

Pope Francis' Angelus 6 March 2022

The Gospel of the Liturgy today, first Sunday of Lent, takes us into the desert, where Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit, for forty days, to be tempted by the devil (cf. Lk 4:1-13). Jesus too was tempted by the devil, and He accompanies us, every one of us, in our temptations. The desert symbolizes the fight against the seductions of evil, to learn to choose true freedom. Indeed, Jesus lives the experience of the desert just before beginning his public mission. It is precisely through this spiritual combat that he decisively affirms what type of Messiah he intends to be. Not this type of Messiah, but that one: I would say that this is indeed the declaration of Jesus' messianic identity, the messianic way of Jesus. "I am the Messiah, but on this path". Let us then look closely at the temptations he is battling.

Twice the devil addresses him, saying: "If you are the Son of God..." (vv. 3, 9). He is thus proposing to him to exploit his position: first to satisfy the material needs he feels, hunger (cf. v. 3), then to increase his power (cf. vv. 6-7); and, finally, to have a prodigious sign from God (cf. vv. 9-11). Three temptations. It is as if he were saying, "If you are Son of God, take advantage of it!". How often this happens to us: "But if you are in that position, take advantage of it! Don't lose the opportunity, the chance", that is, "think of *your* benefit". It is a seductive proposal, but it leads you to the enslavement of the heart: it makes us obsessed with the desire to have, it reduces everything to the possession of things, power, fame. This is the core of the temptations. It is the "poison of the passions" in which evil is rooted. Look within ourselves, and we will find that our temptations always have this mindset, this way of acting.

But Jesus opposes the attractions of evil in a winning way. How does he do this? By responding to temptations with the Word of God, which says not to take advantage, not to use God, others and things for oneself, not to take advantage of one's own position to obtain privileges. Because true happiness and true freedom are not found in possessing, but in sharing; not in taking advantage of others, but in loving them; not in the obsession of power, but in the joy of service.

Brothers and sisters, these temptations also accompany us on the journey of life. We must be vigilant – do not be afraid, it happens to everyone – and be vigilant, because they often present themselves under an apparent form of good. In fact, the devil, who is cunning, always uses deception. He wanted Jesus to believe that his proposals were useful to prove that he was really the Son of God. And he does so with us too: he often arrives "with sweet eyes", "with an angelic face"; he even knows how to disguise himself with sacred, apparently religious motives!

And I would like to emphasize something. Jesus does not converse with the devil: he never conversed with the devil. Either he banished him, when he healed the possessed, or in this case, when he has to respond, he does so with the Word of God, never with his own word. Brothers and sisters, never enter into dialogue with the devil: he is more cunning than we are. Never! Cling to the Word of God like Jesus, and at most answer always with the Word of God. And on this path, we will never go wrong.

The devil does this with us: he often comes "with gentle eyes", "with an angelic face"; he even knows how to disguise himself with sacred, apparently religious motives! If we give in to his flattery, we end up justifying our falsehood by disguising it with good intentions. For instance, how often we heard

"I have done strange things, but I have helped the poor"; "I have taken advantage of my role – as a politician, a governor, a priest, a bishop – but also for good"; "I have given in to my instincts, but in the end, I did no harm to anyone", these justifications, and so on, one after the other. Please: no compromises with evil! No dialogue with the devil! We must not enter into dialogue with temptation, we must not fall into that slumber of the conscience that makes us say: "But after all, it's not serious, everyone does it"! Let us look at Jesus, who does not seek accommodation, does not make agreements with evil. He opposes the devil with the Word of God, who is stronger than the devil, and thus overcomes temptation.

May this time of Lent also be a *time of the desert* for us. Let us take time for silence and prayer – just a little, it will do us good – in these spaces let us stop and look at what is stirring in our hearts, our inner truth, that which we know cannot be justified. Let us find inner clarity, placing ourselves before the Word of God in prayer, so that a positive fight against the evil that enslaves us, a fight for freedom, may take place within us.

Let us ask the Blessed Virgin to accompany us in the Lenten desert and to help us on our way of conversion

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30pm English, Church.

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

Weekdays: 05:30pm English, Blue Chapel.

Fridays: 04:00pm Adoration of Blessed
Sacrament and Rosary.
05:30pm Blue Chapel.

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.

Confessions: Everyday before Mass or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request.

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

1st Communions: 19 June, 2022.

Confirmation: TBA

The Gospel of the Third Sunday of Lent is a call for all of us to conversion. “ Conversion requires the convincing of sin”. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1848). In order to be forgiven you have to first become aware of the depth of your sinfulness and then experience the ‘cut to the heart’ of sorrow for it. It is so easy to think “But I am a good person. I do not have many sins.” This is because of pride and ego that does not allow you to see just who you are. Do not be afraid of facing yourself, that is, your sins. Lent is a privileged time to discover yourself. Do not let it pass by in vain. Ask the Lord for the Holy spirit to enlighten you about the depth of your sins and He will! This is not to make you depressed, although it may seem that way for a time, but in order that you can experience the great love and mercy of the Lord. The paragraph of the Catechism mentioned above continues, “ ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Thus in this ‘convincing concerning sin’ we discover a double gift: the gift of the truth of conscience and the gift of the certainty of redemption. The Spirit of truth is the consoler.” It is possible for you to change. Do not give up on yourself. The Lord, through this Lent wants to renew you and give you many graces.

May the Lord grant us this grace to be convicted of our sins and to be truly repentant for them so the we can rise to a new life in Christ’s resurrection this coming Easter.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

MORNING PRAYER

Monday to Friday at 6:20am

Blue Chapel

STATION OF THE CROSS AND CONFESSIONS

Every Friday of Lent from 6:00pm to
7:00pm in the church

HOLY HOUR TO END THE PANDEMIC



All are invited to come and adore the Lord in the blessed sacrament at the new time of 4:00 pm –5:15pm on every Friday in the daily mass chapel. There will be adoration,

rosary, spiritual reading and confessions. This can also be a good preparation for the daily mass at 5:30pm. The change comes so that those who could not stay after 6pm due to other reasons can now come earlier.

Parish Events Mar.20-27

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

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

Monday: 05:30pm D. Mass Chapel

Tuesday 05:30pm D. Mass, Chapel

07:00pm 1st English. P. Hall
07:00pm 4th English. New Bldg
07:00pm 1st Spanish. Blue Chapel
07:00pm 2nd Spanish. Red Room

Wednesday: 05:30pm Mass Church

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

07:00pm 1st Creole, Red Room.
07:00pm 2nd English P. Hall
07:00pm 3rd English, Blue Chapel.
07:00pm 2nd Creole, B. Sacrament

Thursday: 05:30pm D. Mass Chapel.

06:00pm Creole Choir, Parish Hall.
06:00pm English Choir, B. Chapel

Friday: 04:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction. Confessions

Solemnity of the Annunciation

05:30pm Daily Mass, Blue Chapel.
06:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday: 05:30pm Mass, Church

Liturgy of the Eucharist NCW

07:00pm all in the Church.



School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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This past week, Holy Family Academy celebrated Education Week starting with a Career Day in which students were exposed to several different careers throughout the day both online and in-person.

Among those presenters, the TCI Fire Department visited HFA and gave students the opportunity to see and explore one of their TCI Fire Trucks which left the students ecstatic!

In this second week of Lent, our students continue to receive mass throughout the week with the addition of the Stations of the Cross to help remind us of the meaning of this time and to transfer the spirit of Lent.

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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. Any help God will reward you a hundred fold. If you would like and are able to help contact us at holyfamilytci@gmail.com

You can also donate from the US in the following link:

<https://www.rcan.org/mission-turks-and-caicos-islands>

Wish List

This is another way to help the missionary school or students who are in need, by donating any of the following:

- Abacus
- Jumping Ropes, Pingo Pong table
- Hand Sanitizer, alcohol and paper hand towels
- Cleaning Tools (mops, brooms, gloves.)
- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255