

Jesus is Risen!

Alleluia!
Today we celebrate the greatest feast day in the year! Jesus has come back to life! Alleluia!

Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday to take away our sins. But He didn't just die- He came back to life again so that we could come back to life one day too.

The Apostles were afraid when Jesus was killed. They were very sad and tried to comfort each other. Imagine their surprise when Mary Magdalene came rushing in and told them that the body of Jesus was gone from the tomb! Peter and John ran to see. When they saw the empty tomb they knew what had happened.

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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 must contact the Parish Office to arrange 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.

Mary Magdalene Meets the Risen Jesus

EARLY IN THE MORNING AFTER THE SABBATH, MARY MAGDALENE WENT TO SEE THE TOMB WHERE JESUS HAD BEEN BURIED, AND FOUND IT EMPTY!

Woman, why are you weeping? Because they have taken away my Lord...

Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?

Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him and I will take Him away!

Mary: Teacher!

Do not hold on to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father, but go and tell my brethren.

I HAVE SEEN THE LORD!

IMAGINE HOW MARY FELT EARLY ON EASTER MORNING- HER BEST FRIEND, JESUS, HAD JUST DIED. NOW IMAGINE HOW HAPPY SHE WAS TO FIND HIM RISEN FROM THE DEAD! WE SHOULD BE SAD WHEN WE REMEMBER THAT JESUS DIED BECAUSE OF OUR SINS BUT REJOICE THAT HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD! HAPPY EASTER!

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This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24



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

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

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

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An Empty Tomb.

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed." What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He had not been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind. But notice the repetition of the word "tomb", seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what Jesus had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," the First Reading tells us, the Apostles were commissioned to preach and testify to all that they had seen, from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan, to know how "all the prophets bear this witness" to Him. Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them, that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," of whom today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation.

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as the Epistle calls Him. Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come, the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

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- First Reading**
Acts 10:34, 37-43
- Second Reading**
Col.3:1-4
- Gospel**
Jn.20:1-9

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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
G/Islet/G.Riviere
7:30 a.m.

Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.
✠
HOLIDAY
Variable
✠

CHRIST IS RISEN

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

EASTER MESSAGE 2025

Our **Lenten journey** began on March 5th. We embarked on a forty-day pilgrimage in the desert in an effort to draw closer to the Lord through the Lenten observance of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Our recently concluded Lenten Retreat gave us the opportunity to reflect intensely on **the theme: Pilgrims of Hope on a Journey of Healing and Reconciliation.**

During the Easter Triduum, we concluded our journey with Christ through the celebration of the Pascal Mystery of His suffering, death and resurrection. As a *suffering servant*, Christ showed us the ideal example of love, humility and obedience through sacrifice and suffering. *Christ learnt obedience through suffering* (Heb 5: 8). *He humbled Himself by being obedient to death* (Phil. 2: 8).

Healing and reconciliation involve both an individual and communal aspect. They require the disposition of humility to perceive things honestly, eyes to see clearly, and hearts open to the truth of the pain and isolation selfishness and pride can cause. Reconciliation opens a new world of hope beyond us. Primarily, we must be at peace with God and each other. We must be willing to participate in the process of reconciliation before true healing can take place. The process may take time, but it needs to be pursued for true peace to be experienced.

I take this opportunity to thank the **Liturgy Committee**, who ensured the plans for the Lenten Season were well implemented. My gratitude is also extended to all of you who took part in the Lenten Season Liturgies and Retreats leading to the Easter Season. Thanks to those who cleaned and decorated the Church; for this I am very grateful. My gratefulness is also extended to the Altar Servers, Lectors, Extra -Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Collectors, the Choirs and Musicians, Animators, Live-Streamers and all who attended the various liturgical celebrations. You have proven through your involvement and commitment we can achieve great things for God and the growth of our Parish Community.

May the spirit of Synodality (Participation, Communion and Mission) continue to bear fruit throughout 2025 as we work together for the growth and development of our Parish Community.

May the **Peace, Love and Joy** of the **RISEN CHRIST** remain with you!

Fr. Athanase Joseph, Parish Priest

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Greg Glace
Muriel Gill
Virginia Lionel
Richard Gomez
Isidore Lecompte
Josephine Bernard

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Mt.28:8-15



TUESDAY

Acts 2:36-41
Jn.20:11-18



WEDNESDAY

Acts 3:1-10
Lk.24:13-35



THURSDAY

Acts 3:11-26
Lk.24:35-48



FRIDAY

Acts 4:1-12
Jn.21:1-14



SATURDAY

Acts 4:13-21
Mk. 16: 9-15



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTION
EASTER SUNDAY		
Sat Apr 19 - 9:00 p.m. <i>Easter Vigil</i>	Psalm 118:17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.	MISSA PRO POPULO
Sun Apr 20 - 7:30 a.m. <i>Easter Sunday</i>		B'day: Ryland Joseph Thks: Myrtle Louis & family Dionysia Compton, Sancha James
10:00 a.m.		Wedd Ann: David & Veronica Louis
Grande Riviere – 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Diondre Desir-James Emilie Promesse & children
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Earl Huntley, Emma Charles
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Apr 21 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Lee Cox Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	Dc'd: Teresa Huntley James Jean, Greg Glace
Tue Apr 22 - 6:00 a.m.	Arch. Robert Rivas OP Msgr. Patrick Anthony Sr. Frances Nosbisch	Thks: Marcia Haywood Wedd Ann: Peter & Alison Lewis B'day: Calvin Parker, Andre J. Edward
Wed Apr 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Albert Smith Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Christine Alphonse	Dc'd: Loretta Hippolyte, Marcia Pilgrim
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Kathleen Ferdinand Cornelius Michaud
Grande Riviere - 6.00 p.m.		Dc'd: Dedra Mathurin Felix Louison, Cecile Darius
Thu Apr 24 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Amalraj Penigilipadi Fr. Cezar Herrera Sr. Giovanna Mabunda	Thks: Glace Motors Ltd. B'day: Valdene & Luke Belrose
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace Josephine & Felix Remy Theonie Gaillard, Josephine Albert
Fri Apr 25 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Andrew Edward Sr. Ramona George	Dc'd: Teresa Huntley Greg Glace, Joyce Auguste
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Cecilia Eleuthere Thks: Cyrillia & Althea Palton
Sat Apr 26 - 6:30 a.m.	Sr. Benedicta Chanda Sr. Petronilla Banda	Dc'd: Marie Headley

