

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In the past few days, [I went to Portugal for the 37th World Youth Day](#).

This World Youth Day in Lisbon, after the pandemic, was considered by all to be a gift of God, who has set in motion once again the hearts and the steps of the world's youth on the path of the Gospel: many young people from all over the world, many of them! To meet each other and to meet Jesus.

The pandemic, as we well know, had a severe impact on social behaviour: isolation often degenerated into closure, and young people were particularly affected. With this World Youth Day, God gave a "push" in the other direction. It marked a new beginning of the great pilgrimage of young people across the continents, in the name of Jesus Christ.

And it was not a coincidence that this happened in Lisbon, a city overlooking the ocean, a city that is a symbol of the great explorations by sea.

And so, at World Youth Day, the Gospel proposed to young people the model of the Virgin Mary. At her most critical moment, she goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth, and the Gospel says Mary "arose and went in haste" (Lk 1:39). I like to invoke Our Lady in this way, Our Lady "in haste". She always does things in haste, she never makes us wait; She is the mother of everyone. In this way, Mary guides the pilgrimage of young people in following Jesus today, in the third millennium. Just as she did a century ago in Portugal, at Fatima, when she spoke to three children, entrusting them with a message of faith and hope for the Church and the world. That is why, in World Youth Day, I returned to [Fatima](#), where the apparition took place, and, together with some sick young people, I prayed to God that he would heal the world of the diseases of the soul: pride, lies, enmity, violence are diseases of the soul, and the world is ailing from these diseases. And we renewed our consecration, the consecration of Europe, of the world, to Mary, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I prayed for peace because there are so many wars all over the world, so many.

The young people of the world came to Lisbon in large numbers and with great enthusiasm. I met them in small groups and some with a great deal of problems; the group of young Ukrainians who brought stories that were painful. It was not a holiday, a tourist trip, nor even a spiritual event for its own sake. World Youth Day is an encounter with the living Christ through the Church, the young people go to encounter Christ; it is true that where there are young people there is joy, there is a bit of all these things!

[My visit to Portugal](#), on the occasion of World Youth Day, benefited from its festive atmosphere, this wave of young people. I thank God for this,

Our Lady of Divine Providence

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XIX SUNDAY 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.

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.

From the pastor's desk:

Dear brothers and sisters,

In today's Gospel, Jesus withdraws to the mountain to pray and find solace. He distances himself from the people and disciples to show his communion with the Father and the importance of prayer. The church invites us to pray as well, as it is through prayer that we can find rest. The disciples were sent ahead in a boat while Jesus prayed alone. The boat symbolizes the Church, built by Christ and steered by the Apostles. Jesus wanted to teach the disciples to bear life's adversities courageously, trusting in God, in the One who revealed himself to the Prophet Elijah on Mount Horeb "in a still small voice".

When the disciples were beaten by the waves, Jesus came to them walking on the sea. The sea symbolizes this life and the instability of the visible world, while the storm points to every kind of trial or difficulty that oppresses human beings. Peter, moved by an impulse of love for the Teacher, asks him to bid him to come to him, walking on the water. Peter walks on the water, not by his own effort, but through divine grace, which he believes in. However, when he saw the wind was strong, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

The Lord leaned down and took Peter by the hand, and He did not say this to Peter alone but also to us. Peter failed to put full trust in the Teacher's words and risked sinking in the sea of life. If we look only at ourselves, we become dependent on the winds and can no longer pass through storms on the waters of life. The Lord is always close, being at the root of our being. Yet we must experience our relationship with God between the poles of distance and closeness. By closeness, we are strengthened, by distance we are put to the test.

The experience of the Prophet Elijah who heard God passing and the troubled faith of the Apostle Peter enable us to understand that even before we stretch out His hand to us a

and raise us to His heights. All He expects of us is that we trust totally in Him, that we really take hold of His hand and love Him. Because God is love and He loves us.

May God bless you all.
Fr. Orlando

The youth from TCI, along with brothers from Belize and Florida, had a 10-day trip to Spain and Portugal for WYD with Pope Francis.



We warmly **welcome back** the members of our group who represented the Catholic Church from TCI at the World Youth Day in Portugal last week. We pray that the Lord may reward all those who made this pilgrimage possible.



HOLY HOUR

FRIDAYS

4:00 pm— 5:00pm.

Parish Events July 13-August 21

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. Maximilin Colbe, martir

05:30 pm D. and Mass Chapel
07:30pm AA meetings Parish Hall.

Tuesday Assumption of the V. Mary

05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel
07:00pm All in the church

Wednesday Stephen of Hungary

05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel
07:00pm All English SMG
07:00pm Creole , Red Room

Thursda

05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel

Friday

04:00pm Adoration, Blue Chapel
05:30pm D. Mass Chapel

Saturday St. John Eudes

05:30pm Mass Church
NCW Eucharist



School Notes

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It has been a amazing year!

We give thanks to the Lord for all the blessings received during this school year, as well to all those who have supported and accompanied us in many different ways.

May the Lord reward you a hundred-fold!

See you after the Summer Break!

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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:

- AED
- Asthma Inhalers
- Walkie-Talkie Radios
- Projectors