

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we will talk about Judith, a biblical heroine. The conclusion of the book that bears her name – we have listened to a passage – summarizes the final part of the life of this woman, who defended Israel from its enemies. Judith is a young and virtuous Jewish widow who, thanks to her faith, beauty and cunning, saved the city of Bethulia and the people of Judah from the siege of Holofernes, general of Nebuchadnezzar king of Assyria, an overbearing and contemptuous enemy of God. And so, with her astute way of acting, she was able to behead the dictator who came against the country. She was brave, this woman, but she had faith...

After her great adventure, Judith returned to live in her town, Bethulia, where she lived beautifully her old age, until she was one hundred and five. As it arrives for many people: sometimes after an intense life of work, sometimes after an adventurous existence, or one of great dedication. Heroism does not consist only of the great events that fall under the spotlight, such as that of Judith, who killed the dictator; it is often found, this heroism, in the tenacity of love poured out in a difficult family and on behalf of a threatened community.

Judith lived more than a hundred years, a particular blessing. But it is not uncommon today to live many years after retirement. How do we interpret, how do we make the most of this time we have? I will retire today, and will have many years ahead of me, and what can I do, in these years? How can I grow – in age, that takes care of itself; but how can I grow in authority, in holiness, in wisdom?

The prospect of retirement coincides for many people with that of a deserved and long-awaited rest from demanding and wearisome activities. But it also happens that the end of work can be a source for worry, and is accompanied with some trepidation. "What will I do, now that my life will be emptied of what filled it for so long?": this is the question. Daily work also means a set of relationships, the satisfaction of earning a living, the experience of having a role, well-deserved recognition, a full-time job that goes beyond working hours alone.

Certainly, there is the task, joyful and tiring, of looking after grandchildren, and today grandparents have a very important role in the family in helping to raise grandchildren; but we know that ever fewer children are born nowadays, and parents are often farther away, more subject to displacement, with unfavourable work and housing conditions. At times they are also more reluctant to leave space to grandparents for education, granting only what is strictly linked to the need for assistance. But someone said to me, with an ironic smile, "Nowadays, in this socio-economic situation, grandparents have become more important because they have a pension". They think in this way. There are new demands, also within the area of educational and family relations, that require us to re-shape the traditional connection between the generations..

Our Lady of Divine Providence

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FIFTH 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

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Christ is risen!!!

I am pleased to be with all our Parish community and the Holy Family Academy, in the light of the Paschal Mystery, which we celebrate in the liturgy throughout this time, and to renew the most beautiful Christian proclamation: "Christ is risen, alleluia!". How good God is to leads us to live the spiritual joy of Easter in communion with Mary Most Holy. During daily Mass in our school, I we have been meditating on the Joy and how to defend this Easter JOY.

We need to keep and be filled with the spiritual joy that the solemn celebrations of Easter truly bring to believers' hearts. Christ is risen! The liturgy devotes to this immense mystery not only a day - it would be too little for such joy-, but at least 50 days, that is, the entire Easter Season, which ends with Pentecost. This joy comes from Jesus' Resurrection.

Mary treasured in her heart the "Good News" of the Resurrection, the source and secret of the true joy and genuine peace that Christ who died and rose again won for us with his sacrifice on the Cross. Let us ask Mary to continue to guide our steps in this period of spiritual joy, just as she accompanied us during the days of the Passion, so that we may grow more and more in the knowledge and love of the Lord and become witnesses and apostles of his peace, because God is Love and He loves us.

God Bless,

Fr. Orlando

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

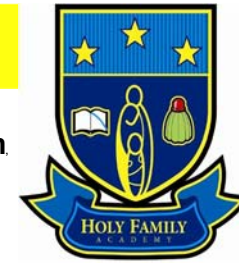
Wednesday: 05:30pm Mass Church
07:00pm 1st Creole, Red Room.
07:00pm 3rd English, Maria Goretti
07:00pm 2nd Creole, B. Sacrament
07:00pm 4th English Blue Chapel

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

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

Saturday: 05:30pm Mass, Church

07:00pm NCW Eucharist



School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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Spirituality

At Holy Family Academy, we prioritize giving our students the opportunity to have an examination of conscience. We teach them the importance of understanding what is right and wrong and to live a life by following the example of Christ.

Academics

HFA students are working diligently this last term of the year. With many events approaching, students are focusing very hard on their academics to ensure they transition easily to their next grade.

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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