

“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 reshape the traditional connection between the generations.

But, let us ask ourselves: are we making this effort to “reshape”? Or do we simply suffer the inertia of material and economic conditions? The co-presence of generations is, in fact, lengthening. Are we all trying together to make these conditions more human, more loving, more just, according to the new conditions of modern societies? For grandparents, an important part of their vocation is to support their sons and daughters in the upbringing of their children. The little ones learn the power of tenderness and respect for frailty: irreplaceable lessons that, are easier to impart and receive with grandparents. For their part, grandparents learn that tenderness and frailty are not solely signs of decline: for young people, they are conditions that humanize the future.

Judith was soon widowed and had no children, but, as an old woman, she was able to live a *season of fullness and serenity*, in the knowledge that she had lived to the fullest the mission the Lord had entrusted to her. It was time for her to leave the good legacy of wisdom, tenderness, and gifts for her family and her community: *a legacy of goodness and not only of goods*. When we think of a legacy, at times we think of *goods*, and not of the *goodness* that is done in old age, and that has been sown, that *goodness* that is the best legacy we can leave.

It was precisely in her old age that Judith “granted freedom to her favourite handmaid.” This is a sign of an attentive and humane approach to those who had been close to her. This maid had accompanied her at the moment of that adventure, to win over the dictator and to cut his throat. When we are old, we lose some of our sight, but our inner gaze becomes more penetrating – one sees with the heart. We become capable of seeing things that previously escaped us. The elderly know how to look, and they know how to see... It is true: the Lord does not entrust his talents only to the young and the strong. He has talents for everyone, made to fit each person, the elderly too. The life of our communities must know how to benefit from the talents and charisms of so many elderly people who are already retired, but who are a wealth to be treasured. On the part of the elderly themselves, this requires a creative attention, a new attention, a generous availability. The previous skills of active life lose their constraint and become resources to be given away: teaching, advising, building, caring, listening...preferably in favour of the most disadvantaged who cannot afford any learning or who are abandoned in their loneliness.

Judith freed her maid and showered everyone with attention. As a young woman, she had won the esteem of the community with her courage. As an old woman, she garnered esteem because of the tenderness with which she enriched their freedom and affections. Judith is not a pensioner who lives the emptiness it brings melancholically: she is a passionate mature woman who fills the time God gives her with gifts. Remember: one of these days, take the Bible and look at the Book of Judith: it is very short, you can read it ... it is ten pages long, no more. Read this story of a courageous woman who ends up this way, with tenderness, generosity, a worthy woman. And this is how I would like all our grandmothers to be: courageous, wise, and who bequeath to us not money, but the legacy of wisdom, sown in their grandchildren. Thank you.

# Our Lady of Divine Providence

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### SIXTH 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,

What a wonderful reminder that we all need to hear on a regular basis: "Do not let your heart be troubled." and "Do not let your heart be afraid." The Lord wants to be clear and wants us to know that a troubled and fearful heart is not of Him. To be troubled and fearful is a great burden and weighs us down. Jesus desperately wants us to be free of these burdens. He wants us to be free so that we can experience the joy of life.

Therefore, every year during this time of Easter is a moment of special grace and great joy. In this Sunday of Easter, it is also in Newark the time of ordination of deacons, where one of our brothers from TCI, Frenel Phanord, will be ordained a transitional deacon and next year, if God's will, be ordained priest.

If the presence of priests is indispensable for the Church's life, then it is precious for all. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read that Paul, Barnabas and Silas brought the Gospel to many cities. The people enthusiastically adhered to their teaching, while also seeing the wondrous signs that they performed in Jesus' name create so much joy in those cities.

As Christians, I was saying to the children in the school Mass that we need to remember that the Eucharistic celebration, in the sense of the Church's mission, is to sow the joy of the Gospel in the world! Where Christ is preached with the power of the Holy Spirit and is accepted with an open heart, so our society, although full of many problems, becomes a "city of joy." I would like to see this joy and peace also on this island. 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

**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

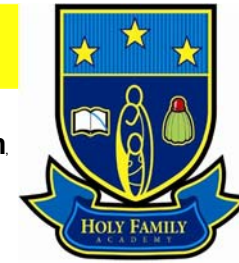
**Wednesday:** 05:30pm Mass Church  
07:00pm 1st Creole, Red Room.  
07:00pm 3rd English, Maria Goretti  
07:00pm 2nd Creole, B. Sacrament  
07:00pm 4th English Blue Chapel

**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.

[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