

Kids Column

Jn.8:1-11

How Does Jesus Treat Sinners?



In the Old Testament, God gave His people rules that said they should punish the people who sinned. That's why in today's Gospel the Pharisees and scribes brought a sinful woman to Jesus to see what He had to say about the law.

Instead of telling them that they should punish her according to the law, Jesus told them that they should only punish her if they themselves had never sinned.



Sometimes we hear about a sin that someone else did. God does not want us to be mean to that person because of what they did. Does that mean that they didn't do a sin? No. Jesus told the woman to go and not sin again. That means that she did sin, but He was giving her another chance. We should try to be merciful like Jesus, and we should be kind to sinners



because we are :

Answers to True or False: "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."

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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.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

♦ Lenten Retreats continue:

Gros Islet - Mon April 4th - 6:00 p.m.
G/Riviere - Wed April 6th - 6:00 p.m.
Monchy - Thurs April 7th -6:00 p.m.

- ♦ Please note that there will be a Reconciliation Service with confession for parishioners at the Gros Islet Church on Friday, April 8th. The service begins with Way of the Cross at 5:00 p.m.

Holy Week Schedule

Chrism Mass Wednesday - April 13th

5:00 p.m. - Minor Basilica, Castries

Holy Thursday - April 14th

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

6:30 p.m. - Gros Islet & Monchy

Good Friday - April 15th

- ♦ **Way of the Cross- Indoor only**

9:00 a.m. - Gros Islet, Monchy, Grande Riviere

- ♦ **Commemoration of the Lord's Passion**

3:00 p.m. - Gros Islet only

Holy Saturday - April 16th

7:30 p.m. - EASTER VIGIL - Gros Islet only

Easter Sunday - April 17th

7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. - Gros Islet

7:30 a.m. - Grande Riviere

10:00 a.m. - Monchy



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

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - APRIL 3RD 2022 - YEAR C

A New Deed.

The Liturgy this Lent has shown us the God of the Exodus. He is a mighty and gracious God, who out of faithfulness to His covenant has worked "marvels" for His people, as today's Psalm puts it. But "what was done before" Isaiah tells us in the First Reading, is nothing compared to the "something new" that He will do in the future.

The First Reading and Psalm look back to the marvelous deeds of the Exodus. Both see in the Exodus a pattern and prophecy of the future, when God will restore the fortunes of His people fallen in sin. The readings today look forward to a still greater Exodus, when God will gather in the exiled tribes of Israel that had been scattered to the four winds, the ends of the earth. The new Exodus that Israel waited and hoped for has come in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like the adulterous woman in the Gospel, all have been spared by the Lord's compassion. All have heard His words of forgiveness, His urging to repentance, to be sinners no more. Like Paul in the Epistle, Christ has taken possession of every one, claimed each as a child of our heavenly Father.

In the Church, God has formed a people for Himself to announce His praise, just as Isaiah said He would. And as Isaiah promised, He has given His "chosen people" living waters to drink in the desert wastelands of the world.

But our God is ever a God of the future, not of the past. We are to live with hopeful hearts, forgetting "the past" and straining "ahead for what is still to come", as Paul tells us. His salvation, Paul says, is power in the present, "the power of His resurrection."

We are to live awaiting a still greater and final Exodus, pursuing the goal, "the prize" of God's upward calling, striving in faith to attain the last new thing God promises - "the resurrection of the dead."

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First Reading

Is.43:16-21

Second Reading

Phil.3:8-14

Gospel

Jn.8:1-11



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

Variable

LENT: HEARING THE CRY OF THE POOR.

Each year, the Season of Lent is offered to us as a time of renewal. Our renewal becomes concrete when we practice the self-denial which allows us to live our faith more authentically. The almsgiving we do helps *us* express our gratitude, and allows *us* to exercise generosity. However, Lent can also be a time to focus beyond ourselves, a time of renewal to hear the cry of the poor and grow in solidarity with them. Ultimately, this spiritual renewal helps us grow closer to our Lord who tells us that if we wish to love Him, we must express that love as love for the least of our brothers and sisters.

It all starts with desire and a few choices. If we recognize a desire to be more attentive to the poor and to grow in affection for and in solidarity with them, then it is likely that this is a grace we have received. If we don't feel this desire, we can ask the Lord to help us grow in a desire to hear better the cry of those most in need. If we spend Lent reflecting upon the situation of the poor, we will begin to pray differently. We will see not only see their radical dependence upon God, but we will find ourselves turning to God on their behalf before we ask anything of God for ourselves. This kind of prayer purifies our prayer. It helps us pray with a renewed spirit. It frees us from so many of the demands we can place on God, especially for things like our own comfort or success or just getting things our way.

With the poor as our prayer companions, we can surrender more easily and ask God for what really matters - first on their behalf and then for ourselves. Our prayer for ourselves will more freely become a prayer that we might be transformed to be better servants for others, especially conscious of those on the margins of society. It will ultimately lead us to ask the Lord to help us make our lifestyle more simple. It can lead us to ask to be freed from our dependence upon so many of the benefits of the unjust social structures of our world.

Lent spent hearing the cry of the poor starts with awareness, is spent in growing solidarity with them, and leads to deeper compassion and transformative prayer.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK

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

DECEASED

Dorista Annius
Helena Heath
Robert Joseph
Joseph Joseph
Lawrence Scott
Nathan Timaitre
Matthew Bruneau

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Dan.13:1-9,15-17,
19-30, 33-62
Jn.8:12-20

✠
TUESDAY
Num.21:4-9
Jn.8:21-30

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WEDNESDAY
Dan.3:14-20,24-25.28
Jn.8:31-42

✠
THURSDAY
Gen.17:3-9
Jn.8:51-59

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FRIDAY
Jer.20:10-13
Jn.10:31-42

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SATURDAY
Ez.37:21-28
Jn.11:45-56



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY /RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C		
Sat April 2 - 6:00 p.m.		51st Wedd Ann: Robert & Elizabeth Melius Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family Girard & Jean Glace family Shelly-Ann & Von Francois & family God’s Blessings: Augusta Toussaint
Sun April 3 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Int: Parish Youth
Grande Riviere -7:30 a.m.		B’day: Edith Eudoxie, Antoine & Godfrey Casimir
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: Francis & Andre Delice
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon April 4 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vinoth Santhappan Fr. John Wilson	Int: Cecil Graham, Anthony Louis
12:30 p.m.		Dc’d: Irvine Blanchard
6:00 p.m.		Lenten Retreat
Tues April 5 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Lee Cox Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	B’day: Aaron Lastic Lavern Verdant
Wed April 6 - 6:00 a.m.	Arch. Robert Rivas OP Msgr. Patrick Anthony Sr. Frances Norbisch	B’day: Diane Palton, Layla Samuel
12:30 p.m.		80th B’day: Catherine Alexis
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Lenten Retreat
Thu April 7 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Albert Smith Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Christine Alphonse	Guid: CXC students
12:30 p.m.		Dc’d: Jones Joseph, Holy Souls Eldifa Gaspard-Joye
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Lenten Retreat
Fri April 8 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Amalraj Fr. Cezar Herrera Sr. Giovanna Mabunda	Thks: Quacey Esnard
12:30 p.m.		B’day: Veronica Louis Int: Mya Norville & family Thks: Members of the Walker family
Sat April 9 - 6:30 a.m.	Rev. Andrew Edward	B’day: Waltrude Patrick