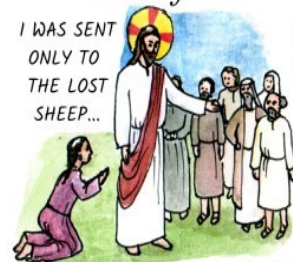


Does God Only Care for the Chosen People?



Long ago God had set aside the Israelites as His chosen people. He gave them laws and prophets and set up a covenant with them, that they would be His people and He would be their God. He promised them that He would send them a Savior.

When Jesus the Savior came, His first mission was to care for God's chosen people. In today's Gospel reading, however, a woman who was not an Israelite came to ask Jesus for help. At first Jesus refused- He had been sent to God's children, and "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the woman said, "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." She knew that Jesus could help her. When He saw how much faith she had, He did what she asked and cured her daughter.

Jesus wasn't trying to make the woman give up. He was giving her a chance to show how much humility and faith she had. Jesus used this to show the people that God will let anyone who believes, like this woman, become part of His chosen people.



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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.

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HEALED	DAUGHTER	SHEEP	FALL	MERCY
GREAT	CRYING	DOGS	LOST	JESUS
DEMON	HELP	TABLE	ISRAEL	WOMAN
EAT	FAITH	CRUMBS	SUFFERING	KNELT

MAY GOD
BE GRACIOUS
to us and
BLESS US
and make
HIS FACE
SHINE ON US
PSALM 67:1



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

CONFESSIONS

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

Children of God.

Most of us are the foreigners, the non-Israelites, about whom today's First Reading prophesizes. Coming to worship the God of Israel, we stand in the line of faith epitomized by the Canaanite woman in the Gospel. Calling to Jesus as Lord and Son of David, this foreigner shows her great faith in God's covenant with Israel.

Jesus tests her faith three times. He refuses to answer her cry. Then, He tells her His mission is only to Israelites. Finally, He uses "dog," an epithet used to disparage non-Israelites. Yet she persists, believing that He alone offers salvation.

In this family drama, we see fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy and the promise we sing of in the Psalm. In Jesus, God makes known among all the nations His way and His salvation. At the start of salvation history, God called Abraham. He chose his offspring, Israel, from all the nations on the face of the earth to build His covenant kingdom. In God's plan, Abraham was to be the father of many nations. Israel was to be the firstborn of a worldwide family of God, made up of all who believe what the Canaanite professes - that Jesus is Lord.

Jesus came first to restore the kingdom to Israel. But His ultimate mission was the reconciliation of the world, as Paul declares in the Epistle. In the Mass we join all peoples in doing Him homage.

As Isaiah foretold, we come to His holy mountain, the heavenly Jerusalem, to offer sacrifice at His altar. With the Canaanite, we take our place at the Master's table to be fed as His children.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Is.56:1,6-7

Second Reading

Rom.11:13-15,29-32

Gospel

Mt.15:21-28



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



The Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Eight days ago, the Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. In the course of these eight days, the Church meditates more deeply on the mystery of the Assumption, and on the Octave of the Assumption (August 22nd), we conclude the reflection with the celebration of the Queenship of Mary.

Catholic teaching on the Queenship of Mary is expressed in the papal encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam* issued by Pope Pius XII. It states that Mary is called Queen of Heaven because her son, Jesus Christ, is the King of Israel and Heavenly King of the universe. Indeed, the Davidic tradition of Israel recognized the mother of the King as the Queen Mother of Israel. Said Pope Pius, “The purpose of the Feast is that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and motherly sovereignty of her who bore God in her womb”.

In the fourth century St. Ephrem of Syria said that the Queenship of Mary derives from her maternity: She is Mother of the Lord, of the King of kings, and she points to Jesus as our life, salvation and our hope. It could be said that God assumed Mary into heaven to share the victory of Christ and to reign with Him in glory as Queen of Heaven. So the proclamation and celebration of Mary's Queenship in essence points to the Kingship of Christ.

In celebrating the Queenship of Mary, we are also reminded that we are not just the chosen and royal people of God. We are also the chosen and royal *servants* of Christ the King. Mary showed us how to serve when she responded to God's call by accepting God's will, giving us the concrete example of obedience in the form of servant-hood. With Mary as our Queen, let us offer ourselves in service to the Church, so that in all that we do and say God will be God will be glorified and exalted.

What Christ has done in Heaven and the Church has done on our behalf we should now do individually, and recognize Mary's Queenship, enthrone her in our homes, consecrate ourselves to her, and by this means establish in our lives the reign of Mary, Immaculate Queen of the Universe.

(excerpt: frstephenyim.weekdays.blogspot.com/wikipedia.com)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday: 9:00am to 2:00p.m.
Closed Tuesdays, Weekends & Holidays

PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Claudia Joseph

DECEASED

Grissel Leon
Peter Eugene
Malcolm Burns
Antoine Nelson
Violet D. Isidore
Muriel Sherman
Marie F. Chassang
Nicholas Alexander

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Ez.24:15-24
Mt.19:16-22

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TUESDAY
Ez.28:1-10
Mt.19:23-30

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WEDNESDAY
Ez.34:1-11
Mt.20:1-16

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THURSDAY
Ez.36:23-28
Mt.22:1-14

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FRIDAY
Ez.37:1-14
Mt.22:34-40

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SATURDAY
Ez.43:1-7
Mt.23:1-12

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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Aug 15 - 6:00 p.m.	LET THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU, O GOD; LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU. - PSALM 67:3	B'day: Ayinde Popo, Gwen Sylvester Wedd Ann: Adrian & Liesl Glace
Sun Aug 16 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO B'day: Celina Morris, Brother Moses Thks: Trevor Lamontagne & family Health: Charmaine Justin Thks: Agatha Charles
10:00 a.m.		
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Aug 17 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Yvon Tremont	Deliv & Healing: Dorina Jn. Marie
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Nancy Joseph Thks: Anselma Williams
Tue Aug 18 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	B'day: Amaris Adjodha Int: Anthony Robinson
Wed Aug 19 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	Guid: Mikaela Elliott B'day: Karen Matthews
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Eugene Dyer St. John & Collins families
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Aug 20 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Paul Vu	B'day: Yohannes Nisma Healing & Guid: Claudia Edward
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Leonard d' Auvergne
Fri Aug 21 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Anthony Louis Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey	Int: Bernadette Pamphile Thks: Cyrilla & Althea Palton
12:30 p.m.		Guid: Mikaela Elliott B'day: Kenneth Monplaisir Thks: Mary Wellington & family St. Michael: Answered Prayers
Sat Aug 22 - 6:30 a.m. <i>Queenship of the BVM</i>	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	Thks: The Chong family Int: Marilyn Hyacinth & family