

Pope Francis Audience 7 June 2023

Here before us are the relics of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, universal patroness of missions. Today let us allow the witness of St. Therese to help us. She was born 150 years ago. She is patroness of the missions, but she was never sent on mission. She was a Carmelite nun who lived her life according to the way of littleness and weakness: she defined herself as “a small grain of sand.” Having poor health, she died at the age of only 24. But though her body was sickly, her heart was vibrant, missionary. She recounts in her “diary” that her desire was that of being a missionary, and that she wanted to be one not just for a few years, but for the rest of her life, even until the end of the world. Therese was a “spiritual sister” to several missionaries: she accompanied them from her monastery through her letters, through her prayer, and by offering continuous sacrifices for them. Without being visible, she interceded for the missions, like an engine that, although hidden, gives a vehicle the power to move forward. However, she was often not understood by her fellow nuns: she received “more thorns than roses” from them, but she accepted everything lovingly, patiently, offering even these judgments and misunderstandings together with her illness. And she did this joyfully, for the needs of the Church, so that, as she said, “roses might fall on everyone,” especially the most distant. Now, I ask, where did all this zeal, this missionary strength, and this joy of interceding come from? Two episodes that occurred before Therese entered the monastery help us to understand this. The first concerns the day that changed her life, Christmas 1886, when God worked a miracle in her heart. Shortly after that, Therese would turn 14 years old. As the youngest child, she was pampered by everyone at home. Returning from midnight Mass, however, her very tired father did not feel like being there when his daughter opened her gifts, and said, “Good thing it’s the last year!” Therese, who was very sensitive and easily moved to tears, was hurt, and went up to her room and cried. But she quickly suppressed her tears, went downstairs and, full of joy, she was the one who cheered her father. What had happened? On that night, when Jesus had made himself weak out of love, her soul became strong: in just a few moments, she had come out of the prison of her selfishness and self-pity; she began to feel that “charity entered her heart, with the need to forget herself”. From then on, she directed her zeal toward others, that they might find God, and, instead of seeking consolations for herself, she set out to “console Jesus, [to] make him loved by souls,” because, as Therese, Doctor of the Church, noted, “Jesus is sick with love and [...] the sickness of love cannot be cured except by love” This then was her daily resolution: to “make Jesus loved” to intercede for others. She wrote, “I want to save souls and forget myself for them: I want to save them even after my death”. Several times she said, “I will spend my heaven doing good on earth.” Following the example of Jesus the Good Shepherd, her zeal was directed especially toward sinners, to “those far off.” This is revealed in the second episode. Therese learnt about a criminal, Enrico Pranzini, sentenced to death for horrible crimes: he had been found guilty of the brutal murder of three people, and was destined for the guillotine; but he did not want to receive the consolations of the faith. Therese took him into her heart and did all she could: she prayed in every way for his conversion, so that he, whom, with brotherly compassion she called “poor wretched Pranzini,” might demonstrate a small sign of repentance and make room for God’s mercy in which Therese trusted blindly. The execution took place. The next day, Therese read in the newspaper that Pranzini, just before laying his head on the block, “all of a sudden, seized by a sudden inspiration, turned around, grabbed a Crucifix that the priest handed to him and kissed three times the sacred wounds” of Jesus. The saint remarked, “Then his soul went to receive the merciful sentence of the One who declared that in Heaven there will be more joy for a single sinner who repents than for the ninety-nine righteous who have no need of repentance!” Such is the power of intercession moved by charity; such is the engine of mission! Missionaries, are not only those who travel long distances, learn new languages, do good works, and are good at proclamation; no, a missionary is anyone who lives as an instrument of God’s love where they are. Missionaries are those who do everything so that, through their witness, their prayer, their intercession, *Jesus might pass by*. This is the apostolic zeal that, let us always remember, never works by proselytism or constraint, but *by attraction*: one does not become a Christian because they are forced by someone, but because they have been touched by love. The Church needs hearts like Therese’s, hearts that draw people to love and bring people closer to God. Let us ask this saint for the grace to overcome our selfishness and for the passion to intercede that Jesus might be known and loved.

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SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI



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 Gospel of today's solemnity speaks of the 'concreteness' of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. This emphasizes that Jesus really took flesh to be one of us. Also He left this presence so that we could be assured that He is still with us. This all says that the Lord will never abandon us and is with us even when the cross falls upon us. Pope Francis recently has been saying many times that the Lord is showing us His 'closeness'. However, this is not about feelings, although sometimes we can have a good feeling after we have received the Lord. It is an established fact that you receive God into your body every time you receive Him in communion. And yet how often we do not appreciate the immense gift we are receiving. And take it for granted.

This Gospel also makes reference to Jesus' passover when it says "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." In order for you to give 'your flesh' you need the body and blood of Christ. You need to have inside of you eternal life, just so that you can give of yourself. If, for example, you are married or are a parent you need the eucharist to give you life so that you can forget yourself and give of yourself to the point of dying to your self each day. There is no other way and the body of Christ gives you that grace, to do just that..

May the Lord grant us a deeper appreciation of His presence in the Eucharist and also hearts that are open to receive all the graces that are on offer every time we receive Him in Holy Communion

Fr. Paul.



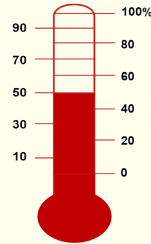
HOLY HOUR

FRIDAYS
4:00 pm—5:00pm.



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Parish Events June 11-18

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

Tuesday St. Anthony of Padua
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel
07:00pm First and Second Spanish, Penance Celebration. SM. Goretti.
07:00pm Second English, SM.Goretti

Wednesday
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel
07:00pm First and Second Creole, Penance Celebration. SM. Goretti.
07:00pm Third English, Blessed Sacrament

Thursday
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel

Friday Sacred Heart of Jesus
04:00pm Adoration, Blue Chapel
05:30pm D. Mass Chapel
07:00pm AA Parish Hall meetings

Saturday Immaculate Heart of Mary
05:30pm Mass Church
07:00pm NCW Eucharist



School Notes

Holy Family Academy
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Holy Family Academy Form 4 students attended the Turks and Caicos Youth and Energy Forum hosted by Fortis, where they had the opportunity to display their debate presentation.

Holy Family Academy elementary students were reminded in this week's mass of the importance of reconciliation as they prepare for their First Communion in the coming days.

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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:

- Walkie-Talkie Radios
- Projectors
- Sports balls