

## Pope Francis Audience Holy Spirit and Mary 13 November 2024

Among the various means by which the Holy Spirit implements His work of sanctification in the Church – the Word of God, the Sacraments, prayer – there is one in entirely particular, and it is *Marian piety*. In the Catholic tradition there is this motto, this saying: “to Jesus by means of Mary”. Our Lady lets us see Jesus. She opens the doors to us, always! Our Lady is the mother who leads us by the hand towards Jesus. Our Lady never points to herself, Our Lady points to Jesus. And this is Marian piety: to Jesus by the hands of Our Lady. The true and only mediator between us and Christ is the Holy Spirit. Mary is one of the means the Holy Spirit uses to bring us to Jesus [1]. Saint Paul defines the Christian community as “a letter of Christ administered by us, written not in ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets that are hearts of flesh” Mary, as the first disciple and figure of the Church, is also a letter written with the Spirit of the living God. Precisely for this reason, she can be “known and read by all”, even those “little ones” to whom Jesus says that the mysteries of the Kingdom, hidden to the wise, are revealed. By saying her “Yes, let the Lord’s will be done” it is as though Mary said to God: “Here I am, I am a tablet to be written on: let the Writer write what he wants, make of me what the Lord of all wishes” [2]. At that time, people wrote on waxed tablets; today we would say that Mary offers herself like a blank page on which the Lord can write whatever He wants. Mary’s “Yes” to the Angel represents “the apex of all religious behaviour before God, since she expresses, in the highest manner, passive availability combined with active readiness, the deepest emptiness that accompanies the greatest fullness” This, then, is how the Mother of God is an instrument of the Holy Spirit in His work of sanctification. In the midst of the endless profusion of words said and written about God, the Church and holiness (that very few, or no-one, is able to read and understand fully), she suggests a few words that everyone, even the simplest, can say on any occasion: “*behold*” and “*let it be done*”. Mary is the one who said “Yes” to the Lord, and with her example and by her intercession urges us to say our “Yes” to Him too, whenever we are faced with an act of obedience to perform or a trial to overcome. In every age of our history, but in particular at this time, the Church finds herself in the same situation as the Christian community in the aftermath of Jesus’ Ascension to heaven. It had to preach the Gospel to all nations, but was awaiting the “power from on high” in order to be able to do it. And let us not forget that, at that time, as we read in the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples were gathered around “Mary the mother of Jesus” It is true that there were also other women together with her in the Upper Room, but her presence is different and unique among them all. Between her and the Holy Spirit there is a unique and eternally indestructible bond that is the very person of Christ Himself, “who was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary”, as we recite in the Creed. The evangelist Luke deliberately highlights the correlation between the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Mary in the Annunciation and His coming to the disciples at Pentecost, using some identical expressions in both cases. Saint Francis of Assisi, in one of his prayers, greets Our Lady as “daughter and handmaid of the heavenly Father, the almighty King, Mother of our most high Lord Jesus Christ, and Spouse of the Holy Spirit” [4]. Daughter of the Father, Spouse of the Holy Spirit! The unique relationship between Mary and the Trinity could not be illustrated in simpler words.

Like all images, this one of the “Spouse of the Holy Spirit” must not be rendered absolute, but taken for that amount of truth it contains, and it is a very beautiful truth. She is the bride, but before that, she is the disciple of the Holy Spirit. Bride and disciple. Let us learn from her to be docile to the inspirations of the Spirit, especially when He suggests to us to “arise in haste” and go to help someone who needs us, as she did straight after the angel left her (cf. *Lk 1:39*). Thank you!

## Our Lady of Divine Providence ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor: Rev. Luis Orlando González**  
**P. Vicar: Rev. Rafael Velázquez**  
**P. Vicar: Rev. Paul Passant**

**1310 Leeward Highway, Providenciales.**  
**P.O. Box 340, Turks & Caicos Islands.**  
**Phone: (+1649) 941-5136**

[www.catholic.tc](http://www.catholic.tc) - [oldpchurch@catholic.tc](mailto:oldpchurch@catholic.tc)



## SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING/PARISH FEAST



### 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: November 10, 2024.**

**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.**

## Last Sunday of the Liturgical year Cicle B

Just what is a king? Someone to be obeyed and to be respected. He is the leader of a country or a people. So, Jesus is our king. He asks obedience of us and love for Him but it is only to Pilate that He admits He is a king. He is a different type of King. He is Humble and not demanding. He leaves you free to do what you want ,even to sin! Yet where did Jesus wear His crown? He wore it when He was on the cross. That is were He reigned from. He is a very different type of King then! Our king goes to His death on our behalf. He becomes our savior. He dies and suffers in your place and mine. What a wonderful and generous king we have.

Secondly this king is the truth. He shows everyone what it means to be a Christian. He is the Truth and by reigning from the cross He shows us how to be and that is that the sufferings of this life are not the end. He shows us that suffering and pain have been overcome in Him. That it is possible for you to “reign” in the middle of your sufferings, with the grace of he Lord. That you can still be joyful in the midst of suffering. We are not called to be masochists, i.e. someone who likes pain or to suffer, but to discover through our daily crosses that the Lord is risen over them. This happens when you are in the middle of the cross and you are not overwhelmed by it Instead, you experience peace.

We pray that all of us can have this experience that Jesus is “King” over our sufferings without taking them away and give us Hi grace not to escape from suffering.

Fr. Paul



### HOLY HOUR FRIDAYS

**4:00 pm—5:00pm.**  
Holy Rosary in three languages, readings reflection, and meditation on the Holy Eucharist.  
In the Upper Room St. Maria Goretti.

### PARISH FESTIVAL

This Sunday, November 24, we will celebrate two significant events: Christ the King and our Parish Festival. After the main Mass, we will share international food and, as usual, enjoy games and presentations. It is a day of Communion with God and one another.

### The HOLY DOOR Will close this Sunday 24 November.

In order to get a **Plenary Indulgence**, which is a full remission of Purgatory, for either yourself or for the soul of someone who has died, the following conditions are needed. sacramental confession within a few days before or after. Passing through the Holy Door

1. Praying the creed, the Our Father, a Hail Mary for Pope Francis' intentions.

Attending Mass in this Church and receiving Holy Communion..

## Parish Events Nov. 24-Dec. 1

### Holy Mass: 11:00am

04:00pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.  
05:00pm Fraternelle, 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 St. Catherine of Alexandria

05:00pm Confession near Holy Door  
05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room

### Tuesday

05:00pm Confession near Holy Door  
05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room  
07:00pm First English St. Mary Chapel  
07:00pm Second English SMG  
07:00pm Spanish St. Joseph room

### Wednesday

05:00pm Confession near Holy Door  
05:30 pm Daily Mass SMG, Upper Room  
07:00pm 3rd English SMG, Upstairs  
07:00pm 4th English St. Joseph Room  
07:00pm 5th English St. Mary's  
07:00pm Creole Bl. Sac. Chapel

### Thursday

05:00pm Confessions near Holly Door  
05:30pm Daily Mass SMG, Upper Room

### Friday

04:00pm Adoration, SMG upstairs  
05:30pm Daily Mass ,SMG upstairs

### Saturday St. Andrew

05:30pm Mass in Church  
07:00pm Eucharist NCW



## School Notes

Holy Family Academy  
Tel: (+1649) 941-7875

All grades in Holy family Academy have prepared all week for our parish feast celebration, and students were also invited to a Saturday morning prayer at 5am.



On Tuesday, 12th grade students participated in the TCI environmental tourism day, at the community college.

[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.

Your sponsorship payment can be done through direct deposit or bank transfer or by donating any of the items below.

- Projectors and projector screens
- Projector stands
- Art Supplies
- Printing Paper
- Sport supplies
- Asthma Inhalers & AED

Click on our [Wish List](#) or scan the code to see more!

