

PENTECOST



Today is the second biggest feast in the Church year! Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and the Church was formed. The Apostles went out and began to preach the Gospel and baptize thousands of people, receiving them into the new Church.

The Holy Spirit is God. He is the third Person of the Holy Trinity, after the Father and the Son. Before Jesus came to earth, the Holy Spirit inspired the men who wrote the Old Testament part of the Bible. It was the Holy Spirit who brought baby Jesus to the world through Mary. Jesus told His followers He would send the Holy Spirit to them after He went up into Heaven.



We all need the Holy Spirit. We can't do anything by ourselves. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength we need to do good. Did you know that we wouldn't even pray if the Holy Spirit didn't inspire us to?



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever! Amen.

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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.

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



WISDOM

To value the things of God

UNDERSTANDING

To grasp faith's mysteries

COUNSEL

To make wise decisions

FORTITUDE

To strengthen your will

KNOWLEDGE

To enlighten your mind

PIETY

To love and serve God

FEAR OF THE LORD

To respect God's majesty



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



love,
joy,
peace,
patience,
kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness,
gentleness,
and self-control

Galatians 5:22-23



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

CONFESSIONS

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST - 24TH MAY 2026 - YEAR A



Born of the Spirit.

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people, in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai. In the First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles.

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised. The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in the Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth. And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit, in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles. Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in the Epistle.

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism. Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist, we are the first fruits of a new humanity - fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading

1Cor.12:3-7,12-13

Gospel

Jn.20:19-23

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./12:30p.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



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PENTECOST: THE CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY

by Rev. Lawrence Rice, CSP

Each year the Church celebrates fifty days of Easter, culminating at the feast of Pentecost. Pentecost marks the occasion of God's sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after His resurrection.

Before Pentecost, the disciples were unsure of what they were to do next, and spent most of their time in hiding. After Pentecost, having received the gift of the Holy Spirit, they understood their mission to spread the Good News of Jesus. They now had the courage to come out of hiding and speak openly about who Jesus was, and what He had accomplished by His dying and rising.

Because Pentecost brought the disciples this clarity of mission, it is regarded as the founding of the Christian Church. Before Pentecost, the disciples of Jesus are tentative and disorganized. After Pentecost, they are a people with a mission, who perceive themselves as spiritually and sacramentally connected to the risen Christ.

Today, celebrations of Pentecost still center on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the power of those gifts to both draw people together, and to send them forth to spread the word.

One of the remarkable elements of the story of the first Pentecost was the miracle of understanding, in which everyone in the diverse crowd in Jerusalem hears the disciples speaking in the listeners' own language. This unique event is sometimes commemorated at Masses for Pentecost Sunday by having people read sections of the story in a variety of different languages represented in the congregation. It is a reminder that we have inherited the mission of those first disciples.

(excerpt: foryourmarriage.org)

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, listed in Isaiah 11:2-3, are: *Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.* They are present in their fullness in Jesus Christ but are found in all Christians who are in a state of grace. We receive them when infused with sanctifying grace - the life of God within us - for example, when we receive a sacrament worthily.

We first receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism; these gifts are strengthened in the Sacrament of Confirmation, which is one of the reasons why the Church properly views Confirmation as the completion of Baptism. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (para.1831) notes, *"They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them."* Infused with His gifts, we respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as if by instinct, the way Christ Himself would.

(excerpt: learnreligions.com)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Marie Joseph
Claudia Joseph

DECEASED

Ann Prince
Ron Drakes
Maria Philip
Mary Alfred
Helen Daniel
Lina Modeste
Joseph E. Gustave
Mary Anna Ernest

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Gn.3:9-15,20
Jn.19:25-34



TUESDAY

1Pt.1:10-16
Mk.10:28-31



WEDNESDAY

1Pt.1:18-25
Mk.10:32-45



THURSDAY

1Pt.2:2-5,9-12
Mk.10:46-52



FRIDAY

1Pt.4:7-13
Mk.11:11-26



SATURDAY

Ju.1:17,20-25
Mk.11:27-33



MASS INTENTIONS



GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

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Sat May 23 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun May 24 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!
-Ps 104

B'day: Danielle Glace, Alison Lewis
Holy Spirit: Felix Finistere
Glenn, Shawn & Duane Ferdinand

MISSA PRO POPULO

B'day: Chrisla Emmanuel, Alison Lewis

15th Wedd Ann: Curtis & Edel Mason
Thks: Dania Mathurin, Zoey Hinkson
Lawrencia Cadette, Sashla St. Omer

Thks: Imelda Polymise & family
Wedd Ann: John & Brenda Cherubin

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon May 25 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Henry Nmor
Fr. Konrad Mair
Fr. Kenneth Haakyav

Dc'd Mary Erica & Jerome Popo
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tues May 26 - 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Nathalbert Husbands
Sr. Stephania Banda

Thks: Miguel Louisy, Ellen Regis

Wed May 27 - 6:00 a.m.

B'day: Marie Louis

12:30 p.m.

Fr. Kevin Murray
Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey

Dc'd: Omar Joseph
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Thu May 28 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. John Milton

Thks: Bernadette Pamphile

12:30 p.m.

Thks: Marilyn Hyacinth & family

Fri May 29 - 6:00 a.m.

Rev. David Popo
Rev. Herald Wilson
Rev. Gerard Calderon

Dc'd: Mary Charles
Theresa and Cynthia Joseph

12:30 p.m.

B'day: Mary Theresa St. Omer
Thks: Mary Wellington & family

Sat May 30 - 6:30 a.m.

Mass at the Shrine

Rev. Peter Fevrier
Sr. Margaret Maynard

B'day: Isaac Sidoine
Thks: Ewa Girard