

Pope Francis Audience 8 February 2023

Then, the second part of the journey took place in Juba, capital of South Sudan, a state that was born in 2011. This visit had a very special character, expressed by the motto that echoed the words of Jesus: "I pray for all to be one" (cf. *Jn* 17:21). Indeed, it was an ecumenical pilgrimage of peace, made together with the leaders of two Churches historically present in that land: the Anglican Communion and the Church of Scotland. It was the culmination of a journey undertaken some years ago, when we gathered in Rome in 2019, with the South Sudanese leaders, to take on the commitment to overcome conflict and to build peace. In 2019 there was a spiritual retreat here, in the Curia, with all these politicians, with all these people aspiring to positions, some of them enemies, but they were all at the retreat. And this gave the strength to go forward. Unfortunately, the reconciliation process has not advanced much, and the nascent South Sudan is a victim of the old logic of power and rivalry, which produces war, violence, refugees and internally displaced persons. I am very thankful to Mr. President for the welcome he gave me and for how he is trying to manage this path, which is not at all easy, say "no" to corruption and to arms trafficking, and "yes" to encounter and dialogue. And this is shameful: many so-called "civilized" countries offer aid to South Sudan, and this aid consists of weapons, weapons, weapons, to foment war. This is shameful. And yes, pushing forward saying "no" to corruption and to arms trafficking, and "yes" to encounter and dialogue. Only in this way will there be development, will people be able to work in peace, the sick be cured, and children go to school. The ecumenical nature of the visit to South Sudan was manifested in particular in the prayer meeting held together with our Anglican brothers and those of the Church of Scotland. Together we listened to the Word of God, together we raised prayers of praise, supplication and intercession. In a reality as highly conflictual as that of South Sudan, this sign is fundamental, and not to be taken for granted, because unfortunately there are those who abuse the name of God to justify violence and oppression. Brothers and sisters, South Sudan is a country of around eleven million inhabitants – it is tiny! – of whom, as a result of the armed conflicts, two million are internally displaced and as many have fled to neighbouring countries. Therefore, I wished to meet a large group of internally displaced persons, to listen to them and to make them feel Christ's closeness. Indeed, the Churches and organizations of Christian inspiration are on the first line next to these poor people, who have lived for years in IDP camps. In particular I addressed women – there are good women there! – who are the force that can transform the country, and I encouraged everyone to be seeds of a new South Sudan, without violence, reconciled and pacified. Then, in the meeting with the pastors and consecrated persons of the local Church, we looked at Moses as a model of obedience to God and perseverance in intercession. And in the Eucharistic celebration, the final act of the visit to South Sudan and of the entire journey, I echoed the Gospel, encouraging Christians to be "salt and light" in that sorely troubled land. God places his hope not in the great and the powerful, but in the small and the humble. And this is God's way of going. Let us pray for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in South Sudan, and all Africa,

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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, 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.

The Law is a good thing but the problem with it is that it cannot give you the strength to keep it! Everyone knows what is the right thing to do, but the strength to do it is lacking. It can seem that Jesus came to get rid of the Law but He says that this is not true. Then , what is the purpose of the Law if you cannot keep it? Precisely because it shows you that you cannot keep it. This is its function! Then what is there to do? Well, the law comes to enlighten you about your sinful nature and show to you your frailties and weaknesses. If, through the Law you discover your sins, then, blessed be God. The law has fulfilled its purpose. Then what? Then you can see the need to ask for the Holy Spirit because in the sermon on the mount, of which today's gospel is a part, Jesus makes the Law even more difficult. Before this to kill someone you actually had to end their life. Now you just have to call him a fool. Also, to commit adultery you needed to go to bed with a married person, now you just have to look and you have committed it. This makes it easy to see that everyone is in serious need of help from the Lord as no one can possibly keep the new law that Jesus gives.

Secondly, Jesus emphasizes the need to be reconciled with others, before making your offering, which is the eucharist. It is imperative to ask the Lord His gift of reconciling with everyone around us.

Finally, Jesus says to say things as they are. To call a spade a spade. We often think people like that are pains but that is the way to be Christian. May the Lord grant us all the grace to recognize our weaknesses , to reconcile and to speak the truth plainly without any fear.

Fr. Paul



Have you found what you are looking for in life?

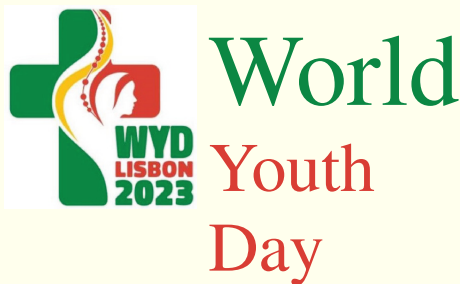
Are you suffering?

Do you find it difficult to be happy?

COME AND LISTEN

**Mondays and Thursdays
7 – 8 PM.**

Everyone 13 & older



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

Parish Events Feb. 12-19

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

04:00 pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.
05:00 pm Fraternite, 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

Tuesday St.s Cyril & Methodius The Law is

05:30 pm
07:00pm 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

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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.Holy Family Academy celebrated the feast of Saint Paul Miki and companions where the children learned of the Martyrs of Japan. Through their faith and death, the Holy Spirit planted a strong seed in Japan that spread Christianity in a time of persecution and fear. In this way, we are called to give our lives for evangelization and to serve others.



.HFA's 11th grade has been putting into this into practice To serve the other is something very important which is why our graduating class is required to serve their community as a requirement to graduate.

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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 holyfamilytc@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