

Pope Francis Audience 5 February 2025

Today we will contemplate the beauty of Jesus Christ our hope in the mystery of the Visitation. The Virgin Mary visits Saint Elizabeth; but it is above all *Jesus*, in His mother's womb, who *visits His people* as Zechariah says in his hymn of praise. After the astonishment and wonder at what has been announced to her by the Angel, Mary gets up and sets out on a journey, because "the only act with which man can respond to God who is revealed to him is that of unlimited readiness". This young daughter of Israel does not choose to protect herself from the world; she does not fear dangers and the judgements of others, but goes out towards other people.

When we feel loved, we experience a force that sets love in motion; as the apostle Paul says, "the love of Christ impels us" (2Cor5:14), it drives us, it moves us. Mary feels the push of this love, and goes to help a woman who is her relative who, after a long wait, is welcoming an un hoped-for pregnancy, difficult to deal with at her age. But the Virgin also goes to Elizabeth to share her faith in the God of the impossible and her hope in the fulfilment of His promises. The encounter between the two women produces a surprising impact: the voice of Mary, "full of grace", who greets Elizabeth provokes the prophecy in the child the older woman is carrying in her womb, and inspires in her a dual blessing: "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!". And also a beatitude: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled". Faced with the recognition of the messianic identity of her Son and her mission as mother, Mary does not speak of herself but of God, and raises a praise full of faith, hope and joy, a song that resounds every day in the Church during the prayer of Vespers: the *Magnificat*. This praise to God the saviour, which gushed forth from the heart of his humble servant, is a solemn memorial that synthesizes and fulfils the prayer of Israel. It is interwoven with biblical resonances, a sign that Mary does not want to sing "out of the choir" but to tune in with the forefathers, exalting her compassion for the humble, those little ones whom Jesus in his preaching will declare "blessed".

The prominent presence of the paschal motif also makes the *Magnificat* a hymn of redemption, which has as its backdrop the memory of the liberation of Israel from Egypt. The verbs are all in the past, imbued with a memory of the love that lights up the present with faith and illuminates the future with hope: Mary sings of the grace of the past, but she is the woman of the present who carries the future in her womb. The first part of this canticle praises God's action in Mary, a microcosm of the people of God who adhere fully to the covenant; the second ranges from the work of the Father in the macrocosm of the history of His son through three key words: memory, mercy, promise. The Lord, who bowed down to the humble Mary to fulfil "great things" in her and make her the mother of the Lord, began to save His people starting from the exodus, remembering the universal blessing promised to Abraham. The Lord God who is the faithful for ever, showered an uninterrupted stream of merciful love "from age to age" upon the people loyal to the covenant, and now manifests the fullness of salvation in His Son, sent to save the people from their sins. From Abraham to Jesus Christ and the community of believers, the Passover thus appears as the key for understanding every subsequent liberation, up to that realized by the Messiah in the fullness of time.

Let us ask the Lord for the grace to be able to wait for the fulfilment of every one of His promises; and to help us to welcome Mary's presence in our life. By following her example, may we all discover that every soul that believes and hopes "conceives and begets the Word of God" (Luke 2, 26)

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SIXTH 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, 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.**

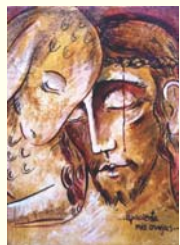
Anointing of the Sick: Upon request.

**Confessions: Everyday before Mass or
by appointment.**

Today's Gospel is a real call to a change of life and to get a new mentality. It asks you the question, "Do you have a comfortable life now?" Well then, this Gospel comes to shake you up. It says that if you are having a good time now, then this will end up by being reversed in Heaven and the opposite if you are struggling in life now. If things are going badly for you then heaven will be full of joy.! The exact words of the Gospel are, "Woe to you who are filled now you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and mourn." So this means that heaven will reverse your current situation. What can be done? One thing is to help the poor by giving some of your wealth away, for example. Not to live lavishly and have your heart set on worldly things such as striving to climb the ladder at work. Having to have the best, even down to running shoes! Or the latest fashions etc. In other words, having a worldly mentality. Seeing things only from this perspective and not really working for the things in life that are important.

There is also a deeper meaning to the Gospel and that is, with the grace of God, to begin to see that you are poor. This means to discover your weaknesses and inadequacies. That you really are a disorganized mess, like me! If you think you can achieve things by your own strength then you should be worried. When you discover situations that are impossible for you, then bless the Lord! He is showing you that you really are a poor person desperately in need of His grace. Hence, why the poor, (not just financially), are so blessed. This 'poverty' leads to 'hungering' for the Lord's grace and that is the place to be. Finally, those "who are weeping" refers to those who are weeping for their sins. and they will receive the joy of knowing the Lord's forgiveness. Jesus does not give this Word to condemn but that we may experience His merciful love.

Fr. Paul



"Come to me, all who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."
(Matthew 11:28)

**Are you suffering and don't know why?
Worried about the future?
Do you feel alone ?**

Come and Listen God Loves You!

Catechesis for Youth and Adults
(13 years old and up)

**Mondays and Thursdays
at 7:00pm**
(Free babysitting available)

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

Parish Events Feb 16-23

Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm.

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 Seven founders of Servites
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, St. Joseph's Room
07:00pm Spanish, St. Maria Goretti

Wednesday
05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm Third English, SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm Fourth English, St. Joseph Room
07:00pm Fifth English, Blue Chapel
07:00pm Creole Blessed Sacrament Chapel—

Thursday
05:30 pm Daily Mass SMG, Upper Room

Friday St. Peter Damian
04:00 pm Adoration, SMG upstairs
05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG upstairs

Saturday Chair of St. Peter
05:30 pm Mass in Church
07:00 pm Eucharist NCW



School Notes

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Thursday morning Mass, taught that having true humility, like the Syrophenician woman's, allows us to recognize our place before God, receive His blessings, and connect meaningfully with others, giving us prosperity and joy.



The 11th grade class spread the love (and raised some funds!) with their Valentine's Day event. The festive occasion was a hit with students and staff alike, A big thank you to the 11th grade for organizing such a successful and enjoyable event!

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