

Don't Worry!
God Cares About You!

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us not to fear those who can kill us. He tells us that God pays attention to the sparrows, which are just little birds. How much more He cares about us, His people!



I feel all alone...
But God is still with me!

What Jesus says reminds us that we should always remember that God loves and cares for us. We don't need to live in fear, because God always wants what is best for us.

Sometimes bad things happen to us - we can become poor, we can lose friends, we can get hurt or sick. But God is still caring for us through those times. These things can help remind us of how much we need God. Just food and possessions and other people and even our health are not enough

Every time you see a picture of Jesus remember that God is caring about you right now! Thank Him for His love and try to share His love and care with those around you!



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In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that God sees even little things.
What little things did He mention?
Connect the dots to find out!

A Father's Day Prayer

God,
Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
Amen

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

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 21ST JUNE 2020 - YEAR A

Be not afraid.

Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test. We will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in the First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap us and trip us up. As we hear in the Psalm, for His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts, even in our own homes.

As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love. "Do not be afraid," Jesus assures us three times in today's Gospel. Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us, everything unfolds in His Providence, under His watchful gaze, even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him. Steadfast in this faith, we must resist the tactics of Satan. He is the enemy who seeks the ruin of our souls in Gehenna, or hell.

We are to seek God, as the Psalmist says. Zeal for the Lord's house, for the heavenly kingdom of the Father, should consume us, as it consumed Jesus. As Jesus bore the insults of those who blasphemed God, so should we. By the gracious gift of himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in the Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress.

In His great mercy, He will turn toward us as well. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked. That is why we proclaim His name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus' promise that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our heavenly Father.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Jer.20:10-13

Second Reading

Rom.5:12-15

Gospel

Mt.10:26-33

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./7:00 p. m.



SUNDAY

Gros Islet/G. Riviere

7:30 A.M.

Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY

7:00 a.m.



The Nativity of St. John the Baptist - June 24th

On June 24th we celebrate the birth of a remarkable life because, in the words of John’s father after his birth, ‘the Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour ... As for you, little child, you shall prepare His ways before Him’.

As we become more familiar with the Scriptures, we recognize the importance of the prophets in the shaping of old Israel’s faith, opening up boundless hopes, and calling them to fulfill their role as ‘the light of the nations’. John the Baptist, the last of the prophets of old Israel, was a figure of immense significance.

John was the one who pointed out the way in the life, death and resurrection of the Saviour of the world. As Jesus himself declared: ‘A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen. It was toward John that all the prophecies of the prophets and the Law were leading’. However, what He adds to this remarkable praise startles us: ‘Yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is’. These words refer, not to John’s personal standing before God, but to the fact that his role belongs to the old order which is now passing away.

In fact, John was a figure of such influence at the time that the gospels stress that he claimed to be no more than a humble herald of this fulfillment. Jews came to question this preacher who was attracting large crowds. When asked: ‘Who are you?’, he declared quite openly, ‘I am not the Christ; I am not Elijah; I am not the Prophet (i.e. the New Moses)’. He was, he said, ‘a voice that cries in the wilderness: make a straight a way for the Lord’.

There are other indications of John’s acceptance of his role as a humble herald. When large crowds came to be baptized, he brushed aside their grandiose suggestions with words that are familiar to every generation: ‘I am not fit to undo the strap of His sandals; I baptize with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire’.

Taking up the prophets’ theme, referring to the Lord as the ‘husband’ of Israel, he applied it to the fulfillment he was announcing, calling himself ‘the bridegroom’s friend, who stands there and listens and is glad when he hears the bridegroom’s voice’.

And he makes himself an inspiring model to *all* disciples of Jesus, when he declares, ‘He must increase and I must decrease’. We must all follow his example.

John Thornhill SM
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

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

DECEASED

Marie M. Lake
Veronica Monroe
Francis Jules
Joseph Jameson

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
2Kgs.17:5-8.13-15.18
Mt.7:1-5
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TUESDAY
2Kgs.19:9-11.14-21
Mt.7:6.12-14
✠
WEDNESDAY
Is.49:1-6
Acts.13:22-26
Lk.1:57-66.80
✠
THURSDAY
2Kgs.24:8-17
Mt.7:21-29
✠
FRIDAY
2Kgs.25:1-12
Mt.8:1-4
✠
SATURDAY
Lam.2:2.10-14.18-19
Mt.8:5-17
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MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Jun 20 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Chantal St. John Wedd Ann: Myrtle & Rudy Octave Conrad & Antonia James Thks: Tarbula & Cyrille Amedee
Sun Jun 21 - 7:30 a.m. <i>Father's Day</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Welcome St. Rose Holy Spirit: Theophilus family
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Herbert Augustin
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Kaelan Haywood Success: Kimberly, Jewel & Wilfred Flood
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jun 22 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cecil Goodman Fr. Kenneth Haakyav	Int: Anthony Robinson & family IHO St. Anthony: Marjorie Grell
Tue Jun 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Theophilus Joseph Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	Thks: Richard Palton B'day: Kashma & Michael Lawrence
Wed Jun 24 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Nativity of John the Baptist</i>	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary L. Muskosa	B'day: Margerie Philip, Marina Habran Healing: Irvin Ferdinand
Thu Jun 25 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Konrad Mair Rev. Thomas Alexander	B'day: Desiree Etienne 25th Diaconate Ann: Deacon Taylor
Fri Jun 26 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Henry Nmor Nathalbert Husbands	Dc'd: Lucia Joseph, Alvina George Anna Auguste, Holy Souls
Sat June 27 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	Thks: Imani & Mikaela Elliot

But as for me,
my prayer is to you, O Lord.
Psalm 69:14

Happy Father's Day!

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.