

## Pope Francis Regina Coeli 14May, 2023

The Gospel for today, the Sixth Sunday of Easter, speaks to us about the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus calls the *Paraclete* (cf. *Jn* 14:15-17). *Paraclete* is a word that comes from Greek, which means both *consoler* and *advocate* [editor's note: the word also means 'lawyer' in Italian] at the same time. This means that the Holy Spirit never leaves us alone, he is near to us, like an advocate who assists the accused person, standing by his or her side. And he suggests to us how to defend ourselves from those who accuse us. Let us recall that the great accuser is always the devil, who puts sin inside of you, the desire to sin, wickedness. Let us reflect on these two aspects: his closeness to us, and his assistance against those who accuse us.

His *closeness*: the Holy Spirit, Jesus says, "dwells with you and will be in you" (cf. v. 17). He never abandons us. The Holy Spirit wants to stay with us: he is not a passing guest who comes to pay us a courtesy visit. He is a companion for life, a stable presence. He is Spirit and desires to dwell in our spirits. He is patient and stays with us even when we fall. He remains because he truly loves us; he does not pretend to love us, and then leave us alone when things get difficult. No. He is faithful, he is transparent, he is authentic.

On the contrary! If we find ourselves in a moment of trial, the Holy Spirit consoles us, bringing us God's pardon and strength. And when he places our errors before us and corrects us, he does so gently – there is always the timbre of tenderness and the warmth of love in his voice that speaks to the heart. Certainly, the Spirit, the Paraclete, is demanding, because he is a true, faithful friend, who does not hide anything, who suggests what needs to change and where growth needs to take place. But when he corrects us, he never humiliates us, and never instills distrust. Rather, he conveys the certainty that with God, we can always make it. This is his closeness. This is a beautiful certainty.

The Spirit as Paraclete is the second aspect. He is our *advocate* and he defends us. He defends us from those who accuse us: from ourselves when we do not appreciate and forgive ourselves, when we go so far as perhaps saying to ourselves that we have failed, that we are good for nothing; from the world who discards those who do not fit into its dictates and patterns; from the devil who is the "accuser" *par excellence* and the divider (cf. *Rev* 12:10), and does everything to make us feel incapable and unhappy.

In the face of all these accusing thoughts, the Holy Spirit suggests to us how to respond. How? The Paraclete, Jesus says, is the One who "reminds us of everything Jesus told us" (cf. *Jn* 14:26). He *reminds* us, therefore, of the words of the Gospel, and thus enables us to respond to the accusing devil, not with our own words, but with the Lord's own words. He reminds us, above all, that Jesus always spoke of the Father who is in heaven, he made the Father known to us, and revealed the Father's love for us, that we are his children. If we call on the Spirit, we will learn to embrace and recall the most important truth of life that protects us from the accusations of the evil one. And what is the most important truth in life? That we are beloved children of God. We are God's beloved children: this is the most important truth, and the Spirit reminds us of this.

Brothers and sisters, let us ask ourselves today: Do we call on the Holy Spirit? Do we pray to him often? Let us not forget about the one who is close to us, or rather, is within us! Then: Do we listen to his voice, both when he encourages us and when he corrects us? Do we respond with Jesus's words to the accusations from the evil one, to the "tribunals" of life? Do we remember that we are beloved children of God? May Mary make us docile to the voice of the Holy Spirit and sensitive to his presence

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## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION



### 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.**

**1st Confessions: 09 June, 2023.**

**1st Communions: 11 June, 2023.**

**Confirmations: 22 October, 2023.**

**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.**

The feast of the Ascension continues the “Paschal Mystery”. This is the passage from the passion of our Lord to His Resurrection and now His ascending into heaven. The whole mystery will finish with Pentecost next Sunday. The word ‘Paschal’ refers to the ‘Passover’, that is Jesus passing from death to life, but today He is passing, bodily into Heaven. He is the first man to get into heaven. Not only that but He opens heaven this day for all the human race and so that is why today is such an important feast. I never really thought much of this feast until I started to contemplate it and I put this question to myself, “What if Adam and Eve had not committed the original sin?” I concluded that they would have remained in an earthly paradise and therefore not gotten into heaven, as we understand it. Because of original sin, the Father, out of love for us, sent His only son to die and rise for us but not only this. He ascended into heaven so that now we no longer have an earthly paradise but a heavenly one in the very presence of God. This is how the Lord shows us just how merciful and kind He is, and that He cannot be outdone in His generosity to us sinners. In fact, it is through original sin the Father has given us a greater blessing. In the Exultet of the Easter vigil we sing “O truly necessary sin of Adam”, and “O happy fault that earned so great a savior.” How mysterious is our God. He uses even original sin and all the rest of our sins and turns them into an even greater blessing. If you are overburdened by your sins, or those of someone else, the Lord is saying to you in today’s Gospel, “I am with you always, even to the end of time.” He is always with us no matter what, even if we are not aware of Him. Let us pray that we can all experience the kindness and closeness of the Lord through this very important feast

Fr. Paul.

## BAPTISM REQUIREMENTS

- Child’s birth certificate.
- Complete application form.

### Parents & godparents:

- Catechetical preparation (3 classes).

### Godparents:

- Minimum 16 years old.
- Confirmed Catholic practicing the Catholic faith.



## BLESSING OF THE HOUSES

During this Easter Season the priests of the parish will be blessing the houses in the island, if you are interested, please contact the church to schedule the visit.



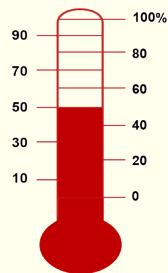
## HOLY HOUR

FRIDAYS  
4:00 pm—5:00pm.



## WORLD YOUTH DAY

PLEASE HELP US GET THERE  
(53 young and adults \$ 3,500 each)



Goal:  
**US\$ 185,500**

To Date:  
**US\$ 80,200**

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

Checks can be made to **Our Lady of Divine Providence - WYD** Thank you!

## Parish Events May 21-28

**Sunday Holy Mass: 09:00 am.10:30am. and 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 St. Rita of Cascia**  
05:30 pm D. and Mass Chapel  
07:30pm AA meetings Parish Hall.

**Tuesday**  
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel  
07:00pm First English, Parish Hall  
07:00pm First Spanish Blue Chapel  
07:00pm Second Spanish, red room  
07:00pm Second English, SM.Goretti

**Wednesday**  
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel  
07:00pm First Creole, Parish Hall  
07:00pm Second Creole. Bl. Sac. Chapel  
07:00pm Third English S.M.Goretti  
07:00pm Fourth English, Red Room  
07:00pm Fifth English, Blue Chapel

**Thursday St. Pope Gregory VII**  
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel

**Friday St. Philip Neri**  
04:00pm Adoration, Blue Chapel  
05:30pm D. Mass Chapel  
07:00pm AA Parish Hall meetings

**Saturday Vigil of Pentecost**  
05:30pm Mass Church  
07:00pm NCW Eucharist



## School Notes

Holy Family Academy  
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Our students at HFA received a powerful word this week in which they were called by the Gospel to seek a true relationship with their worldly father. It was explained how seeking to have a relationship with their father includes seeking a relationship with God our Father who asks us to “abide in His Holy Love”.

HFA is sustained by two important pillars, which are spirituality and academics. It is crucial there is a balance between these two in order to nurture the growth of our students, both in their spirituality and education, for them to thrive and understand their purpose in this world.

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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](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:

- Walkie-Talkie Radios
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Ping Pong table.
- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255
- Projectors
- Sports ballons