

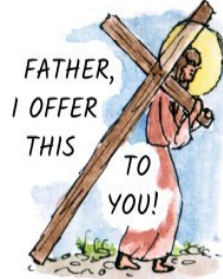
Kids Column

Mt.16:21-27

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If you want to be my disciple...



What would you think if your best friend told you that you would have to die if you wanted to stay friends? In today's Gospel reading Jesus told the Apostles that if they wanted to be like Him they would have to take up their crosses and follow Him.

Jesus was teaching them that this world is a preparation for Heaven. If we make sacrifices for love of God then we will be ready for Heaven. Jesus opened the gates of Heaven to us by dying out of love for God the Father and for us. We get little crosses every day when things make us unhappy. If we offer them to God with love, they are like dying a little bit, and they prepare us for Heaven.



Sometimes we think that we need nice things or to be with fun people if we want to be happy. It's easy to forget that we will never be completely happy here. Next time you feel unhappy, remember that it's a cross that can help you get to Heaven!



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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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PRAYER DURING THE HURRICANE SEASON

O Lord our God and Father, who gives rain and sunshine to your children, We ask you, in this rainy season, to uphold us and provide for our needs.

You try our patience and test our faith and reliance on you; Forgive our sin of ingratitude. So often have we forgotten to thank you for your goodness and acts of mercy. Teach us to look up to you each day, appreciative of rain and sunshine as you, in your wisdom, through any kind of weather, do feed us all.

In your mercy, protect us against hurricanes and tropical storms. Pour out your blessings upon our nation and our people, and make us grateful for the weather we receive from your bountiful hand. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 30TH AUGUST 2026 - YEAR A

To renounce our lives

Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching God's Word has brought him only derision and reproach. But God does not deceive, and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials.

What Jeremiah learns is what Jesus states explicitly in the Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself - your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His Gospel. As Paul says in the Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the Passion of Christ, to offer our bodies, our whole beings, as living sacrifices to God.

By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach: we owe to God all that we have. God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in the Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship, giving our lives to the service of His will.

Peter doesn't yet get this in the Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter. This is our natural temptation, as well: to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan. That's how people think, Jesus tells us. But we are called to the renewal of our minds - to think as God thinks, to will what He wills.

In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise. We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet our souls will be satisfied.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Jer.20:7-9

Second Reading
Rom.12:1-2

Gospel
Mt.16:21-27
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MASS TIMES

Gros Islet
Morning Prayers:
Mon -Fri
5:45 a.m.

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

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TUESDAY
6:00 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.

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

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

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St. Gregory the Great - Sept 3rd

Gregory was the son of a Roman senator. He was a government official, advancing in rank to become Prefect of Rome, the highest civil office in the city, when only thirty-three years old. After five years he resigned, became a Benedictine monk, and founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate. However, he soon returned to active public life, and was ordained a priest. He became one of the pope's seven deacons, serving six years as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, and at the age of fifty was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

Although he was the first pope from a monastic background, his prior political experience may have helped him be a talented administrator who successfully established papal supremacy. Direct and firm, he removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, and emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of war, to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He is known for his reform of the liturgy and for strengthening respect for doctrine. His book, *Pastoral Care*, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline.

In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily gospel to the needs of his listeners. The mainstream form of Western plainchant, standardized in the late ninth century, was attributed to Gregory and therefore came to be called “Gregorian chant.” Gregory is also famous for instigating the first recorded large-scale mission from Rome to convert pagan Anglo-Saxons in England to Christianity. Along with Augustine of Canterbury, Gregory is revered in England as the apostle of the land and the source of the nation's conversion. An Anglican historian has written: “It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory ..”

Called “the Great”, Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose and Jerome as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church. He is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students and teachers.

“Perhaps it is not after all so difficult for a man to part with his possessions, but it is certainly most difficult for him to part with himself. To renounce what one has is a minor thing; but to renounce what one is, that is asking a lot.” St. Gregory, Homilies on the Gospels.

(excerpt: americancatholic.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Claudia Joseph

DECEASED

Grissel Leon
Delia Everett
Peter Eugene
Antoine Nelson
Muriel Sherman
Gertrude George
Nicholas Alexander

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

1Cor.2:1-5
Lk.4:16-30



TUESDAY

1Cor.2:10-16
Lk.4:31-37



WEDNESDAY

1Cor.3:1-9
Lk.4:38-44



THURSDAY

1Cor.3:18-23
Lk.5:1-11



FRIDAY

1Cor.4:1-5
Lk.5:33-39



SATURDAY

1Cor.4:6-15
Lk.6:1-5



MASS INTENTIONS

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CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Aug 29 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Aug 30 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.



Thks: The Destang family

MISSA PRO POPULO

Guid & Protec: Demario Lendor
Thks: The Theophilus family

Int: Hilary Bynoe
B'day: Lee Augustin
Thks: Catherine & Thaddeus Simon

B'day: H. E. Felix Finistere
Thks: Elsa Delice & family

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Aug 31 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue Sept 1 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed Sept 2 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Sept 3 - 6:00 a.m.

St. Gregory the Great
Pope, Doctor

12:30 p.m.

Fri Sept 4 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat Sept 5 - 6:30 a.m.

Mass at the Shrine

Sr. Marie-Therese Clement
Sr. Mary Mumba

Fr. Joseph Akande
Fr. Ignatius Cetoute
Fr. Cleophus Joseph

Fr. Athanase Joseph
Fr. Stephen Quinlan
Fr. Philomin Zacharias

Archbishop Gabriel Malzaire
Msgr. Michel Francis

Fr. John Wilson
Fr. Vinoth Santhappan

Fr. Joseph Raj
Sr. Mary Lee Cox
Sr. Mary Mutwiwa

Dc'd: Members of the Verdant family
James Rueben Joseph, Leo Burt
Kayode Modeste, Marilyn Sancion
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wedd Ann: Shurma & Richmond Felix

Thks: The Belrose family
Deliv & Healing: Dorina Jn. Marie
Guid: Kaelan, Kateri, & Kate Haywood

B'day: Gabrielle & Daniel Darcheville

Thks: Mikaela Elliott

Parishioners

B'day: Rachel Myers
Thks: Diane & Richard Palton

Dc'd: Family of Mary Popo
Rosa & Antoine Glace
Irene & Joseph Destang

Thks: Sacred Heart Confraternity
Holy Spirit: Carmen Glasford & family

Thks: The McLean family
Thks & Guid:
Mary Wellington & family
Derrick & Zilta Leslie & family

Int: Bernadette Pamphile
Marilyn Hyacinth & family
Thks: Sandra Aimable & family