

God's Word is Like Seed...

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains the parable of the sower and the seed to the disciples. Like the seed, the word of God comes to all sorts of people. Some people hear it and the devil takes it away, like the seed that falls on the path and is eaten by the birds. Some people hear God's word and love it for a little while, but they don't let it grow deeply in themselves, like the seed on rocky ground that doesn't grow good roots. Some people hear God's word and it starts to grow in them, but they have so many other things going on in their lives that they forget God.

The people who hear the word of God and let it grow in them are like the good soil. When the sower plants the seed in the good soil it gets deep roots, grows high and produces a good harvest. When we receive the word of God well, it takes root in us so that it is really deep in our hearts. It grows when we feed it by learning more about God and trying to love Him more. It produces a harvest when other people come to love God because of us.

What kind of soil are you like? Do you let God's word be snatched away as soon as you hear it? Do you let it take root in your heart and love it, or is it like the seed sown on rocky ground that is too shallow? Do you let other things in your life crowd out God's life in you, or do you let God's word in deep and feed it and let it grow?

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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.

Here is the parable Our Lord told in today's Gospel reading, with pictures!

A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some of the seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of water. Some seed fell among thorns and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty, or thirty-fold.

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Word Search Puzzle

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A D N B L P W W C F V B B H L
P L H M S E E D I H A R U R G
R Q D G R A S D O T O R M V G
O W X G P V C T X I H K M L P
O N V O J S A H B S V E E E B
T E R E T D T O J O X J R D R
P C G N W S T R U I X Y O R O
F F A O I E E N V L K O F E M
N L S N I Z R S W C G I K E C
P P B I R D S O O S B Q L H Q
K O W B Z P L R S C A B X T S
P P J S D L Y T R O A E I R L
C A R U A N A L X R F G J L T
Z E T H C G T L A C V O E L M
K Z S H W J R P W H M F Y Y Z

PLANTS	SCORCH	FARMER	THORNS	CROP
WITHER	BIRDS	ROOT	CHOKE	SOIL
FELL	PARABLE	SCATTER	SEED	GREW
ROCKY	SHALLOW	GOOD	SOW	PATH



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

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

Christ the Sower.

Today's readings, like last week's, ask us to meditate on Israel's response to God's Word, and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies the Gospel, in particular.

We see that the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in which the Word can grow and bear fruit. As we sing in the Psalm, in Jesus, God's Word has visited our land, to water the stony earth of our hearts with the living waters of the Spirit.

The first-fruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in Baptism, making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in the Epistle. In this, we are made a "new creation", the first-fruits of a new heaven and a new earth.

Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility. But, as the First Reading tells us, God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void. His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns, we must take care lest the devil steal it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns.

In the Eucharist, the Word gives Himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness. And we await the crowning of the year, the great harvest of the Lord's Day, when His Word will have achieved the end for which it was sent.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Is.55:10-11

Second Reading

Rom.8:18-23

Gospel

Mt.13:1-23



MASS TIMES

Gros Islet

Morning Prayers:

Mon -Fri

5:45 a.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. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor - Feast Day July 15th

St. Bonaventure, born in central Italy in 1221, was a Franciscan theologian and philosopher. Tradition says that he received the name Bonaventure when as a child St. Francis of Assisi prayed for his recovery from a dangerous illness, and foreseeing the child’s future greatness cried out, "O Buona ventura" (O good fortune).

Bonaventure, regarded as one of the greatest philosophers of the 13th century, was very influential in the development of scholasticism in medieval thought. Like Aquinas and other notable thirteenth century philosophers and theologians, Bonaventure believed that it is possible to prove the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. His theology was marked by an attempt to completely integrate faith and reason. He thought of Christ as the "one true master" who offers humans knowledge that begins in faith, is developed through rational understanding, and is perfected by mystical union with God.

Influenced by the Franciscans throughout his education and having a great reverence for the life of St. Francis of Assisi, he entered the Franciscan Order at the age of twenty-two. Having made his vows, he was sent to Paris to complete his studies where he became the intimate friend of Thomas Aquinas.

He continued his studies in theology at the University of Paris and wrote commentaries on the Scriptures and other works. He later wrote a biography of St. Francis of Assisi which became the official biography accepted by the Franciscan Order. He received a license to teach in 1253, and taught theology at the University of Paris until 1257.

In 1257 he was elected as Minister General of the Franciscan Order. Just then the Order was becoming divided between those who wished to alter the rule of St. Francis by allowing the Order to own property and participate in university education and political life, and those who wished it to remain as faithful as possible to St. Francis' original ideal of poverty and missionary activity among the common people. Bonaventure was, by training and inclination, committed to the aims of the first group and therefore advocated Franciscan participation in education and ecclesiastical affairs, and steered the Order on a moderate, intellectual course that made it the most prominent order in the Catholic Church until the coming of the Jesuits.

In recognition of his activities as general of the Franciscan Order and as a papal confidant, Pope Gregory X made Bonaventure a cardinal bishop in 1273. Bonaventure helped the Holy See organize and conduct the Second General Council of Lyons in 1274. On July 15, before the Council ended, he died suddenly and was buried in the Franciscan Church in Lyons. He was canonized in 1482 by Pope Sixtus IV. In 1588 Pope Sixtus V declared St. Bonaventure a Doctor of the Church with the title “Seraphic Doctor”, no doubt because of the great depth of insight into the spiritual which breathes through his writings.

(excerpt: biography.yourdictionary.com)
(excerpt: wikipedia.com)
(excerpt: catholic.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK

Grissel Leon
Marie Joseph
Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Claudia Joseph

DECEASED

Lina Modeste
Clement Myers
Cecilia Richard
Francis Charles
Mary Charmont
Jamie Alcindore
Philomene Antoine

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Is.1:10-17
Mt.10:34 -11:1



TUESDAY

Is.7:1-9
Mt.11:20-24



WEDNESDAY

Is.10:5-7,13-16
Mt.11:25-27



THURSDAY

Is.26:7-9,12,16-19
Mt.11:28-30



FRIDAY

Is.38:1-6,21-22,7-8
Mt.12:1-8



SATURDAY

Mic.2:1-5
Mt.12:14-21



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Jul 11 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Jul 12 - 8:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

“Other seed fell into the good soil,
and grew up, and produced a crop
a hundred times as great.”

Luke 8:8

B’day: Xilef Felix
Sp. Int: The Glace family
Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family
Guid: Kaelan, Kateri & Kate Haywood

MISSA PRO POPULO

Thks: Parish Youth

Thks: Anthony Thomas
Alison Raymond
Wedd Ann: Clare & Allan Placide
Anne Marie & Augustin Felicien

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Jul 13 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue Jul 14 - 6:00 a.m.
St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Wed Jul 15 - 6:00 a.m.
St. Bonaventure
Bishop & Doctor

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Jul 16 - 6:00 a.m.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

12:30 p.m.

Fri Jul 17- 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat Jul 18 - 6:30 a.m.
BVM

Rev. Madison Stanislaus
Rev. Vincent Norbert
Rev. Anthony Pierre

Sr. Mary Dungdung
Sr. Mercy Masaka

Rev. Jeremy Joseph
Sr. Marie Joseph

Rev. Errol Frederick
Sr. Rosemarie Minj

Fr. Yvon Tremont

Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy
Sr. Bernadette Peter

B’day: Sylvia Boxill
Kayla Rose Richard

Thks: Bro. Widmaire Diogene
Healing: Monica Joseph
Dionysia Compton

Dc’d: Cecilia Albert
James & Paulina Prudent

B’day: Samson Louis
Thks: Miguel Louisy, Ellen Regis
Guid: Kaelan, Kateri & Kate Haywood

Dc’d: Antoine Glace

Parishioners

Healing: Monique Dubisson-Estrado

Dc’d: Darwin Louis, Andy Delmar

Healing: Cedilia Albert

Thks: Mary Wellington & family
Wedd Ann: Mauricia & Andrew Edward

Int: Marylin Hyacinth & family