

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 sinners too.



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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

MASS INTENTIONS:

Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.



Do not be afraid, do not yield to fear. This is the message of hope. It is addressed to us today. These are the words that God repeats to us this very night.

Pope Francis



Holy Week Schedule

Chrism Mass -Wed. Apr 16th-5:30 p.m.
(Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception)

Holy Thursday - April 17th

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
6:30 p.m. - Gros Islet, Monchy
(please remember to bring your offerings for those in need)

Good Friday April 18th

- ◆ WAY OF THE CROSS
4:30 a.m. (Outdoor),
9:00 a.m. (Gros Islet Church)
- ◆ COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION:
3:00 p.m.: Gros Islet

Holy Saturday April 19th - 9:00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL (Gros Islet)

Easter Sunday April 20th

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



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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CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
&
by appointment

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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.



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



St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

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

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Martha Mason
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Greg Glace
Muriel Gill
Virginia Lionel
Bernadette Hinds
Josephine Bernard

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Dan.13:1-9,15-17,
19-30,33-62
Jn.8:12-20
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TUESDAY
Num.21:4-9
Jn.8:21-30
✠
WEDNESDAY
Dan.3:14-20,24-25,28
Jn.8:31-42
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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
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MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY /RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C		
Sat Apr 5 - 6:00 p.m.		Int: Glace family B'day: Yohann Ferdinand Thks: Augusta Toussaint
Sun Apr 6 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Catherine Alexis, Diane Palton Thks: Alana Raymond The Theophilus family
Grande Riviere -7:30 a.m.		B'day: Antoine & Godfrey Casimir
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: Margerie Philip & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Apr 7 - 6:00 a.m.	Arch Bishop Rivas OP Sr. Frances Norbisch	Dc'd: Theresa Gaspard, Greg Glace Leona Finistere Bruneau
12:30 p.m.		Int: Gwendolyn Sylvester Success: Glen Emanus, Lisa Cammie
Tues Apr 8 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Albert Smith Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Christine Alphonse	B'day: Veronica Louis, D.J. Weeks Success: Maria Goretti McDoom Wedd Ann: Erickson & Prudentia Raymond
Wed Apr 9 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cezar Herrera Rev. Andrew Edward Sr. Ramona George	B'day: Waltrude Patrick Success: Wayne Burke Deliv: Memory & Vivian d'Auvergne
12:30 p.m.		Int: Mikaela & Imani Elliott
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Apr 10 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Xavier Sr. Benedicta Chanda Sr. Petronilla Banda	B'day: Zoey Hinkson Deliv: Clecious Aurelien, Avesh Persaud
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Greg Glace
Fri Apr 11 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Marcellus Serieux Sr. Scholastica Felician	Dc'd: Teresa Huntley, Charles Hippolyte Neil, Rosemarie & Joyce Edmunds
12:30 p.m.		Success: Keyshawn d'Auvergne Thks: Mary Wellington & family B'day: Desiree Roberts, Mary Frederick
Sat Apr 12 - 6:30 a.m.	Fr. Festus Iwuagwu Rev. Wilfred Harris	B'day & Guid: Lee-Ann Charles Wedd Ann: David & Mary Popo