

Happy Birthday, Church!



Did you know that Pentecost Sunday is the Church's birthday? Not the church building, but the people who are the Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Why is Pentecost the Church's birthday?

Because on that day, the Holy Spirit first came to the apostles and sent them out to become the Church and to teach the good news about Jesus everywhere in the world.



The Holy Spirit works through the Church in many ways. He inspired the men who wrote the Bible. He teaches us through priests and missionaries and teachers.

Did you know that He even inspires us to pray?

You can pray that God will send you the Holy Spirit every day. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that God will give the Holy Spirit to whoever asks.



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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.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- ♦ The Mass for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi will be celebrated on Thursday June 3rd at the Gros Islet Church at 3:00 p.m. There will be no procession through the town.

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.



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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.

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. 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: salvationhistory.com)

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading

Gal.5:16-25

Gospel

Jn.15:26-27;
16:12-15

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.



MONDAY

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



TUESDAY

6:00 a.m.



WEDNESDAY

12:30 & 6:00 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./7:00 p. m.



SUNDAY

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



Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY

7:00 a.m.



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

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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 feast 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. You can read the story of the Church’s first days in the Acts of the Apostles. 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.

Of course, 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

Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Luvina Joseph
Denis Augustin
Nellie Hall
Bentley Jn. Baptiste

DECEASED

Anthony Leonis
Mary Roach
Gilbert Antoine
Rosna Joseph
Mary Celine Popo

WEEKDAY READINGS

✠
MONDAY
Gn.3:9-15,20
Jn.19:25-34
✠
TUESDAY
Sir.35:2-15
Mk.10:28-31
✠
WEDNESDAY
Sir.36;1-2, 5-7,13-19
Mk.10:32-45
✠
THURSDAY
Sir.42:15-25
Mk.10:46-52
✠
FRIDAY
Sir.44:1,9-13
Mk.11:11-26
✠
SATURDAY
Sir.51:21-27
Mk.11:27-33

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST - YEAR B		
Sat May 22 - 6:00 p.m.	Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.	Thks: Mary Felix B'day: Danielle Glace Lorraine Williams
Sun May 23 - 7:30 a.m. <i>The Solemnity of Pentecost</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Holy Spirit: Bibiana Auguste 10th Wedd Ann: Edel & Curtis Mason Ann: Flames of the Spirit Dance Group
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon May 24 - 7:00 a.m. <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	B'day: Ruschele & Russel Smith
Tues May 25 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav Fr. Henry Nmor	Sp Int: Perlin Verdant B'day: Taija Jhoy Philip
Wed May 26 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Philip Neri, Priest</i>	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephanía Banda	Int: Cecil Graham Anthony Robinson
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Lucelta Louis Guid: Alex Blanchard, Juanita Crafton
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu May 27 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	B'day: Marie Louis
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Augusta Toussaint Francisca Jean & family
Monchy - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri May 28 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. John Milton Rev. Gerard Calderon Rev. David Popo	Thks: Bernadette Pamphile
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Harrison & Magneta Florius
Sat May 29 - 6:30 a.m.	Rev. Herald Wilson Rev. Peter Fevrier	Int: June & Ken Burns

