

Pope Francis one of his homilies on Mercy

His outstretched arms on the cross are the most telling sign that he is a friend who is willing to stop at nothing: Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. St. Paul said that his life was one of complete trust in that self-sacrificing love: "I now live by faith in the son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." (Gal 2:20). Look to his cross, cling to him, let him save you, for those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. And if you sin and stray far from him, he will come to lift you up by the power of his cross. Never forget that he forgives us seventy times seven. Time and time again, he bears us on his shoulders. No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love. With a tenderness that never disappoints but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew.

The Lord's love is greater than all our problems, frailties and flaws. He embraced the prodigal son, he embraced Peter after his denials and he always, always, always embraces us after every fall, helping us to rise and get back on our feet. Because the worst fall, and pay attention to this, the worst fall, the one that can ruin our lives, is when we stay down and do not allow ourselves to be helped up. His forgiveness and salvation are not something we can buy, or that we have to acquire by our own works or efforts. His self-sacrifice on the cross is so great that we can never repay it, but only receive it with immense gratitude and with the joy of being more greatly loved than we could ever imagine: "He loved us first." (1 John 4:19). Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified and when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew,

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THIRD SUNDAY 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
St. Maria Goretti.

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.

1st Confession: 13 June, 2025.
1st Communions: 22 June, 2025.

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 in the Gospel of the Third Sunday of Easter, there are many elements. The Apostles decide to go fishing and catch nothing. This is symbolic for doing things on your own strength and acting fruitlessly. When, however the Lord is behind the action then it becomes blessed abundantly. That is the next point to consider. Do you calculate how things go, for example, with time .” How long will this take and we have to go to do something else. “ Or if it can be with your current finances, “Do we have enough money for this or for that?” Things with the Lord are different. He is always abundant and generous with you but how often do you actually trust that He will provide. If a thing is from the Lord then there is an abundance.

Next comes the figure of St. Peter. He is the leader of the Apostles and Jesus Asks him if he loves Him. The same question is for all of us today; “Do you love me more than these?” And what is your answer? “Actually, Lord I prefer many things to you,” and this would be the truth, But, in spite of all his weaknesses Peter says “I love you, Lord.” Think about this, that St. Peter, who two days before denied that he knows Jesus , is now forgiven that triple denial. Jesus does not get angry with Peter or call him a miserable wretched man but instead He comes to look for St. Peter

We are called to be like Peter; despite our weaknesses we can say to the Lord, You know everything Lord, you know I love you.” May the Lord give us His grace to love Him above all things in spite of weakness and never to doubt of the love of the Lord for us when we deny Him and repent of our denials.

Please read the back page of the bulletin for Pope Francis’ words about all this immense mercy of the Lord for us all.

Fr. Paul

**Christ is Risen,
It is Truly Risen!!!**
This will be our greetings for the 50 days of Easter, until Pentecost.

Easter Season 2025

Blessings of the houses: If you would like your house to be blessed, approach one of the priests to make arrangements.

Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays at 3:00 pm.

Spanish: 2nd Saturday of the month.

Creole: 3rd Saturday of the month.

English: 4th Saturday of the month.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

PLEASE HELP US GET THERE

(around 50 young & adults
\$3,000 e/a)

Any help God will reward you a hundred fold, not only spiritually but materially as well.

Parish Events May 4-11

Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 11:00 am

04:00pm Coeur de Marie Children’s group.
05:00pm Fraternite, 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

05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm First English Blue Chapel
07:00pm Second English Red Room
07:00pm Sixth English, Bl. Sac. Chapel
07:00pm Spanish SMG, Upper Room

Wednesday

05:30pm Daily Mass., SMG Upper Room
07:00pm Third English SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm Fourth English Red Room
07:00pm Fifth English Blue Chapel
07:00pm Creole Blessed Sac. 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 St. Damien de Veuster

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



School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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Holy Family Academy students returned from a blessed Easter break last week, commencing the third term with a beautiful Mass. Following the Mass, students participated in joyful Easter activities and feasted in celebration of our Risen Lord.



Last week, our high school students participated in external examinations, providing them with valuable experience in standardized testing. We pray that, guided by the light of Christ, their efforts will bear fruit in their academic pursuits and future endeavors.

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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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