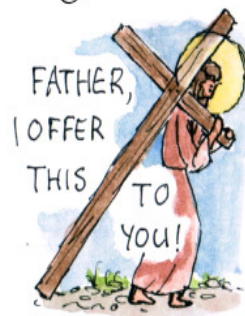


Kids Column

Mt.16:21-27

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 only 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!

www.thekidsbulletin.com

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Registration for Year One First Communion and Confirmation classes is now open. Please note that candidates must be 6 years old as at December 2020 to register for First Communion, and 11 years old as at Dec. 2020 to register for Confirmation. Forms are available in church and from the parish office. Please register at the Parish Office.
- Registration is also open for Adult Confirmation. Classes will commence on Tuesday September 15th at the Old Convent from 5:30 .p.m. Please register at the Parish Office.

"Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me."

- Matthew 16:24



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.



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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 30TH AUG 2020 - YEAR A

To renounce ourselves.

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 His 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, 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 today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship, to give our lives to the service of His will.

In the Gospel, Peter doesn't yet get this. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter. This too is our natural temptation, 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: stpaulcenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Jer.20:7-9

Second Reading

Rom.12:1-2

Gospel

Mt.16:21-27

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.



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St. Gregory the Great - Sept 3rd

Gregory was the son of a Roman senator. He became a government official, advancing quickly 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. But he soon returned to active public life, being 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, 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 so took the name “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

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

DECEASED

Joseph Lucette
Helen Marie Jones
Mary Jane Sonson
Theresa Cherubin
Bernadette Joseph
Cecilia Louis

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

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Aug 29 - 6:00 p.m.



B’day: Felix Finisterre
Thks: The Destang family
Int: Lorraine Williams
Guid & Protec: Unity House

Sun Aug 30 - 7:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Service

10:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Service

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

MISSA PRO POPULO

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

Thks: Beth Charles

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Aug 31 - 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Winston Taylor
Sr. Mary Mumba
Sr. Marie Therese Clement

Dc’d: Joseph Augustin, Leo Burt
Josephine Verdant, Kayode Modeste

12:30 p.m.

B’day: Kershel Louis
Thks: Kenyatta Samuel & children
18th Wedd Ann:
Richmond & Shurma Felix

Tue Sept 1 - 6:00 a.m.

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

B’day: Chris Jn Marie
Thks: Stennett Bent & family

Wed Sept 2 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Athanase Joseph
Fr. Stephen Quinlan
Fr. Celestine Nwakuwo

Thks: Bernadette Pamphile

12:30 p.m.

Thks: Barbara Thomas, Cecil Graham
The Hyacinth & Casimir families

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Thu Sept 3 - 6:00 a.m.

*St. Gregory the Great,
Pope & Doctor of the Church*

Msgr. Michel Francis
Fr. Arthur Zalewski
Fr. Philomin Zacharias

Thks: Diane Palton & family
Anthony Robinson

12:30 p.m.

Dc’d: Azizi Alexander
Adalbert Trezelle, Marie Bertilia Vitte

Fri Sept 4 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. John Wilson
Fr. Vinoth Santhappan
Sr. Mary Lee Cox

B’day: Kimberly McPhee

12:30 p.m.

Dc’d: Joan Alexis

Sat Sept 5 - 6:30 a.m.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Fr. Joseph Raj
Sr. Mary Mutwiwa

Dc’d: Fr. Raymond Laurent