

The Assumption of Our Lady



Today we are celebrating the feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. When her life on earth was over, Our Lady was assumed- taken body and soul- into Heaven to be with God.

When we die, our bodies will be buried and break down. This happens because of original sin. When Adam and Eve committed the first sin, people could no longer live forever on earth. But Our Blessed Mother was kept free from original sin so that she could be the perfect mother for Jesus. Our Lady suffered from some of the effects of original sin, but God would not permit her body to decompose in the tomb.

At the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel brought Mary the message that God wanted her to be His mother, she gave herself totally to God. All through her life, even when He died on the cross, she did everything for Jesus. So God decided that instead of being buried like everyone else, His holy mother should come, body and soul, into Heaven.

Our Lady is now in Heaven with Jesus, waiting in happiness for us to come and join her in loving and praising God forever.

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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

OFFERINGS & DONATIONS

We advise that your Offerings and Donations to the Parish can be made via Sure Pay. When visiting the Sure Pay payment desk please note the following:

1. Ensure you communicate clearly that the payment is for the St. Joseph The Worker Parish
2. You will be given a number for each community (see below). Please choose the one required.
Gros Islet – 01
Grande Riviere – 02
Monchy – 03

Payments can be made in person or online. For further clarification please contact the Parish Office. We appreciate your support.

PRAYER DURING THE HURRICANE SEASON

O Lord, our God and Father, who gives rain and sunshine to your children, we ask you in this rainy season to uphold us and provide for our needs.

You try our patience and test our faith and reliance on you; forgive our sin of ingratitude. So often have we forgotten to thank you for your goodness and acts of mercy. Teach us to look up to you each day, appreciative of rain and sunshine, as you, in your wisdom, through any kind of weather do feed us all.

In your mercy, protect us against hurricanes and tropical storms. Pour out your blessings upon our nation and our people, and make us grateful for the weather we receive from your bountiful hand. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY- 15TH AUGUST 2021

At His Right Hand.

On this feast, we praise God who has taken the sinless Virgin Mary, body and soul, into His glory.

In our first reading, we find God's temple in heaven opened and the Ark of the Covenant revealed. The most sacred item in Israel's history, the Ark had been missing since the Temple's destruction in 586 B.C. Thus, John reports some startling news. Even more startling is his revelation that the sacred vessel is now a woman, who is mother of the royal Son of David, the Messiah. Of this woman, we sing to God as the ancient Israelites sang: "On your right hand stands the queen, in garments of gold."

In the court of King Solomon, we glimpse Israel's traditional arrangement: Solomon's mother, Bathsheba, takes her place at the king's right hand. At Mary's Assumption, as we see in Revelation, the queen once again takes her place at the right hand of the Son of David. Our second reading shows us why this is fitting: "all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order." What is implicit in St. Paul's statement is revealed in Revelation. The consummation of Christ's work has begun, as is proper, with the Assumption of the queen mother.

John's Revelation shows also the fulfillment of our Gospel. There, Mary, pregnant with Jesus, retraces the steps of David as he brought the Ark to Jerusalem. Mary "set out and went" into the hill country, just as David "set out and went" to that region. Upon Mary's arrival, Elizabeth is awestruck, just as David was before the Ark. The encounter causes the baby John to leap with excitement, as David leapt before the Ark. And Mary stayed in the "house of Zechariah" for "three months," as the Ark remained in the "house of Obed-edom" for the same period.

Mary is the vessel of God's presence, and she is queen mother. She reigns now in splendor with Jesus in the heavenly Jerusalem.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Rev.11:19;12:1-6,10

Second Reading
1Cor.15:20-26

Gospel
Lk.1:39-56

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

7:00 a.m.



St. Bernard of Clairvaux, O.Cist (1090 – 1153)
French Abbot and Doctor of the Church- Feast Day August 20.

After the death of his mother, Bernard joined the Cistercian Order. He also persuaded four of his five brothers and several of his friends to follow his example. Three years later, he was sent to found a new abbey at an isolated glen in France which became the famous Abbey of Clairvaux. Bernard was appointed Abbot and began an active life which has made him stand out in the history of the 12th century. He founded numerous other monasteries, wrote many books and treatises and undertook many journeys.

The reputation of Bernard spread and even the Popes were governed by his advice. In the year 1128, Bernard assisted at the Council of Troyes, at which he traced the outlines of the Rule of the Knights Templar, who soon became the ideal of Christian nobility. On the death of the Pope in 1130, a schism broke out in the Church. The king of France convened a national council of the French bishops and Bernard was chosen to judge between Innocent and Anacletus, the rival popes. Innocent was chosen by the council, but there were still large portions of the Christian world supporting Anacletus. Bernard helped to convince most of these regions to rally behind Innocent.

Having helped end the schism, Bernard was then called upon to combat heresy. In 1139, Bernard assisted at the Second Council of the Lateran, denouncing the teachings of Peter Abelard, travelling throughout southern France preaching against heresy.

Pope Eugene III commissioned Bernard to launch the Second Crusade and he travelled throughout France and Germany arousing enthusiasm for the holy war. The last years of Bernard's life were saddened by the failure of this expedition, the entire responsibility for which was thrown upon him.

Bernard died at age 63, after 40 years spent in the cloister. Bernard's theology and Mariology, how he explained the virginity of Mary, the "Star of the Sea", how the faithful should pray on the Virgin Mary, and how he relied on the Virgin Mary as Mediatrix, continue to be of major importance, particularly within the Cistercian and Trappist Orders. His influence led Pope Alexander III to launch reforms that would lead to the establishment of Canon Law. Bernard was also instrumental in re-emphasizing the importance of Lectio Divina and contemplation on Scripture within the Cistercian Order. Bernard considered Lectio Divina and contemplation guided by the Holy Spirit the keys to nourishing Christian spirituality.

Canonized in 1174, he was the first Cistercian monk to be made a saint. Pope Pius VIII bestowed on him the title of Doctor of the Church. He is fondly remembered as the "Mellifluous Doctor" (the Honey-Sweet voiced Doctor) for his eloquence.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK

Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Denis Augustin
Nellie Hall
Bentley Jn Baptiste

DECEASED

Valeria Williams
Jacinta Eugene
Julian Pamphile
Teresa Lorde-Paul
Catherine Philip
Ginette Nicholas
Joseph Andrew
Anne Marie Lesporis

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Jgs.2:11-19
Mt.19:16-22
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TUESDAY
Jgs.6:11-24
Mt.19:23-30
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WEDNESDAY
Jgs.9:6-15
Mt.20:1-16
✠
THURSDAY
Jgs.11:29-39
Mt.22:1-14
✠
FRIDAY
Ru.1:1,3-6,14-16,22
Mt.22:34-40
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SATURDAY
Ru.2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17
Mt.23:1-12
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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
Sat Aug 14 - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: The Destang family Tarbula & Cyrille Amedee
Sun Aug 15- 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Angella Deterville, Ayinde Popo
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Aug 16 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	B'day: John Gallion
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Armstrong Alexis, Celina Morris
Tue Aug 17 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Yvon Tremont	Int: Bernadette Pamphile
Wed Aug 18 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	Thks: The Chong family
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Caroline Casimir
Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Claudette Casmir
Thu Aug 19 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	B'day: Starry Moise Clint & Clinton Joseph
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Solomon Alexis
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Aug 20 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor</i>	Fr. Paul Vu	Dc'd: Heraldine Rock Aubrey Grell, Iris Moody
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Monica & Utes Alcide, Holy Souls
Sat Aug 21 - 6:30 a.m. <i>Pius X, Pope</i>	Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey Rev. Anthony Louis	B'day: Kenneth Monplaisir