

Kids Column

Weeds Among the Wheat

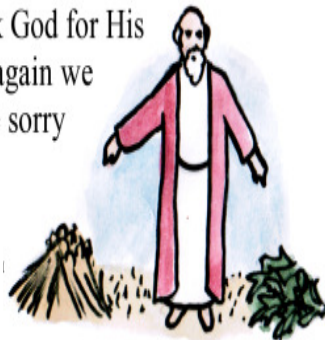


Weeds are plants that shouldn't be there. They use the sun and water that the good plants need. Have you ever helped pick weeds in the garden? In today's parable Jesus tells about a man who lets the weeds grow along with the wheat until harvest time, so that the good plants don't get pulled up along with the weeds.

The weeds represent the bad people, who will go to Hell at the final judgement. God lets them stay alive as long as the good people. He wants to give sinners lots of time to repent so that they can go to Heaven instead.



All the readings today are about God's mercy. God is the most powerful of all, but instead of destroying sinners He wants to give them more chances. When you think about it, you will realize God has already been merciful to all of us- because we have all sinned. We should thank God for His mercy, and if we do sin again we should show Him we are sorry by going to Confession.



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THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL HELP YOU PRAY

ROMANS 8:26-27

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.**

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.



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

VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 19TH JULY 2020 - YEAR A

Our God of Mercy.

God is always teaching His people, we hear in the First Reading. And what does He want us to know? That He cares for all of us, that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance.

This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden, like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected, as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

This week's readings also sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom? Because, as we sing in the Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us. Evil-doers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience, God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance, and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Epistle. But first we must turn and call upon Him, we must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives.

So we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat, truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice and sin. For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad. But the harvest draws near. Let's work that we might be numbered among the righteous children who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Wis.12:13,16-19

Second Reading

Rom.8:26-27

Gospel

Mt.13:24-43

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



SUNDAY

Gros Islet/G. Riviere

7:30 A.M.

Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY

7:00 a.m.



St. James, Apostle - Feast Day July 25th

The son of Zebedee and Salome, James is styled "the Greater" to distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less". He was the brother of John, the beloved disciple, and probably the elder of the two.

James was one of the first disciples to join Jesus. The Gospels state that James and John were with their father by the seashore when Jesus called to them. James was chosen by Jesus to be one of the twelve apostles, given the mission to proclaim the good news, authority to heal and cast out demons.

Even among the apostles he held a special place. When Jesus raise Jairus' daughter, He only allowed James, John, and Peter to come with Him. When He went up to the mountain to pray, again He wanted the three to go with Him, where they witnessed Jesus transfigured in His glory. They also went with Jesus to Gethsemane to pray before His arrest. Matthew's Gospel tells us he invited Peter, James and John to go with him to a quiet area to pray. They watched as the Jesus’ face became sad with grief, and, in His great sorrow, His brow began to sweat drops of blood.

James and John (or, in another tradition, their mother) asked Jesus to grant them seats on His right and left in His glory. Jesus rebuked them, and the other apostles were annoyed with them. James and his brother wanted to call down fire on a Samaritan town, but were rebuked by Jesus. But James also had great faith in Jesus. Perhaps it was for their fiery temper as well as their zeal for the faith that James and his brother earned the nickname "Sons of Thunder".

John’s authoritative position in the church after the Resurrection is shown by his visit with St. Peter to Samaria to lay hands on the new converts there, and it is to Peter, James, and John that Paul successfully submitted his conversion and mission for recognition.

Following Christ's ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom. He traveled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain. James was beheaded by order of King Herod Agrippa I of Judaea. He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament, and is believed to be the first of the twelve martyred for his faith. As a martyr, James gave the greatest witness of all.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, where his shrine attracts pilgrims from all over the world.

(excerpt: wikipedia.org. /catholic.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Iris Macauldy
Priscillia Henry
Martha Mason
Luvina Joseph
Mary Sonson
Nellie Hall

DECEASED

Marie M. Lake
Simeon Christopher
Maximilian Constantin
Moses Charles
Felicite Stanislaus

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Mi.6:1-4,6-8
Mt.12:38-42



TUESDAY

Mi.7:14-15,18-20
Mt.12:46-50



WEDNESDAY

2Cor.5:14-17
Jn.20:1-2,11-18



THURSDAY

Jer.2:1-3.7-8, 12-13
Mt.13:10-17



FRIDAY

Jer.3:14-17
Mt.13:18-23



SATURDAY

2Cor.4:7-15
Mt.20:20-28



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Jul 18 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Jul 19 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.



B’day: Erwin Richard
Thks: Tarbula & Cyrille Amedee
Chari & Leandra Verneuil

MISSA PRO POPULO

Healing: Patrick Sealys
Success: Joshua Duncan
B’day: Anthony Kodia Louis
St. Elias: Lay Carmelites of Gros Islet

B’day: Khardi Casimir
Thks: Byron & Kimberly Geoffrey

Int: Parish Youth

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Jul 20 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue Jul 21 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed Jul 22 - 6:00 a.m.
St. Mary Magdalene, Disciple

12:30 p.m.

Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Jul 23 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fri Jul 24 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat Jul 25 - 6:30 a.m.
St. James, Apostle

Fr. Paul Vu
Fr. Henry Nmor

Rev. John Douglas

Fr. Cecil Goodman
Rev. Thomas Alexander
Rev. Anthony Louis

Msgr. Theophilus Joseph
Fr. Linus Clovis
Sr. Adinase Mumba

Fr. Vincent Arulanandam
Rev. Girard Glace
Sr. Mary Muskosa

Fr. Konrad Mair

Dc’d: Marguerite Joseph, Patricia Regis
H/Spirit: Danielle & Danquah Theophilus

Dc’d: Magdalena Bruno, Volney Family
Anazilta Volney, Charlesia Montoute

Healing: Michael Robinson

Thks: Marcia Haywood & family
Mgmt & Staff Octave Auto Supplies
B’day: Richard & Maxim Mathurin

Parishioners

B’day: Peter Alexander
Keith & Kenneth Louis
Wedd Ann: Theresa & Cleo Herman

Dc'd: Elaine Clancy Berry

B’day: Owen & Dean Herman
Thks: Laurencia Cadette
Zoe Hinkson, Sashla Regobert

Dc’d: Rosa & Antoine Glace
Epiphane & Josephine Verdant

Thks: Diane Palton & family