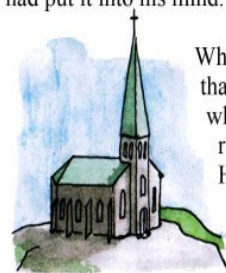
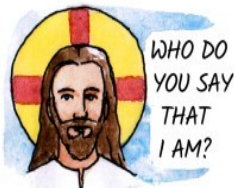


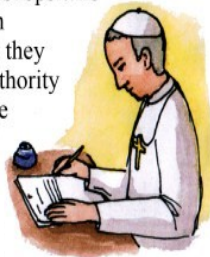
"You Are Peter."

Today in the Gospel reading, Jesus asked His disciples who people thought that He was. Everybody seemed to think He was someone special, but none of them knew who He really was. When Jesus asked the disciples themselves who they thought He was, Simon said that He was "the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Simon only knew this because God had put it into his mind.



When Simon had said this, Jesus said that his name would now be Peter, which means rock, and that on this rock He would build His Church. He made Simon Peter the first pope. He also said that the gates of Hell would not prevail against the Church. Jesus was assuring us that He would always protect the Church from error.

Now whenever the pope, or the bishops who are agreeing with the pope, proclaim something about God, we know that they are right. Jesus gave the teaching authority to Peter, and he passed it down to the bishops through all the centuries until now. Isn't that amazing?



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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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JOHN	HEAVEN	PETER	KEYS	JEREMIAH

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by mario d. macari

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA, THE PATRONESS OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE PHILIPPINES AND THE FIRST SAINT BORN IN THE AMERICAS, WAS SO REMARKABLY AND PERFECTLY BEAUTIFUL, SHE WOULD CAUSE PEOPLE TO STOP WHAT THEY WERE DOING TO STARE AT HER! AFRAID THAT HER BEAUTY MIGHT BE A TEMPTATION TO SOMEONE, SHE CONSTANTLY RUBBED HER FACE WITH PEPPER AND LYE SO HER COMPLEXION WOULD NOT BE SO ATTRACTIVE.



The Wisdom of God.

"How rich are the depths of God - how deep His wisdom and knowledge..." Paul exclaims in today's Epistle. The Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter. With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed Son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God's temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom.

What Jesus calls "my Church" is the kingdom promised to David's son. As we hear in the First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David's kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God's people. Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom's keys. In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter, and all who succeed him, as holy father of His Church. Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom's keys. His Church, too, is the new house of God, the spiritual temple founded on the "rock" of Peter and built up out of the living stones of individual believers.

Abraham was called "the rock" from which the children of Israel were hewn, and Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God. The word Jesus uses, "church" (*ekklesia* in Greek), was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the "assembly" of God's children after the Exodus. His Church is the "assembly of the firstborn", established by Jesus' exodus.

Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food. Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

CONFESSIONS

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

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Is.22:19-23

Second Reading

Rom.11:33-36

Gospel

Mt.16:13-20



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 Martyrdom of John the Baptist - August 29th

The Church, having celebrated the birthday of John the Baptist on June 24th, honours the anniversary of his martyrdom on August 29th. Besides our Lord and our Lady, John the Baptist is the only other celebrated by the Church in both his birth and death. John’s holiness was so evident that the Jews thought he might be the Messiah who had been promised, but John himself strongly denied this. At the Jordan, John pointed out Christ in person exclaiming: *"Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sin of the world."* That there be no doubt as to whom he meant John also said: *"And I saw, and I give testimony that this is the Son of God."* John’s mission was to announce the Messiah. Therefore, once his prophecy was fulfilled, John’s public mission decreased as he headed toward his martyrdom. Said John, *"He must increase, and I must decrease."* Shortly after he had baptized Jesus in the Jordan, John denounced Herod, Tetrarch of Galilee, to his face, for the scandal of his illegal union with his sister-in-law Herodias, whose husband was still alive. In the same fearless manner in which he censured the Jewish nation for the moral decadence into which it had fallen and called sinners to repentance, John spelled out clearly to Herod the evil he had done: *"It is not lawful for you to have her."* Herodias contrived to make Herod imprison John, and took advantage of an opportunity to obtain his beheading through her daughter Salome. There is no doubt that John suffered imprisonment and chains as a witness to our Redeemer, and gave his life for Him. John’s persecutor had not demanded that he deny Christ, only that he should keep silent about the truth. Christ says: *"I am the truth"*. Therefore, because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ. Through his birth, preaching and baptizing, John bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering he showed that Christ also would suffer. After John’s martyrdom, his name was covered with glory. Jesus said that no man born of woman was greater than John the Baptist. It is impossible to have a higher praise or more honorable glorification. But this glory had as its foundation John’s most profound humility. Are you prepared to be a witness, and if necessary, a martyr for Jesus Christ? Are you ready to make Christ known and loved, and if necessary to suffer for His sake and the sake of the gospel?

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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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
Apoc.21:9-14
Jn.1:45-51

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TUESDAY
2Thes.2:1-3,14-17
Mt.23:23-26

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WEDNESDAY
2Thes.3:6-10,16-18
Mt.23:27-32

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THURSDAY
1Cor.1:1-9
Mt.24:42-51

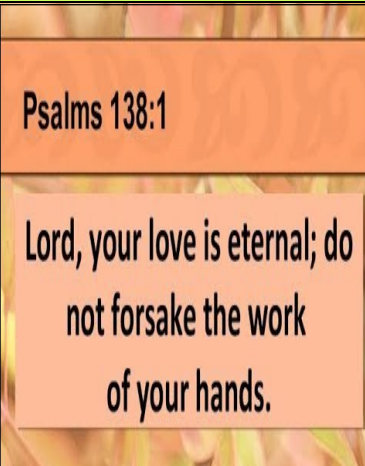
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FRIDAY
1Cor.1:17-25
Mt.25:1-13

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SATURDAY
1Cor.1:26-31
Mk.6:17-29

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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Aug 22 - 6:00 p.m.	 Psalms 138:1 Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.	Sp. Int: The Glace family Sea Cadet Unit of the Slu Cadet Corps Wedd Ann: Dewayne & Darleen Monroe
Sun Aug 23 - 7:30 a.m. <i>St. Rose of Lima, Virgin</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Int: Micaela Parker B'day: Raquel Willie–Trotman
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Philipp Lake, Claudette Casimir Thks: Anne Mirville Lucella Sandiford & family
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Kermiah Louison, Peter Dosithee
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Aug 24 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	Dc'd: Christiane Laurent-Dussiel
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Andrea Duval
Tue Aug 25 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Henry Nmor Fr. Konrad Mair	Dc'd: Members of the Chong family Felix & Josephine Remy Theonie Gaillard
Wed Aug 26 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Kenneth Haakyav Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephanía Banda	Thks: Miguel Louisy, Ellen Regis
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Gifta Dujon-Francois
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Aug 27 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Monica</i>	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	Healing: Valdine Belrose Leonard Prospere
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Catherine Poole
Fri Aug 28 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor</i>	Fr. John Milton	Dc'd: Friends of David & Mary Popo
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Trevor Bernard Thks & Guid: Mikaela Elliott Derrick & Zilta Leslie & family
Sat Aug 29 - 6:30 a.m. <i>The Martyrdom of John the Baptist</i>	Rev. David Popo Rev. Herald Wilson Rev. Gerard Calderon	Deliv & Healing: Dorina Jn. Marie