

Kids Column

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. He says it is like a buried treasure, that when a man finds it, he sells everything he has and buys the field where it is

hidden. He also says it is like a pearl of great price, that when a merchant finds it he sells all he has and buys it.

These parables tell us how precious the Kingdom of Heaven is. Jesus is explaining that it is more important than anything else in our lives. The men in the parables sold EVERYTHING they had to get the treasures.

But what is the Kingdom of Heaven? Is it a country with a king and subjects? Well it is, sort of, but you can't see it. Jesus is the King and His people are the people who choose Him as their King. The laws of the kingdom are God's laws, and the enemy is the devil who is trying to take all the souls. Always remember that belonging to God's Kingdom is more important than everything else in your life!



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HOW BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO FINDS WISDOM AND THE MAN WHO GAINS UNDERSTANDING.

PROVERBS 3:13

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 - 6.45 p.m.
&
by appointment

VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 26TH JULY 2020 - YEAR A

Treasures of the Kingdom

What is your new life in Christ worth to you? Do you love His words more than gold and silver? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in the First Reading, asking not for a long life or riches, but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will?

The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst, yet many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given that they, and we, might live. We too must ever discover the kingdom anew, to find it as a treasure - a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish. And we must be willing to give up all that we have, all our priorities and plans, in order to gain it.

Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul calls the purpose of God's plan in his Epistle. That purpose is that Jesus would be the first-born of many brothers. His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does today, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will.

We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son. If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good, that we whom He has justified will also one day be glorified.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

1Kgs.3:5, 7-12

Second Reading

Rom.8:28-30

Gospel

Mt.13:44-52

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.



Feast of St. Martha - July 29th

“Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus.” This statement in John’s gospel tells us of the special relationship Jesus had with these siblings. Apparently Jesus was a frequent guest at their home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. We read of three visits - in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53, and John 12:1-9.

Many of us find it easy to identify with Martha in the story Luke tells. Martha welcomes Jesus and His disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them. Hospitality is paramount in the Middle East, and Martha believed in its importance. Imagine her frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality in order to sit and listen to Jesus. Instead of speaking to her sister, she asks Jesus to intervene. Jesus' response is not unkind, which gives us an idea of His affection for her. He observes that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being present to Him. He reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important - listening to Him.

In Martha we see ourselves, worried and distracted by all we have to do in the world and forgetting to spend time with Jesus. It is, however, comforting to note that Jesus loved her just the same.

The next visit shows how well Martha learned this lesson. She is grieving the death of her brother with a house full of mourners when she hears that Jesus has just come to the area. She gets up immediately, leaves the guests, and goes to meet Him. Her conversation with Jesus shows her faith and courage. In this dialogue she states clearly and without doubt that she believes in Jesus' power, in the resurrection, and, most of all, that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus tells her that He is the resurrection and the life and then goes on to raise her brother from the dead.

Our final picture of Martha in Scripture is the one that sums up who she was. Jesus has returned to Bethany some time later to share a meal with His good friends. In this home were three extraordinary people. We hear how brother Lazarus caused a stir when he was brought back to life, we hear how Mary causes a commotion at dinner by anointing Jesus with expensive perfume, but all we hear about Martha is the simple statement: “Martha served.” She isn't in the spotlight, she doesn't do showy things, she doesn't receive spectacular miracles. She simply serves Jesus.

We know nothing more about Martha and what happened to her later. But wouldn't it be wonderful if the most important thing that could be said about us is “They served?”

Martha is the patron saint of servants and cooks.

(excerpt: catholic.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

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

DECEASED

Rosanna Louis
Allen Benjamin
Mary Albert
Moses Charles
Liliane Jacob
Cecilia Louis

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Jer.13:1-11
Mt.13:31-35



TUESDAY

Jer.14:17-22
Mt.13:36-43



WEDNESDAY

Jer.15:10,16-21
Jn.11:19-27



THURSDAY

Jer.18:1-6
Mt.13:47-53



FRIDAY

Jer.26:1-9
Mt.13:54-58



SATURDAY

Jer.26:11-16,24
Mt.14:1-12



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Jul 25 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Jul 26 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

The law from your mouth
is more precious to me
than thousands of pieces
of silver and gold.

-Psalm 119:72-

Thks: Tarbula & Cyrille Amedee
Wedd Ann: Joakim & Azelia George
B'day: Adelle John
Julitta Herman, Kerdisha Ferdinand

MISSA PRO POPULO

81st B'day: Maryanna Lesmond
Thks: Lions Club of Gros Islet
Steffi St.Clair & family

B'day: Anne Charmont
Thks: Grande Riviere Ushers

B'day: Darnell Clement

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Jul 27 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey
Fr. Kevin Murray

Dc'd: Joyce Fealing, Nugent Dennehy

B'day: Martha Hodge, Adrian Popo

Tue Jul 28 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. John Milton

Int: Ursula Lucien

Wed Jul 29 - 6:00 a.m.
St. Martha, Disciple of the Lord

12:30 p.m.

Rev. David Popo
Rev. Herald Wilson
Rev. Gerard Calderon

Int: Bernadette Pamphile
Thks: Anthony Robinson & family

B'day: Tanysia Compton
Martha Rosemond, Joan Philip

Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Thu Jul 30 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Rev. Peter Fevrier
Rev. Winston Taylor
Sr. Margaret M. Maynard

Thks: Lucretia James

Holy Spirit:
Paula & Maurice Oculi & children

Fri Jul 31 - 6:00 a.m.
St. Ignatius Loyola, Priest

12:30 p.m.

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

Dc'd: Eldon Mathurin

Thks: Joy Boxill, Ethelina Hilaire
IHO St. Girard: Myah Walker

Sat Aug 01 - 6:30 a.m.
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Dr.

Sr. Mary Mumba

B'day: Justina Monlouis
BVM: Perlin Verdant & family