

Catechesis on prayer: 36. Jesus, model and soul of all prayer

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

The Gospels show us how prayer was fundamental in the relationship between Jesus and His disciples. This already appears in the choice of who would then become the Apostles. Luke places their election in a precise context of prayer, and he says: "In these days He went out to the mountain to pray; and all night He continued in prayer to God. And when it was day, He called His disciples, and chose from them twelve, whom He named apostles" (6:12-13). Jesus chooses the apostles after a night of prayer. It seems that there is no criterion in this choice other than prayer, the dialogue of Jesus with the Father. Judging from how those men were to behave, it would seem that the choice was not the best, as they all fled, they left Him alone before the Passion; but it is precisely this, especially the presence of Judas, the future betrayer, that demonstrates that those names were inscribed in God's plan.

Prayer on behalf of His friends continually reappears in the life of Jesus. The Apostles sometimes become a cause of concern for Him, but Jesus, as He received them from the Father, after prayer, thus He carries them in His heart, even in their errors, even when they fall. In all this we discover how Jesus was both teacher and friend, always willing to wait patiently for the conversion of the disciple. The highest point of this patient waiting is the "web" of love that Jesus weaves around Peter. At the Last Supper he says to him: "Simon, Simon, behold" - the word we heard at the beginning of the audience - "Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail, and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren". (Lk 22:31-32). It is impressive to know that at that moment, during the time of weakness, Jesus' love does not cease. "But father, if I am in mortal sin, does Jesus love me?" - "Yes" - "And does Jesus continue to pray for me?" - "Yes" - "But if I have done the worst things, and more, committed so many sins ... does Jesus continue [to pray]?" - "Yes". Jesus' love, Jesus' prayer for each one of us does not cease, it does not cease, but rather becomes more intense, and we are at the centre of his prayer! We must always keep this in mind: Jesus prays for me, He is praying now before the Father and makes Him see the wounds He carried with Him, to show the Father the price of our salvation, it is the love that He holds for us. But in this moment, each one of us, let us think: in this moment, is Jesus praying for me? Yes. This is a great certainty that we must have.

Jesus' prayer returns punctually in a crucial moment on His journey, that of the verification of the faith of His disciples. Let us listen again to the evangelist Luke: "As [Jesus] was praying alone, the disciples were with Him; and He asked them, 'Who do the people say that I am?' And they answered, 'John the Baptist; but others say, Eli'jah, and others, that one of the old prophets has risen'. And He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' And Peter answered, on behalf of them all, 'The Christ of God'. But he charged and commanded them tell this to no one" (9:18-21). That is, the great turning points of Jesus' mission are always preceded by prayer, but not just in passing, by intense, prolonged prayer. There is always prayer in those moments. This test of faith seems to be a goal, but it is instead a renewed starting point for the disciples, because from then on, it is as if Jesus took on a new tone in His mission, speaking openly to them of His passion, death and resurrection.

With this prospect, that gives rise instinctively to repulsion, both in the disciples and in we who read the Gospel, prayer is the only source of light and strength. It is necessary to pray more intensely, every time the road takes an uphill turn.

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CORPUS CHRISTI



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30pm English, Church.

Sunday: 09:00am English, Church.
10:30am Creole, Church.
12:30pm Spanish, Church.

Weekdays: 05:30pm English, Church.
(*Except Wednesdays*)

Fridays:
05:30pm Church.
06:00pm Adoration Blessed
Sacrament and Rosary.

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: June 6, 2021.

Confirmation: Fall 2021.

Today is the solemnity of Corpus Christi, the body and blood of the Lord. Jesus 'prefigures' His passion and death in the last supper when He breaks the bread, which is His body, and distributes it to the Apostles. Jesus gives His life on the cross for you and me, completely. There is nothing more He can give. By receiving His body you have the grace to give yourself just as Jesus did. This is a very important aspect of the Eucharist. The grace is on offer for you to give yourself in your family to your spouse, children, friends and all those around you. Then comes the blood of Christ under the form of wine. This not only emphasizes His giving His blood but also it is a sign of the feast which is His resurrection. What saves you is Christ 's resurrection! That Christ has risen means that the graces mentioned above can be active in you; there is resurrection, even if many times you do not manage to give of yourself, there is still hope because Christ has risen from the dead. Consuming the eucharist makes a difference but many times you do not feel anything. Feelings are not that important and are always subject to change. Mother Teresa of Calcutta did not feel anything after receiving Holy communion for 45 years and yet she is a great saint.

Another aspect is 'what is the point of receiving the Eucharist?' The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "The Eucharistic sacrifice is wholly directed toward the intimate union of the faithful with Christ through communion." (CCC 1382). This means that we are not coming to the Mass to give the Lord anything. God is not in need of anything we can give Him. Instead, He wants to give you communion with Himself, with God Himself. This is the point of the Mass and of receiving communion, which is communion with God! May the Lord grant each one of us the graces to appreciate the gift of the Eucharist so that we can really enter into communion with the Lord.

Fr. Paul

First Confessions

Esther Narcisus
 Connor Aldo Petrucci
 Daniel O'Mari Martin
 Eva Smijo Vithayathil
 Hanna Subin Varghese
 Antwone Steven Miller
 D'Angelique Alicia Clare
 Nathanaelle Rene Cazeau
 Satine Catherine Browning
 Sienna Carlyne Browning
 José Estiwer Zerpa Rodríguez
 Doutzen Emma Cervantes Espiritu

First Communion

Joswin Joby Jose
 Jasmin Alice Ajith
 José Joaquin Rojas
 Elly Victoria Butler
 Eva Paulina Petrucci
 Isabella Van Hamme
 Rachel Arry Phanord
 Jordan John Ganness
 Chenae Emeilla Brown
 Ezekiel Lincoln Martin
 Gabriella Vivienne Butler

Parish Events Jun 6 –June 13

Sunday: Holy Mass: 09:00am,10:30am and 12:30pm
 05:00pm Coeur de Marie: Children's group.
 05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
 05:00pm Fraternité, Red Room.
 05:00pm Creole Youth Choir Practice
 05:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday: 05:30pm Mass, Church.

Tuesday: 05:30pm Mass, Church.
Liturgy of the Word, NCW.
 1st English Community, S.M.Goretti
 2nd Spanish Community, Red Room
 4th English Community, Parish Hall.

Wednesday: Liturgy of the Word, NCW.
 1st Spanish Community, SM.Goretti.
 1st Creole Community, Red Room.
 3rd English Community, Blue Chap.

Thursday: 05:30pm D. Mass Church.
 06:00pm Creole Choir Practice
 06:30pm English Choir Practice.

Friday: 05:30pm Daily Mass, Church.
 06:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.

Saturday: 05:30pm Mass Church.
NCW. Eucharist
 05:30pm
 07:00pm



School Notes

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun. 06 First Communions
 3rd grade. OLDP Church. 02:00 pm.
Jun. 14 Queen's Birthday (School closed).
Jun. 18 11th and 12th grade Graduation.
Jun. 21-23 Summer Camp - Fund Days.
Jun. 23 Kindergarten Graduation.
 Final Report Card Distribution.
 Last Day of School Year 2020-2021
Jun. 24 8th grade Graduation.

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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:

- Moving Outdoor planters and gardening material
- Heavy Duty Sun Shade Sail Canopy
- Tablets
- Hand Sanitizer / alcohol
- Paper hand towels
- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255

Thank you!