

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters,

Happy Easter, Christ is Risen. Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word of the Father, killed in his humanity, has risen from the dead, and we have risen with Him. We have risen from evil, from the empty promises of materialism, and from the idolatry of selfishness. We have risen to a new life, the life of baptism, the life of Jesus Christ, the life of the Trinity, the life of Easter. We are the Easter people. We have received the resurrected life of the Lord at our baptism. Despite the consequences of the Covid-19, the fear, the economy, the lost of a close relative or friend and many others; we need more than ever the Spirit of the Risen Lord.

At the Easter Vigil, after the congregation has processed into a darkened church, the only single light of the Paschal Candle, the preeminent symbol of Christ, is brightening in the darkness, and The *Exultet* is proclaimed, the Church's proclamation of her Easter faith. *The Exultet*, the burst of joy, the announcement awaited by all creation is proclaimed. **Rejoice, heavenly powers! Exult, all creation! Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your king! Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! Let this place resound with joy!**

We must rejoice because: **Christ has conquered! Darkness vanishes! Glory fills you! This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death... when Christians everywhere are freed, when guilt is washed away, innocence is restored, hatred is cast out, when heaven is wedded to earth, when Christ rose from the grave.**

Until our final beautiful wish: **"May the Morning Star, which never sets, shed His peaceful light on all."**

Therefore, it is insufficient to say that we live to go to heaven. The exultet remind us that we live to know God, to love God and to serve God in this life. We live to give the world an experience of the risen Lord. We live to bring a little piece of heaven to earth.

In the difficulties of life, with the pressures and anxieties that surround us, clouding our hope, dampening our spirits, weighing heavily on our hearts, how and where can we find the energy, the encouragement? We need every day, just to get up, to find strength, to live in excited enthusiasm our life. Where? As the Easter song says, ***In the Morning Star which never sets.***

If there is one thing, I am sure of, it is that God exists. When you receive something good, it is very hard to keep it for yourself. I cannot help but bring what God has shown me to everyone I meet. God is with me and no one can take that away from me. Looking at my history, there has been times that I have doubted God's love for me. Times, I felt if God truly existed, he wouldn't have allowed certain things to happen. But then, through his grace, there came a moment where everything slowly started getting clearer. When I had the motorcycle accident, the death of my brothers and my father, just to mention some, always made me feel like a complete injustice was done to me. Why did God allow these things? Was it a mistake? With time in the community, I have come to see that thanks to all these I came to know God and his love for me. Living a life with a certainty every day that He is there is the best thing I could ask for. There are many things that happen to me, moments that I feel sad. But the second I think that God is there, nothing or anyone can harm me. The devil always wants to take away the joy from us, but the moment I say nothing is impossible to God I am happy because, I see that God is Love, and He truly loves us.

God Bless & Happy Easter Season,

Fr. Orlando

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EASTER SUNDAY



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.
05:00pm 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.

Finally, we have made it to Easter Sunday. Today it is forbidden to be sad, to get angry and not to forgive. Christ's resurrection has overcome all of your sins and not only that, but it proclaims the hope of a new life, here and now. In the resurrection of Jesus according to Mark, the women going to the tomb on the first Easter Sunday to anoint Jesus' body, wonder who will remove the huge stone that covered his tomb. They did not need to worry and neither do you. I should have added that above, 'It is forbidden to worry today.' Well, this stone is ultimately your death! In Christ's resurrection it has been rolled back. This is not only your physical death but also those things in your life that are 'killing you'. Everyday there is something that goes wrong or your plans do not turn out the way you wanted. The faults of those around you can 'kill' you too! Nonetheless Christ has risen from the dead to conquer all your deaths and to bring resurrection from them.

Secondly, Christ's Resurrection of itself means that no matter how bad things are the Lord can always resurrect the situation. Just recall Jesus' death that was proclaimed 2 days ago and how hopeless that looked to everyone, including the Apostles. There is always hope. If Jesus can rise from the dead surely it's easy for Him to resurrect your situation, even the most hopeless.

Thirdly, like Christmas, there are special graces on offer for everyone of us and I pray that you all may experience Christ's resurrection in a personal way today and during this season of Easter.

Fr. Paul

SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL

07:30 p.m. Night Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

09:00 a.m. English at the Church.
 11:00 a.m. Multilingual at the Church.
 05:30 p.m. English at the Church.

"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest". (Mt. 11:28)

God's mercy is greater than our weaknesses.
 He Loves you as you are.



Come and listen!

Catechesis for adults

Starting: Monday, April 12th.

**Monday and Thursday
 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Our Lady of Divine Providence, Parish Hall.

Everyone 13 & older is invited
 Free Babysitting.

Parish Events Apr 4—Apr 11

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 Fraternityé, 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.

Wednesday:

Thursday: 05:30pm D. Mass Church.

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

Saturday: 05:30pm Mass Church.



School Notes

Holy Family Academy
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Here at **Holy Family Academy**, we are so grateful to God that He gave us the opportunity to prepare ourselves for Easter altogether, due to the blessing of the reopening of the school. During these 3 days preparing for the Triduum, students were able to participate in so many activities that helped fill their longing to have God in their lives.

Happy Easter! We are looking forward to having the students back for the last term with a spirit of learning

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 1 – 11 Easter Break.
 School and office closed

For information, please visit
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. 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:

- 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!