

POPE FRANCIS: *GENERAL AUDIENCE*

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Let us continue to explore the theme of discernment. Last time we considered prayer, understood as familiarity and confidence with God, as an indispensable element. Prayer, not like parrots, but as familiarity and confidence with God; the prayer of children to their Father; prayer with an open heart. We saw this in the last catechesis. Today I would like, in an almost complementary way, to emphasize that good discernment also requires self-knowledge. Knowing oneself. And this is not easy. Indeed, discernment involves our human faculties: memory, intellect, will, affections. Often, we do not know how to discern because we do not know ourselves well enough, and so we do not know what we really want. You have often heard: “But that person, why doesn’t he sort out his life? He has never known what he wants...”. Without getting to that extreme, but it happens to us too that we do not know clearly what we want, we do not know ourselves well.

Underlying spiritual doubts and vocational crises, there is — not infrequently — insufficient dialogue between religious life and our human, cognitive and affective dimension. A writer on spirituality noted how many difficulties on the theme of discernment are indicative of problems of another kind, that should be recognized and explored. This author writes: “I have come to the conviction that the greatest obstacle to true discernment (and to real growth in prayer) is not the intangible nature of God, but the fact that we do not know ourselves sufficiently, and do not even want to know ourselves as we really are. Almost all of us hide behind a mask, not only in front of others, but also when we look in the mirror” (cf. Thomas H. Green, *Weeds Among the Wheat*, 1984). We all have the temptation to wear a mask, even in front of ourselves.

Forgetting God’s presence in our life goes hand in hand with our ignorance of ourselves — ignoring God and ignoring ourselves — ignorance of our personality traits and of our deepest desires.

Knowing oneself is not difficult, but it is laborious: it entails patient soul-searching. It requires the capacity to stop, to “deactivate the autopilot”, to acquire awareness of our way of acting, of the feelings that dwell within us, of the recurrent thoughts that condition us, and often unconsciously. It also requires that we distinguish between emotions and spiritual faculties. “I feel” is not the same as “I am convinced”; “I feel like” is not the same as “I want”. Thus, we come to recognize that the view we have of ourselves and of reality is at times somewhat distorted. To realize this is a grace! Indeed, very often it can happen that erroneous convictions about reality, based on past experiences, strongly influence us, limiting our freedom to strive for what really matters in our lives.....

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XXIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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: 11 June, 2023.

Confirmation: TBA

From the Pastor desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters. During these past weeks, news about the crime happening on the island has been spreading and creating fear in the local community and tourists overseas. Thanks be to God these two groups (gangs) that were fighting with each other are coming back to "normal". Governor Dakin said: "a Jamaican gang is attempting to remove all criminal competition in the Territory. Levels of targeted violence are unprecedented." This violence says St. Paul comes from being led by the flesh:

"Now the works of the flesh are obvious: immorality, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy,...." in a word looking for power in the wrong way. Therefore, the readings of this Sunday help us to confront this situation. We need to be led by the Spirit of God. Last Sunday we were reflecting on faith and gratitude, so now let's move to prayer, and the importance of having perseverance in it. How many times do we ask for things that are very superficial or very disposable? The parable speaks to us of two figures: a judge and a widow, persons in a situation of weakness.

In the Bible, the widows and orphans are the neediest groups, because they are defenseless and without means. The widow goes to the judge and asks him for justice. Her possibilities of being heard are almost none because the judge despises her and she cannot even appeal to his religious principles because the judge does not fear God.

Therefore, this widow seems without any recourse. However, she insists, she asks tirelessly, importunately and in the end, she succeeds in obtaining a result from the judge. At this point Jesus makes a reflection, using the argument a fortiori: if a dishonest judge ends by letting himself be convinced by a widow's plea, how much more will God, who is good, answer those who pray to him? God in fact is generosity made person. He is merciful and therefore always disposed to listen to prayers. Therefore, we must never despair but always persist in prayer. Therefore, the conclusion of the Gospel passage speaks of faith: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Fr. Orlando

Catechism-CCD

The green registration forms are at the main entrance of the Church. **The classes started on Saturday 17 of September at 11:00 am at the Catholic School.**

Catechesis for adults

Charlas para adultos y Jovenes mayores de 13 años



¿Estás sufriendo y no entiendes por qué?
¿Estás lejos de tu familia?

¡ÁNIMO, VEN Y ESCUCHA!

"Yo soy la resurrección. Y todo aquel que vive y cree en mí, no morirá eternamente." (Jn 11, 26)

- Lunes y jueves a las 7:00 p.m. -

Parish Hall -

Local pilgrimage: 45 youth to Grand Turk

October 21 to 23, 2022

Parish Feast of Our Lady of Divine Providence Church
Sunday, November 20, 2022.

Parish Events Oct. 17 - 24

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

04:00pm Coeur de Marie: Children's Group, P. Hall
05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
05:00pm Fraternite, Red Room.
05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice
05:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday: 05:30pm D. and Mass Chapel

7:00pm. Catequesis para adultos en español

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 D. Mass Chapel

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.
6:30pm English choir practice
7:00pm. Catequesis para adultos en español

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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Academics

Our students at Holy Family Academy are excited as they prepare for our Annual Science Fair where all our classes participate and present their projects they have worked on all year.

Spirituality

HFA has a lot to be thankful for, and this week we celebrated the feast of **Pope Saint John XXIII**, whose influence led to changes in the church to the Second Vatican Council. Because of this change, many fruits in the church have flourished from this including **The Mission here in Turks and Caicos!**

"This is the rosary of Mary, considered in its various elements, which are linked together in vocal prayer and woven into it as in a delicate and rich embroidery, full of spiritual warmth and beauty." - Pope John XXIII

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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 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:

- Automatic hand dryers
- Microwave x 3
- Walkie-Talkie Radios
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Sound / Speaker System
- Ping Pong table.
- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255