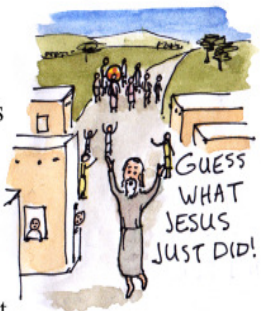


Kids Column

Mark 1:40-45

Keeping a Secret

In today's Gospel reading, a poor man with leprosy asked Jesus to heal him. Our Lord was sorry for the leper and healed him. But then He told him not to tell anyone. Do you know what the man did?



Well, he didn't keep the secret. He started to tell everyone what had happened. Soon Jesus couldn't walk into towns because there were such big crowds. He had to stay out in the deserted places so that there wouldn't be mobs in the towns.

Has anyone ever told you a secret? Do you find it hard to keep secrets? Once in a while somebody might tell you something that you will need to tell your parents, but usually you shouldn't tell anyone somebody else's secret. Before you tell something to your friends, always

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW A SECRET...

ask yourself if it's okay to share it with them. Will it make things hard for somebody else? Might you hurt someone's feelings? Think about how you would feel if someone told one of your secrets to their friends. And finally, always remember that the way you treat others is how you treat Jesus.

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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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- This Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, is Ash Wednesday. Because of Covid-19 restrictions and the 25 person limit in church, Masses at Gros Islet on that day will be held at 6:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m, and 12:30 p.m. Ashes will also be distributed at the weekday Masses following Ash Wednesday i.e. on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. Blessed ashes and an Ash Wednesday Service booklet for the home will also be made available at these Masses and at the parish office for use in your households.
- Ash Wednesday Services will be held at Monchy and Grande Riviere on Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. Ashes will also be distributed in Monchy and Grande Riviere at Mass on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Blessed ashes and an Ash Wednesday Service booklet for the home will also be made available at these Masses and at the parish office for use in your households.

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.



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

CONFESSIONS

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9.00 - 10.00 a.m.  
6.00 - 6.45p.m.  
&  
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VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14 FEB 2021 - YEAR B

Made Clean.

In the Old Testament, leprosy is depicted as punishment for disobedience of God's commands. Lepers are considered "unclean", unfit to worship or live with the Israelites, and "stillborn", the living dead. Indeed, the requirements imposed on lepers in the First Reading - rent garments, shaven head, covered beard - are signs of death, penance, and mourning. So there's more to the story in today's Gospel than a miraculous healing. When Elisha, invoking God's name, healed the leper, Naaman, it proved there was a prophet in Israel. Today's healing reveals Jesus as far more than a great prophet. He is God visiting His people. Only God can cure leprosy and cleanse from sin, and only God has the power to bring about what He wills. The Gospel scene has an almost sacramental quality about it. Jesus stretches out His hand, just as God, by His outstretched arm, performed mighty deeds to save the Israelites. His ritual sign is accompanied by a divine word ("Be cured"), and, like God's word in creation ("Let there be"), Jesus' word "does" what He commands. The same thing happens when we show ourselves to the priest in the sacrament of penance. On our knees like the leper, we confess our sins to the Lord, as we sing in the Psalm. And through the outstretched arm and divine word spoken by His priest, the Lord takes away the guilt of our sin. Like the leper we should rejoice in the Lord and spread the good news of His mercy. We should testify to our healing by living changed lives. As Paul says in the Epistle, we should do even the littlest things for the glory of God that others may be saved.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

First Reading  
Lev.13:1-2,44-46

Second Reading  
1Cor.10:31 - 11:1

Gospel  
Mk.1:40-45

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:  
5:45a.m.

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MONDAY

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

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TUESDAY

6:00 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY

6:00 a.m.& 12:30 p.m.  
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY

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

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FRIDAY

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

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SATURDAY

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

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SUNDAY

Gros Islet/G. Riviere  
7:30 A.M.

Gros Islet/Monchy  
10:00 a.m.

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HOLIDAY

7:00 a.m.

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***Your Lenten Journey.***

Lent begins in just a few days. It not only beckons us to reflection, but also promises the hope of the resurrection.

Are you now a bit deeper in love with the Holy Trinity than you were last year? Has the person you are changed a bit since the last Lenten experience? If you are trying to come up with answers then you are probably in about the same place you were last year. So how will that ever be different? It’s all up to you.

We still hear the question “What did you give up for Lent?” Beer, chocolate, cake or cookies, maybe some time without TV, phones etc. All of this is good. Every time the desire to indulge pops into your head you must fight it because you have “given it up” for Lent. You choose to deny certain pleasures for the sake of remembering how much of a lowly sinner you are and how many more times those moments must be amplified to even come close to understanding suffering.

Understanding the suffering of Christ is probably something we will never grasp in its fullest. Jesus went willingly to the cross for our sins. With a swipe of his hand or with a word to His Father, Jesus could have brought about our salvation. Yet His act of suffering and dying at Calvary was His message of love for us. His willingness to endure torture, humiliation, pain and ultimately human death was His way of demonstrating the power of sin and what it took for Him to overcome it. Demonstrated for us lest we forget. That is what Lent is about - not forgetting and remembering every year the why, how and who of the Cross. It is about reconnecting with the dynamic of not deserving something, and yet, receiving the best gift of all time.

The “giving up” part is one way to honor that memory, to refocus and re-instill that sense of grace that comes from the knowledge of how blessed we are to be living in the light of Christ. Another way to honour Jesus’ selfless act of love is to “do” during Lent.

Taking yourself out of your daily routines and adding an act, a task, a chore or a goal for the sole purpose of performing a Lenten duty that you have imposed upon yourself can accomplish the same reconnection. These “doings” do not have to be things that make you suffer in anyway, but allow do you to look outward and embrace an act that causes you to perform for your own good and possibly the good of others.

The act of doing can be as simple as going to Mass during the week, saying special prayers everyday for the souls in Purgatory, the poor, the Pope, or looking for and finding an opportunity everyday to commit a charitable act, or making a small donation everyday to a good cause. You can visit a nursing home, a prison, elderly seniors that are housebound or mentor a child. Let you heart be your guide. The Holy Spirit will surely intercede and help you discern your path. Anything you do for the love of Christ will keep you mindful of your efforts to advance your relationship with God during Lent and throughout the year.

If you can dedicate yourself to a special “doing” for Lent and keep as true to that commitment as possible, your Lenten experience will be fruitful and uplifting. You will arrive at Easter with renewed vigor, drive and purpose.

(excerpt: huffpost.com/Gregory Demetriou)

PLEASE PRAY FOR	
THE SICK	
Iris Macauldy Mary Alexander Martha Mason Rosna Joseph Nellie Hall	
DECEASED	
Priscillia Henry Florence Casimir Patricia Gajadhar Vincentia Victor Magdalena Lawrence Lucretia James	
WEEKDAY READINGS	
✠ <b>MONDAY</b> Gen.4:1-15, 25 Mk.8:11-13 ✠ <b>TUESDAY</b> Gen.6:5-8;7:1-5,10 Mt.8:14-21 ✠ <b>WEDNESDAY</b> Jl.2:12-18 2Cor.5:20 - 6:2 Mt.6:1-6,16-18 ✠ <b>THURSDAY</b> Deut.30:15-20 Lk.9:22-25 ✠ <b>FRIDAY</b> Is.58:1-9 Mt.9:14-15 ✠ <b>SATURDAY</b> Is.58:9-14 Lk.5:27-32 ✠	

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat Feb 13 - 5:00 p.m.	<div>You</div> <div>FORGAVE</div> <div>the guilt of</div> <div>my sin</div> <div>Psaln 32:5b NIV</div>	B'day: Cyrille Amedee Wedd Ann: Marie & Samson Louis
Sun Feb 14 - 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.		Int: Ann Marie Paul Healing: Lilian Mathurin
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Feb 15 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph	De'd: Narcissus Regis Etheline Lawrence
12:30 p.m.		De'd: Joan Beaubrun
Tue Feb 16 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	Int: Anthony Robinson & family
Wed Feb 17 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Conversion of Sinners	B'day: Roger, Kathleen & Oren Charles
10:00 a.m.		Conversion of Sinners
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Alex & Alexis Macauldy
Grand Riviere - 5:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Monchy - 5:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Feb 18 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	De'd: Hilaire Alexander, Eliza Marcellin Members of the Huntley family
12:30 p.m.		De'd: Alexander Blanchard Irene & Joseph Destang Antoine & Rosa Glace
Fri Feb 19 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	Int: Bernadette Pamphile
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Josephine Fletcher
Sat Feb 20 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Fr. Paul Vu	De'd: Narcissus Regis Holy Souls in Purgatory