

Pope Leo's Audience 8 October 2025

Today I would like to invite you to reflect on a surprising aspect of Christ's Resurrection: his humility. If we think back to the Gospel accounts, we realize that the risen Lord does nothing spectacular to impose himself on the faith of his disciples. He does not appear surrounded by hosts of angels, he does not perform spectacular feats, he does not deliver solemn speeches to reveal the secrets of the universe. On the contrary, he approaches discreetly, like any other wayfarer, like a hungry man asking to share some bread (cf. *Lk 24:15, 41*).

Mary Magdalene mistakes him for a gardener (cf. *Jn 20:15*). The disciples of Emmaus believe him to be a stranger (cf. *Lk 24:18*). Peter and the other fishermen think he is just a passer-by (cf. *Jn 21:4*). We would have expected special effects, signs of power, overwhelming evidence. But the Lord does not seek this: he prefers the language of proximity, of normality, of sharing a meal.

Brothers and sisters, there is a valuable message in this: the Resurrection is not a theatrical coup; it is a silent transformation that fills every human gesture with meaning. The risen Jesus eats a piece of fish in front of his disciples: this is not a marginal detail, it is confirmation that our body, our history, our relationships are not a shell to be thrown away. They are destined for the fullness of life. Resurrection does not mean becoming evanescent spirits, but entering into a deeper communion with God and with our brothers and sisters, in a humanity transfigured by love.

In the Pasch of Christ, everything can become grace. Even the most ordinary things: eating, working, waiting, taking care of the house, supporting a friend. The Resurrection does not remove life from time and effort, but changes its meaning and "flavour". Every gesture performed in gratitude and communion anticipates the Kingdom of God.

However, there is an obstacle that often prevents us from recognizing Christ's presence in our daily lives: the assumption that joy must be free from suffering. The disciples of Emmaus walk sadly because they hoped for a different ending, for a Messiah who did not know the cross. Although they have heard that the tomb is empty, they cannot smile. But Jesus walks alongside them and patiently helps them understand that pain is not the denial of the promise, but the way through which God has manifested the measure of his love (cf. *Lk 24:13-27*). When they are finally seated at the table with him and break bread, their eyes are opened. They realize that their hearts were already burning, even though they did not know it (cf. *Lk 24:28-32*). This is the greatest surprise: to discover that beneath the ashes of disenchantment and weariness there is always a living ember, waiting only to be rekindled.

Brothers and sisters, Christ's resurrection teaches us that no history is so marked by disappointment or sin that it cannot be visited by hope. No fall is definitive, no night is eternal, no wound is destined to remain open forever. However distant, lost or unworthy we may feel, there is no distance that can extinguish the unfailing power of God's love.

Sometimes we think that the Lord comes to visit us only in moments of contemplation or spiritual fervour, when we feel worthy, when our lives appear orderly and bright. Instead, the Risen One is close to us precisely in the darkest places: in our failures, in our frayed relationships, in the daily struggles that weigh on our shoulders, in the doubts that discourage us. Nothing that we are, no fragment of our existence, is foreign to him.

Today, the risen Lord walks alongside each of us, as we travel our paths – those of work and commitment, but also those of suffering and loneliness – and with infinite delicacy asks us to let him warm our hearts. He does not impose himself loudly; he does not demand to be recognized immediately. He waits patiently for the moment when our eyes will open to see his friendly face, capable of transforming disappointment into hopeful expectation, sadness into gratitude, resignation into hope.

The Risen One desires only to manifest his presence, to become our companion on the road and to kindle in us the certainty that his life is stronger than any death. Let us then ask for the grace to recognize his humble and discreet presence, not to expect a life without trials, to discover that every pain, if inhabited by love, can become a place of communion.

And so, like the disciples of Emmaus, we too return to our homes with hearts burning with joy. A simple joy that does not erase wounds, but illuminates them. A joy that comes from the certainty that the Lord is alive, walks with us, and gives us the possibility to start again at every moment.

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TWENTYNINTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 2025



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30 pm English, Church.

**Sunday: 09:00 am English, Church.
10:30 am Creole, Church.
12:30 pm Spanish, Church.**

**Weekdays: 05:30 pm English, Upper
Room, St. Maria Goretti.**

**Fridays: 04:00 pm Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament and
Rosary.**

05:30 pm Upper Room

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in
person.**

**1st Confession: T.B.A.
1st Communions: T.B.A..**

Confirmations: To be confirmed.

**Marriage: Call the parish office for
preparation before setting a
fixed date.**

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request.

**Confessions: Everyday before Mass or
by appointment.**

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of the need to persevere in prayer. The woman in the parable is more than just persistent; she is "insistent". Can you be insistent with the Lord? Yes, of course you can, given the circumstance. She made herself a right pain to the unjust judge and you have to do the same at times. There are times when the gates of heaven have to be laid siege to, if you take my drift and the Lord is not displeased with your boldness. Jesus himself cried out to the Father, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me." The temptation is to give up even after only a little while when it seems that God is not listening. By the way, God is always listening to our prayers and sometimes He says "No" or He says, "Not yet". However, your job is to pester Him so much that He gets sick and tired of hearing you that eventually He will grant your petition.

There is a second part and that is the last line of the Gospel which says, "But when the Son of Man comes will He find faith on earth." It may seem strange or out of context with the rest of the gospel passage but unless you have faith you will never persist in your prayer and you will also fail to grow in faith as that is why, often, the Lord delays to answer because He is not your servant, you are His and secondly He wants to see if really you have faith.

Let us then, ask the Lord for the gift of faith, to really persevere in prayer and to see that the Lord does answer our prayers.

Fr. Paul



HOLY HOUR FRIDAYS 4:00 pm—5:00 pm.

Holy Rosary in three languages, readings reflection, and meditation on the Holy Eucharist. Upper Room St. Maria Goretti.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The marriage course will continue as follows

Monday 20th October

Mondays and Thursdays

17 and 20 November

1 and 4 December

It will be at 7pm in St. Joseph's room and it will be given by a married couple with one of the priests to assist and answer any questions.

This is open to everyone even those who are married and may want to renew their vows.

CCD CLASSES

NEW TIME AND PLACE

BEGINNING Saturday
4 October.

10am at the Church

Parish Events Oct. 19-26

**Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 10:30am
12:30pm,**

04:00pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.
05:00pm Fraternalite, Red Room.
05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice.
05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
06:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday St. Paul of the Cross
05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room

Tuesday
05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm First English, Blue Chapel
07:00pm Second English, St. Joseph's Room
07:00pm Spanish, St. Maria Gorretti
07:00pm Sixth English, Blessed Sac. Chapel

Wednesday St. John Paul II
05:30pm Daily Mass,, SMG Upper Room
07:00pm Third English, SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm Fourth English, St. Joseph's Room
07:00pm Fifth English, Blue Chapel
07:00pm Creole, Blessed Sacrament, Chapel

Thursday St. John of Capistrano
05:30 pm Daily Mass SMG, Upper Room

Friday St. Anthony Mary Claret
04:00 pm Adoration, SMG upstairs
05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG upstairs

Saturday
05:30 pm Mass in Church
07:00 pm Eucharist NCW



School Notes

Holy Family Academy
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This week at Holy Family Academy was truly beautiful as we celebrated **Culture Day!** The entire school came alive with vibrant colors, music, and joy. We were blessed to welcome **special guest speakers** who shared inspiring messages about unity and diversity.



Students of all ages showcased their talents — from **performances and dances by our younger students to presentations and cultural activities led by our older students.** Families and friends enjoyed **delicious foods from around the world,** making the celebration a true feast for the senses!

In addition to the festivities, our students **continued their community service projects,** living out our mission of faith, service, and love.

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SPONSORS / BENEFACTORS

We continue to look for donations and sponsors to support our **Scholarship Program** and help the school with necessary supplies.

Your sponsorship payment can be done through direct deposit or bank transfer or by donating any of the items below.

- Projectors and projector screens
- Projector stands
- Art Supplies
- Printing Paper
- Sport supplies
- Asthma Inhalers & AED

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