

Pope Leo's Audience 15 October 2025

Now, in the last part of the journey, we will allow the mystery of Christ, which culminates in the Resurrection, to radiate its light of salvation us.

Our lives are marked by countless events, full of different nuances and experiences. At times we feel joyful, other times sad, other times fulfilled or stressed, gratified or demotivated. We live busy lives, we concentrate on achieving results, and we even attain lofty, prestigious goals. Conversely, we remain suspended, precarious, awaiting success and recognition that are delayed or do not arrive at all. In short, we find ourselves experiencing a paradoxical situation: we would like to be happy, and yet it is very difficult to be happy in a continuous way, without any shadows. We come to terms with our limitations and, at the same time, with the irrepressible urge to try to overcome them. We feel deep down that we are always missing something. In truth, we were not created for *lack*, but for *fullness*, to rejoice in life, and life in abundance, according to Jesus' expression in the Gospel of John (cf. 10:10). This deep desire in our hearts can find its ultimate answer not in roles, not in power, not in having, but in the certainty that there is someone who guarantees this constitutive impulse of our humanity; in the awareness that this expectation will not be disappointed or thwarted. This certainty coincides with hope. This does not mean thinking in an optimistic way: often optimism lets us down, causing our expectations to implode, whereas hope promises and fulfills. Sisters and brothers, the Risen Jesus is the guarantee of this deliverance! He is the wellspring that satisfies our thirst, the infinite thirst for fullness that the Holy Spirit imbues into our hearts. Indeed, the Resurrection of Christ is not a simple event of human history, but the event that transformed it from within. Let us think about a source of water. What are its characteristics? It quenches thirst and refreshes creatures, irrigates the land, renders fertile and living what would otherwise remain barren. It gives refreshment to the weary traveller, offering him the joy of an oasis of freshness. A wellspring appears as a freely-given gift for nature, for creatures, for human beings. Without water it is not possible to live. The Risen One is the living wellspring that does not dry up and does not change. It always stays pure and ready for anyone who is thirsty. And the more we taste the mystery of God, the more we are attracted to it, without ever becoming completely satiated. Saint Augustine, in the tenth Book of the *Confessions*, captures exactly this inexhaustible longing of our hearts and expresses it in his famous *Hymn to Beauty*: "You exhaled odours, and I drew in my breath and do pant after you. I tasted, and do hunger and thirst. You touched me, and I burned for your peace" (X, 27, 38).

Jesus, with his Resurrection, has guaranteed for us a permanent source of life: he is the living one (cf. Rev 1:18), the lover of life, the victor over all death. Therefore, he is able to offer us refreshment in our earthly journey and assure us of perfect peace in eternity. Only Jesus, who died and rose again, responds to the deepest questions of our heart: Is there really a destination for us? Does our existence have any meaning? And the suffering of so many innocents, how can it be redeemed? The Risen Jesus does not bestow upon us an answer "from above," but becomes our companion on this often arduous, painful, and mysterious journey. Only He can fill our empty flask when our thirst becomes unbearable. And he is also the destination of our journey. Without his love, the voyage of life would become wandering without a goal, a tragic mistake with a missed destination. We are fragile creatures. Mistakes are part of our humanity; it is the wound of sin that makes us fall, give up, despair. To rise again instead means to get up and stand on our feet. The Risen One guarantees our arrival, leading us home, where we are awaited, loved, saved. To journey with him means to experience being sustained despite everything, to have our thirst quenched and to be refreshed in the hardships and struggles that, like heavy stones, threaten to block or divert our history.

Dear friends, from Christ's Resurrection springs the hope that gives us a foretaste, despite the fatigue of living, of a deep and joyful calm: that peace the only he can give us in the end, without end.

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THIRTIETH 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.

Today's Gospel asks you the question, "What are your sins?" Some might say, "White lies, getting angry, but everyone has those sins. I am not too bad." Well, that 's just like the Pharisee in this gospel passage. "At least I am better than those big sinners out there. I don't commit adultery ; I don't steal, except pencils and pens from work, but everyone does that." This again is the Pharisee, which means I am a sinner but I'm not too bad. Tax-collectors on the other hand were not nice people. In order to live they collected more than the required taxes and were protected by the Roman soldiers, so they could get much more than the taxes that were owed. They were not the best people as they were generally rich at the expense of their own Jewish people and not only that, they were actively supporting the Romans who were occupying their country. In the second world war if they lived in France they would have been siding with the Nazis. So that is why this Gospel comes as a surprise. The good guy is not so good and the bad guy is forgiven. So let us ask the Lord to show us that we are not the 'good guy' but, in fact, are the bad guy. Let us not fool ourselves into thinking we are not too bad. This is just an excuse not to see the depth of your sins and to justify yourself. Let us ask the Lord for the humility to see and admit the truth about our sins and how many and deep they are but also to have the grace of sincere repentance for all the sins we have committed so that we can receive His merciful forgiveness.

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:

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. 26-Nov. 2

**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

05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room

Tuesday St.s Simon & Jude Apostles

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

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

05:30 pm Daily Mass SMG, Upper Room

Friday

04:00 pm Adoration, SMG upstairs
05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG upstairs

Saturday All Saints Day

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



School Notes

Holy Family Academy
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10/22/25

This week at Holy Family Academy, we had our progress reports and parent-teacher meetings, giving families a chance to celebrate student growth and discuss goals for the next quarter. Students continue to work hard as they prepare for All Saints' Day, creating beautiful plays that bring the lives of the saints to life.



Eucharist celebrations have also continued, offering students the opportunity to deepen their relationship with Christ. Many of our students are also beginning their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, a meaningful step in their faith journey. As we approach the midterm break, excitement fills the school halls—our students are grateful for all they've accomplished and eager for the days ahead.

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

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- Printing Paper
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