

A proclamation of gladness, of joy. Good news: one cannot speak of Jesus without joy, because faith is a wonderful love story to be shared. Bearing witness to Jesus, doing something for others in His name, is like saying, that one has received so beautiful a gift that no words suffice to express it. Instead, when joy is lacking, the Gospel does not come through, because, "Gospel" means "good news," a proclamation of joy. A sad Christian can talk about beautiful things, but it is all in vain if the news he conveys is not joyful. A thinker once said, "A Christian who is sad is a sad Christian." Don't forget this. We come to the second aspect: deliverance. Jesus says He was sent "to proclaim release to the captives" (ibid.). This means that one who proclaims God cannot proselytize, no, cannot pressure others, no, but relieve them: not impose burdens, but take them away; bearing peace, not bearing guilt. However, those who witness to Christ show the beauty of the goal rather than the toil of the journey. So, any announcement worthy of the Redeemer must communicate liberation. Like that of Jesus. Today there is joy, because I have come to liberate. The third aspect: light. Jesus says He came to bring "sight to the blind" (ibid.). It is striking that throughout the Bible, before Christ, the healing of a blind man never appears, never. It was indeed a promised sign that would come with the Messiah. But here it is not just about physical sight, but a light that makes one see life in a new way. There is a "coming into the light," a rebirth that happens only with Jesus. If we think about it, that is how Christian life began for us: with Baptism, which in ancient times was called precisely "enlightenment." And what light does Jesus give us? He brings us the light of sonship: He is the beloved Son of the Father, living forever; with Him we too are children of God loved forever, despite our mistakes and faults. So life is no longer a blind advance toward nothingness, no; it is not a matter of fate or luck, no. It is not something that depends on chance or the stars, no, or even on health or finances, no. Life depends on love, on the love of the Father, Who cares for us, His beloved children. How wonderful to share this light with others! Has it occurred to you that the life of each of us – my life, your life, our life – is an act of love? And an invitation to love? This is wonderful! But so many times we forget this, in the face of difficulties, in the face of bad news, even in the face of – and this is bad – worldliness, the worldly way of life.

The fourth aspect of the proclamation: healing. Jesus says He came "to set at liberty those who are oppressed" (ibid.). The oppressed are those who in who feel crushed by something that happens: sickness, labors, burdens on the heart, guilt, mistakes, vices, sins... Oppressed by this. Let us think of the sense of guilt, for example. How many of us have suffered this? We think a little bit about the sense of guilt for this or that.... What is oppressing us above all is precisely that evil that no medicine or human remedy can heal: sin. And if someone has a sense of guilt for something they have done, and that feels bad.... But the good news is that with Jesus, this ancient evil, sin, which seems invincible, no longer has the last word. I can sin because I am weak. Each of us can do it, but that is not the last word. The last word is Jesus' outstretched hand that lifts you up from sin. "And Father, when does he do this? Once?" No. "Twice?" No. "Three times?" No. Always. Whenever you are sick, the Lord always has His hand outstretched. Only He wants us (to) hold on and let Him carry you. The good news is that with Jesus this ancient evil no longer has the last word: the last word is Jesus' outstretched hand that carries you forward. Jesus heals us from sin, always. And how much do I have to pay for this healing? Nothing. He heals us always and gratuitously. He invites those who "labour and are heavy laden" — He says it in the Gospel – He invites them to come to Him (cf. Mt 11:28). And so to accompany someone to an encounter with Jesus is to bring them to the doctor of the heart, Who lifts up life. That is to say, "Brother, sister, I don't have answers to so many of your problems, but Jesus knows you, Jesus loves you and can heal and soothe your heart. Go and leave them with Jesus." Those who carry burdens need a caress for the past. "But I would need to heal my past...I need a caress for that past that weighs so heavily on me..." He needs forgiveness. And those who believe in Jesus have just that to give to others: the power of forgiveness, which frees the soul from all debt. Brothers, sisters, do not forget: God forgets everything. How so? Yes, He forgets all our sins. That He forgets. That's why He has no memory. God forgives everything because He forgets our sins. We only have to draw near to the Lord and He forgives us everything. Think of something from the Gospel, from the one who began to speak, "Lord I have sinned!" That son... And the father puts his hand in his mouth. "No, it's okay, it's nothing..." He doesn't let him finish... And that's good. Jesus is waiting for us to forgive us, to restore us. And how often? Once? Twice? No. Always. "But Father, I do the same things always..." And He will always do His same thing! Forgiving you, embracing you. Please, let us not distrust this. This is the way to love the Lord.

Our Lady of Divine Providence

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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, B. Chapel.

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

05:30 pm 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: 11 June, 2023.

Confirmations: TBC

What does it mean to be “poor in spirit”? It means that when you discover the truth about yourself then you will be blessed. The truth is that you are a poor weak person but no one wants to admit it, because when you do you get sad or even depressed. However, to really recognise your inadequacies is a blessing. St. Anthony of the desert said “The only way to know the mercy and love of God is to know yourself.” Strangely enough, this is the way to holiness. To see that you are not the best parent or child or brother and sister is to discover that you cannot love anyone, or that you are only looking after yourself. Perhaps you feel that you are not good at anything. Maybe you think you love and are not selfish, but with the grace of the Lord you can begin to see that everything you do, is to get people to like you or not to think badly of you. For example, do you say to yourself “What will people think of me...?” To begin to see this in yourself is to start to become poor in spirit. It means, knowing yourself you realize that you just cannot be relied upon and therefore you need to rely on someone else and that person is Jesus Christ. He is the only one who can be relied upon and this is why you will be “blessed”. This is good news for those who see themselves as truly weak people because this is the truth and the Lord is always close to the little ones. Let us pray that each one of us can begin to see our “poverty” and not to be scandalized by it but instead to bless the Lord for it.

Secondly, the catechesis for adults continues and is open to everyone especially if you are overwhelmed by your poverty of spirit. Come and listen.

Fr. Paul



Have you found what you are looking for in life?

Are you suffering?

Do you find it difficult to be happy?

COME AND LISTEN

**Mondays and Thursdays
7 – 8 PM.**

Everyone 13 & older
Free babysitting



The youth of our parish is looking forward to meet the Pope and have an encounter with Christ, this coming summer.

We invite you to visit our stands. Your contributions will go to the fund that will help them travel all together.

We have snacks, bake goods, refreshments, island souvenirs and some more!

May the Lord bless you and reward you a hundred fold.

Thank you!

Parish Events Jan.29-Feb. 5

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

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

Monday

05:30 pm D. and Mass Chapel
07:00pm Catechesis SMG
07:30pm AA Parish Hall.

Tuesday St. John Bosco

05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel
07:00pm 1st English, Parish hall
07:00pm 1st Spanish, Blue Chapel
07:00pm 2nd Spanish, Red Room

Wednesday

05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel
07:00pm 3rd English, SMG
07:00pm 4th English, Blue Chapel
07:00pm 1st Creole Red Room
07:00pm 2nd Creole Bl. Sac. Chapel
07:00pm 2nd English Parish Hall

Thursday Presentation of the Lord

05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel
07:00pm Catechesis SMG

Friday

04:00pm Adoration
5:30pm Daily Mass, Blue Chapel .
07:00pm AA Parish Hall

Saturday

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



School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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Spirituality

Holy Family Academy celebrated the memorial of Saint Timothy and Saint Titus this week. From this celebration, the children were taught the importance of God sending out the disciples in two by two. To be sent as a pair, is to allow the Holy Spirit to create communion between the people, whether it be in friendships or marriage.

Academics

At **Holy Family Academy**, we value the importance of our English Department because they motivate the students to excel academically in literature, vocabulary, and grammar!

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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:

- Automatic hand dryers
- Microwave x 3
- Walkie-Talkie Radios
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Sound / Speaker System
- Ping Pong table.
- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255