady's statue where a statue of Mary is honored with a wreath of blossoms to indicate Mary's virtues, virtues that are to be imitated by the faithful. The important thing is that Mary be honored in a special way during the month of May.

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Regina Coeli

O, Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
For He whom thou didst merit to bear, Alleluia,
Hath arisen as He said, Alleluia.
Pray for us to God, Alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
For the Lord hath risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us pray:

O God, who, through the Resurrection
Of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
Didst vouchsafe to fill the world with joy;
Grant, we beseech Thee, that,
Through His Virgin Mother, Mary,
We may lay hold on the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

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


DECEASED

Laurna Deligny
Mary Roach
Charles Hippolyte
Evans Aristide
Dorothy Wilson
George Joseph

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
1Cor.15:1-8
Jn.14:6-14
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TUESDAY
Acts 14:19-28
Jn.14:27-31
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WEDNESDAY
Acts 15:1-6
Jn.15:1-8
✠
THURSDAY
Acts 15:7-21
Jn.15:9-11
✠
FRIDAY
Acts 15:22-31
Jn.15:12-17
✠
SATURDAY
Acts 16:1-10
Jn.15:18-21

MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTION
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
Sat May 1 - 6:00 p.m.	 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.	Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family
Sun May 2 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Aleksie Mayer Vanya Pilgrim-Samuel Thks: Kiwanis Club of Castries Guid & Protec: Faysascha & Kirdeem George
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon May 3 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Sts. Philip & Saint James, Apostles</i>	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Arthur Zalewski	Dc'd: Laurna Deligny
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Augusta Toussaint BVM: Theodore Charles
Tue May 4 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vinoth Santhappan Fr. John Wilson	B'day: Neil Williams Int: Cecil Graham
Wed May 5 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Lee Cox Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	Healing: Anthony Robinson
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Albertha Johnson Bert & Madge Edmund Horace Sylvester, Unborn Souls
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu May 6 - 6:00 a.m.	Arch. Robert Rivas OP Msgr Patrick Anthony Fr. Barnabus Iorgilim	Int: Bernadette Pamphile
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Tessa Phillips
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri May 7 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Albert Smith Sr. Frances Norbisch Sr. Christine Alphonse	Sacred Heart: Perlin Verdant & family
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Joseph D. Jameson Corabelle Boulogne, Souls in Purgatory
Sat May 8 - 6:30 a.m.	Fr. Amalraj Mother Rosaria Joseph	BVM: Perlin Verdant & family Thks: Shanta King & family

