

## Regina Coeli of Pope Francis April 24, 2022

The Gospel of today's Liturgy (Jn 21:1-19) recounts the third appearance of the Risen Jesus to the Apostles. It is a meeting that takes place by the Lake of Galilee, and above all involves Simon Peter. It all begins with him saying to the other disciples: "I am going fishing" (v. 3). There was nothing strange about this, since he was a fisherman, but he had abandoned this work from the time he had left his nets on the shore of that very lake in order to follow Jesus. And now, while the Risen One is waiting, Peter, perhaps a little disheartened, proposes to the others that he return to his former life. And the others accept: "We will go with you". But "that night they caught nothing". (v. 3).

This can happen to us, out of tiredness, disappointment, perhaps out of laziness, to forget the Lord and to neglect the great choices we have made, to content ourselves with something else. For example, not to dedicate time to talking together in the family, preferring personal pastimes; we forget prayer, letting ourselves get wrapped up in our own needs; we neglect charity, with the excuse of daily urgencies. But, in doing so, we find ourselves disappointed: it is that very disappointment that Peter felt, with empty nets, like him. It is a road that takes you backwards, and does not satisfy you.

And what does Jesus do with Peter? He returns again to the shore of the lake where he had chosen him, Andrew, James and John. He does not reproach them – Jesus does not reproach, he touches the heart, always – but calls the disciples tenderly: "Children" (v. 5). Then he invites them, as before, to cast their nets again courageously. And this time the nets are filled to overflowing. Brothers and sisters, when our nets are empty in life, it is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves, to have fun, to return to old pastimes. It is time to begin again with Jesus, it is time to find the courage to begin again, it is time to put out to sea again with him. Always, faced with a disappointment, or a life that has lost its meaning somewhat – "today I feel as if I have gone backwards" – set out again with Jesus, start again, put out into the deep! He is waiting for you. And he is thinking only of you, me, each one of us.

Peter needed that "shock". When he hears John cry: "It is the Lord!" (v. 7), he immediately dives into the water and swims towards Jesus. It is a gesture of love, because love goes beyond usefulness, convenience or duty; love generates wonder, it inspires creative, freely-given zeal. In this way, while John, the youngest, recognizes the Lord, it is Peter, the eldest, who dives towards him. In that dive there is all the new-found enthusiasm of Simon Peter.

Dear brothers and sisters, today the Risen Christ invites us to a new impetus – everyone, each one of us – he invites us to dive into the good without the fear of losing something, without calculating too much, without waiting for others to begin. Why? Do not wait for others, because in order to go out to meet Jesus, we need to be put off balance. We need to be put off balance with courage, restore ourselves, but restore ourselves unbalanced, taking risks. Let us ask ourselves: am I capable of an outburst of generosity, or do I restrain the impulses of my heart and close myself off in routine, in fear? Jump in, dive in. This is today's word from Jesus.

Then, at the end of this episode, Jesus asks Peter, three times, the question: "Do you love me?" (vv. 15-16). The Risen Lord asks us too today: *Do you love me?* Because at Easter, Jesus wants our hearts to rise too; because faith is not a question of knowledge, but of love. *Do you love me?* Jesus asks you, me, us, who have empty nets and are afraid to start out again; who do not have the courage to dive in and have perhaps lost our momentum. *Do you love me?* Jesus asks. From then on, Peter stopped fishing forever and dedicated himself to the service of God and to his brothers and sisters to the point of giving his life here, where we are now. And what about us, do we want to love Jesus?

May Our Lady, who readily said "yes" to the Lord, help us to rediscover the impulse to do good.

## Our Lady of Divine Providence ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Luis Orlando González  
P. Vicar: Rev. Rafael Velázquez  
P. Vicar: Rev. Paul Passant

1310 Leeward Highway, P.O. Box 340  
Providenciales, Turks & Caicos Islands  
Phone: (649) 941-5136

[www.catholic.tc](http://www.catholic.tc) - [oldpchurch@catholic.tc](mailto:oldpchurch@catholic.tc)



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



#### 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.

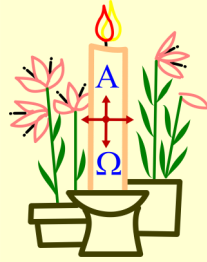
**1st Communions:** 19 June, 2022.

**Confirmation:** TBA

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus is the good shepherd and He does this by guiding you through the Church. Jesus says, that if you listen to His voice you will have eternal life! How can you listen. Paul Simon, in his famous song, "the sounds of Silence" says, "People hearing without listening." Is that you today? In order to listen to the Lord it is necessary to put things down and spend some quiet time listening to the Lord. Some may say "I do not have time for that." yes, but how much time do you spend on social media, the internet or watching movies or TV? The Lord is more important than these distractions! But there are other things that prevent you from listening, such as wanting to do your own will. Wanting things your way and not others and not even God's way. So you do not even ask the Lord, "What is your will, Lord for me today?" or in each situation that you confront. When a shepherd dies do you know what they do with the sheep? They kill them because they will not follow any other person and its more humanitarian to put them to death straight away. Because to listen to the voice of the shepherd is essential for both sheep and you and me. Our salvation depends upon it. Because the gospel of today, in speaking of His sheep, says, "I give them eternal life." If you want eternal life then listen to the Shepherd. Other blocks to listening are our busy lives which often put trivial things before the Lord. We are called then to listen to what the Lord is saying and this takes time and effort because its not always clear and perhaps you do not believe that you can really find out the will of the Lord for you by simply sitting down and praying in silence waiting for the Lord's guidance. Let us pray that all of us can learn how to listen, especially to the voice of the Lord.

Fr. Paul

## BLESSING OF THE HOUSES



During the 50 days of Easter (Between Easter Sunday and Pentecost), we bless the houses of all the members of the parish.

If you are interested in having your house blessed, please let any of the priests know which day and time you are available.

## HOW CAN WE SERVE GOD IN OUR CHURCH?

If any one is interested in serving God in any ministry like: the Eucharist, Lector, hospitality or singing in the choirs, please notify the pastor.

Fr. Orlando.

## HOLY HOUR

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 May 8-15

**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,  
**St. Damien of Molokai** 07:00pm 1st English. Red Room  
07:00pm 2nd English Maria Goretti  
07:00pm 1st Spanish. Blue Chapel  
07:00pm 2nd Spanish. B. Sacrament

**Wednesday:** 05:30pm Mass Church  
07:00pm 1st Creole, Red Room.  
07:00pm 3rd English, Maria Goretti  
07:00pm 2nd Creole, B. Sacrament  
07:00pm 4th English Blue Chapel

**Thursday:** 05:30pm D. Mass Chapel.  
06:00pm Creole Choir Practice Parish Hall.

**Friday:** 04:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction. Confessions  
**Our Lady of Lourdes** 05:30pm Daily Mass, Blue Chapel.

**Saturday:** 05:30pm Mass, Church  
**St. Matthias** 07:00pm NCW Eucharist



## School Notes

Holy Family Academy

Tel: (+1649) 941-7875



### Spirituality

As we finish our third week of Easter, HFA has resumed daily masses for each grade level in the school, where children have the opportunity to receive a word from the Lord. We continue to celebrate the 50 days of Joy with the children during this Easter season during these 50 days of Joy.

### Academics

HFA proudly supported its students Aeron Almendrala, Avri Forbes, Christian Jean, who participated in the Fortis TCI Science Debate. They represented Holy Family Academy with dignity and pride.

[www.hfa.catholic.tc](http://www.hfa.catholic.tc)

### 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](mailto: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