

## Kid's Column

### God's Word is Like Seed...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains the parable of the sower and the seed to the disciples. Like the seed, the word of God comes to all sorts of people. Some people hear it and the devil takes it away, like the seed that falls on the path and is eaten by the birds. Some people hear God's word and love it for a little while, but they don't let it grow deeply in themselves, like the seed on rocky ground that doesn't grow good roots. Some people hear God's word and it starts to grow in them, but they have so many other things going on in their lives that they forget God.



The people who hear the word of God and let it grow in them are like the good soil. When the sower plants the seed in the good soil it gets deep roots, grows high and produces a good harvest. When we receive the word of God well, it



takes root in us so that it is really deep in our hearts. It grows when we feed it by learning more about God and trying to love Him more. It produces a harvest when other people come to love God because of us.

What kind of soil are you like? Do you let God's word be snatched away as soon as you hear it? Do you let it take root in your heart and love it, or is it like the seed sown on rocky ground that is too shallow? Do you let other things in your life crowd out God's life in you, or do you let God's word in deep and feed it and let it grow?



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## Isaiah 55:10-11

*As rain nourishes the earth, God's Word nourishes our souls.*

### 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.



# VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 12TH JULY 2020 - YEAR A



*Christ the Sower.*

Today's readings, like last week's, ask us to meditate on Israel's response to God's Word, and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies the Gospel, especially.

We see that the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in which the Word can grow and bear fruit. As we sing in the Psalm, in Jesus, God's Word has visited our land, to water the stony earth of our hearts with the living waters of the Spirit. The first-fruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in Baptism, making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in the Epistle. In this, we are made a "new creation", the first-fruits of a new heaven and a new earth.

Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility. But, as the First Reading tells us, God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void. His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns, we must take care lest the devil steal it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns.

In the Eucharist, the Word gives Himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness. And we await the crowning of the year, the great harvest of the Lord's Day, when His Word will have achieved the end for which it was sent.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

### CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday  
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.  
6.00 - 6.45 p.m.  
&  
by appointment

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### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading**

Is.55:10-11

**Second Reading**

Rom.8:18-23

**Gospel**

Mt.13:1-23

### 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. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor - Feast Day July 15th

St. Bonaventure, born Giovanni di Fidanza in central Italy in 1221, was a Franciscan theologian and philosopher. Tradition says that he received the name Bonaventure when as a child St. Francis of Assisi prayed for his recovery from a dangerous illness, and foreseeing Giovanni’s future greatness cried out, "O Buona ventura" (O good fortune).

Bonaventure, regarded as one of the greatest philosophers of the 13th century, was very influential in the development of scholasticism in medieval thought. Like Aquinas and other notable 13th century philosophers and theologians, Bonaventure believed that it is possible to prove the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. His theology was marked by an attempt to completely integrate faith and reason. He thought of Christ as the "one true master" who offers humans knowledge that begins in faith, is developed through rational understanding, and is perfected by mystical union with God.

Influenced by the Franciscans throughout his education and having a great reverence for the life of St. Francis of Assisi, he entered the Franciscan Order at the age of twenty-two. Having made his vows, he was sent to Paris to complete his studies where he became the intimate friend of Thomas Aquinas. He continued his studies in theology at the University of Paris and wrote commentaries on the Scriptures and other works. He later wrote a biography of St. Francis of Assisi which became the official biography accepted by the Franciscan Order. He received a license to teach in 1253, and taught theology at the University of Paris until 1257.

In 1257 he was elected as Minister General of the Franciscan Order. Just then the Order was becoming divided between those who wished to alter the rule of St. Francis by allowing the Order to own property and participate in university education and political life, and those who wished it to remain as faithful as possible to St. Francis' original ideal of poverty and missionary activity among the common people. Bonaventure was, by training and inclination, committed to the aims of the first group and therefore advocated Franciscan participation in education and ecclesiastical affairs, and steered the Order on a moderate, intellectual course that made it the most prominent order in the Catholic Church until the coming of the Jesuits.

In recognition of his activities as general of the Franciscan Order and as a papal confidant, Pope Gregory X made Bonaventure a cardinal bishop in 1273. Bonaventure helped the Holy See organize and conduct the Second General Council of Lyons in 1274. On July 15, before the Council ended, he died suddenly and was buried in the Franciscan Church in Lyons.

He was canonized in 1482 by Pope Sixtus IV. In 1588 Pope Sixtus V declared St. Bonaventure a Doctor of the Church with the title “Seraphic Doctor”, no doubt because of the great depth of insight into the spiritual which breathes through his writings.

(excerpt: biography.yourdictionary.com)  
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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  
Raphael Taylor  
Francis Jules  
Joseph Jameson

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Is.1:10-17  
Mt.10:34-11:1



TUESDAY

Is.7:1-9  
Mt.11:20-24



WEDNESDAY

Is.10:5-7,13-16  
Mt.11:25-27



THURSDAY

Is.26:7-9,12,16-19  
Mt.11:28-30



FRIDAY

Is.38:1-6, 21-22,7-8  
Mt.12:1-8



SATURDAY

Mi.2:1-5  
Mt.12:14-21



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Jul 11 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun Jul 12 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

You crown the year with  
Your goodness, and Your  
paths drip with  
abundance...

Psalms 65:11

B’day: Anthony Thomas, Meela Noel  
Thks: Tarbula & Cyrille Amedee  
Wedd Ann: Terroll & Dionysia Compton

MISSA PRO POPULO

Thks: Shanta King

Thks: Dianne Augustin

B’day: Prisca Bruno  
Wedd Ann: Clara & Aaron Placide  
Anne Marie & Augustin Felicien

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Jul 13 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue Jul 14 - 6:00 a.m.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Wed Jul 15 - 6:00 a.m.

St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

12:30 p.m.

Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Thu Jul 16 - 6:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

12:30 p.m.

Fri Jul 17 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat Jul 18 - 6:30 a.m.

BVM

Rev. Vincent Norbert  
Rev. Anthony Pierre  
Rev. Madison Stanislaus

Msgr. Justin Barthelmy  
Sr. Mary Dungdung

Rev. Jeremy Joseph  
Sr. Marie Joseph  
Sr. Mercy Masaka

Rev. Errol Frederick  
Sr. Rosemarie Minj

Fr. Yvon Tremont  
Rev. Bertrand Clauzel

Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy  
Sr. Bernadette Peter

B’day: Bibiana Jules, Kayla Rose Richard  
Guid & Success: Amir Surage

Dc’d: Marie Headley

B’day: Sylvia Boxill  
Thks: Richard Palton family

B’day: Samson Louis, Maliha Samuel

Dc’d: Antoine Glace, Joyce Auguste  
Members of the Mathurin family

Parishioners

B’day: Mary Camille  
Thks: Mt. Carmel Confra. & Tertiaries  
Wedd Ann: Chris & Carole Jn Marie

Healing: Irvin Ferdinand

Dc’d: Bernadette Eugene,  
Joseph & Arlene Evariste, Holy Souls

B’day: Tadj Cazaubon

Perpetual Help: Myah Walker