

Kids Column

John 12:20-30

*Unless a grain
falls to the ground and dies...*



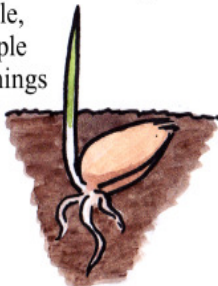
Jesus knew He was going to die soon. It made Him sad, but He knew that He had to do it. He told the apostles, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Because Jesus died, we can be freed from our sins and live!

Have you ever tried planting seeds? The little seeds are hard and dry and seem to be dead. We put them into some damp soil, and cover them up. After a few days you can see little sprouts coming out of the soil, and soon there are little plants growing! Maybe your Mom or Dad can help you plant some seeds this spring.



Our Lord was telling His friends that He had to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then after a few days, come back to life! And like a plant that grows and produces more seed, the Church would grow from Jesus and bring other holy people, saints, into the world. Saints are people that are ready to give up their good things and even their lives for love of God, just like Jesus.

Are you ready to be a saint?



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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

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.*

palm sunday
March 28th
EVERYONE IS INVITED

Holy Week Schedule

Chrism Mass Wednesday - March 31st

10:00 a.m. (Minor Basilica
of the Immaculate Conception)

Holy Thursday - April 1st

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

6:00 p.m. - Gros Islet, Grande Riviere, Monchy

Good Friday - April 2nd

♦ WAY OF THE CROSS (INDOOR ONLY)
9:00 a.m. - Gros Islet

♦ COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
3:00 p.m.: Gros Islet

Holy Saturday - April 3rd

4:00 p.m. - EASTER VIGIL - Gros Islet

Easter Sunday - April 4th

7:30 a.m. - Gros Islet

7:30 a.m. - Grande Riviere

10:00 a.m. - Gros Islet

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 - 6.45 p.m.
&
by appointment

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - 21ST MARCH 2021- YEAR B

The Hour Comes.

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. "The days are coming," Jeremiah prophesies in the First Reading; "the hour has come," Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant that God promised to Jeremiah is made in the "hour" of Jesus, in His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension to the Father's right hand. The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel's exiled tribes from the ends of the world. Jesus too predicted His Passion would gather the dispersed children of God. But today He promises to draw to Himself not only Israelites, but all men and women.

In predicting He will be "lifted up," Jesus isn't describing only His coming crucifixion. Isaiah used the same word to tell how the Messiah, after suffering for Israel's sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted. Elsewhere the term describes how kings are elevated above their subjects.

Troubled in His agony, Jesus doesn't pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today's Epistle, He offers himself to the Father on the Cross as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gives Him dominion over heaven and earth.

Where He has gone we can follow if we let Him lead us. To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father's will, the law He has written in our hearts.

Jesus' "hour" continues in the Eucharist, where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience, confident He will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness.

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First Reading

Jer.31:31-34

Second Reading

Heb.5:7-9

Gospel

Jn.12:20-30



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./5:00 p. m.



SUNDAY

Gros Islet/G. Riviere

7:30 A.M.

Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY

7:00 a.m.

Lenten Reflection: Family Prayer

One of the challenges that we too often find in our busy lives is time to pray together as a family. It can be quite transformative of family bonds to pause briefly to pray together. Here are a few ways a family might pray together during Lent or at any time of the year.

In the Morning:

Brief prayer doesn't have to be without substance or power. This might be a spontaneous prayer while we are lying in bed with our spouse or perhaps when the family is rushing around each other in the kitchen grabbing breakfast. It can be wonderful to pause to pray, simply asking the Lord to be with each of us in what we are about to do that day.

In the Car:

So many of us spend a fair amount of time in the car, often with other members of our family. Begin or end each trip with a brief prayer.

Before Meals:

One of the most natural times to pray is as we sit down to eat. This prayer could be a traditional mealtime prayer to say together.

Other Times:

We can say brief prayers for any given occasion. We can pray together for birthdays, anniversaries, the beginning and ending of a school year, school examinations or when one of the family is beginning any new endeavor. We may want to add some special prayer time if one of the family is experiencing a personally anxious time or crisis. We might place a special candle on the dining room table and light it each evening as we remember that person in our prayer.

The most important part of family prayer is perhaps the easiest to overlook - how we hold each other up to the Lord. Even when we are not physically together, we need to pray for each other. In reality this means that we create a pattern of talking with the Lord about the people we love most dearly, each and every day. They become part of our very relationship with God. Whether we are a married couple with young ones or if the children have grown up and begun lives of their own, this aspect of family prayer is so important.

Perhaps the whole family doesn't share our faith; perhaps one spouse doesn't pray at all; but we can talk with the Lord about our spouse and family every day, sometimes asking for help or just expressing gratitude, sometimes begging for the gift of faith for our family.

May our Lord bless our praying in the community of our family these days of Lent.



(excerpt: onlineministries.creighton.edu)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Mary Alexander
Rosna Joseph
Denis Augustin

DECEASED

Mary Inglis
Anne Charmont
Joseph Ferdinand
Emmanuel Gaston
Raymond Andrew
Jeanette Beaubrun

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Dn.13:1-9,15-17,
19-30, 33-62
Jn.8:1-11
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TUESDAY
Num.21:4-9
Jn.8:21-30
✠
WEDNESDAY
Dn.3:14-20,24-25,28
Jn.8:31-42
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THURSDAY
Is.7:10-14;8:10
Heb.10:4-10
Lk.1:26-38
✠
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 B		
Sat Mar 20 - 6:00 p.m.		Int: Lorraine Williams B'day: Aidan Bousquet William Dussiel, Kimberly Geoffrey
Sun Mar 21 - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere -7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Gene Norley Deliv: Andre & Francis Delice
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Mar 22 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	Dc'd: Lucretia James
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Ashlyn Philip B'day: Anike Haynes, Terrel Monplaisir
Tues Mar 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Theophilus Joseph Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	B'day: Grissel Leon
Wed Mar 24 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	Dc'd: Theresa St. Rose Ruth Mascoll, Iris Moody
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Kurt & Alison Phillip & family
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Dc'd: Jane Augustin
Thu Mar 25 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Fr. Henry Nmor Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav	B'day: Mary Sidoine
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Ian Nicholas Protec: Lastic & Verdant families
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Mar 26 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephanina Banda	Int: Lurna Deligny
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Lucelta Louis Guid: Alex Blanchard Thks: Francisca Jean & family
Sat Mar 27 - 6:30 a.m.	Fr. Kevin Ryan Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	B'day: Michele Lesmond