

Pope Francis Homily on Pentecost 28 May, 2023

Today the word of God shows us the Holy Spirit in action. First, *in the world he created*, in creation. From the beginning, the Holy Spirit was at work.. He is in fact the *Creator Spiritus* for centuries the Church has invoked him as such. Yet we can ask ourselves: What does the Spirit do in the creation of the world? If everything has its origin from the Father, and if everything is created through the Son, what is the specific role of the Spirit? One great Father of the Church, Saint Basil, wrote: "if you attempt to remove the Spirit from creation, all things become confused and their life appears unruly and lacking order" That is the role of the Spirit: at the beginning and at all times, he makes created realities pass from disorder to order, from dispersion to cohesion, from confusion to harmony. We will always see this way of acting in the Church's life. In a word, he gives *harmony* to the world; in this way, he "directs the course of time and renews the face of the earth". He does renew the earth, but listen carefully: He does this not by changing reality, but rather by harmonizing it. That is his "style", because in himself he is harmony: *ipse harmonia est* .In our world today, there is so much discord, such great division. We are all "connected", yet find ourselves disconnected from one another, anesthetized by indifference and overwhelmed by solitude. So many wars, so many conflicts: it seems incredible the evil of which we are capable! Yet in fact, fueling our hostilities is the spirit of division, the devil, whose very name means "divider". Yes, preceding and exceeding our own evil, our own divisions, there is the evil spirit who is "the deceiver of the whole world". He rejoices in conflict, injustice, slander; that is his joy. To counter the evil of discord, our efforts to create harmony are not sufficient. Hence, the Lord, at the culmination of his Passover from death to life, at the culmination of salvation, pours out upon the created world his good Spirit: the Holy Spirit, who opposes the spirit of division because he is harmony, the Spirit of unity, the bringer of peace. Let us invoke the Spirit daily upon our whole world, upon our lives and upon any kind of division! Along with his work in creation, we see the Holy Spirit at work *in the Church*, beginning with the day of Pentecost. We notice, however, that the Spirit does not inaugurate the Church by providing the community with rules and regulations, but by descending upon each of the apostles: every one of them receives particular graces and different charisms. Such an abundance of differing gifts could generate confusion, but, as in creation, the Holy Spirit loves to create harmony out of diversity. The harmony of the Spirit is not a mandatory, uniform order; in the Church, there is indeed an order, but it is "structured *in accordance with the diversity* of the Spirit's gifts". At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descends in tongues of fire: he bestows upon each person the ability to speak other languages and to understand in his or her own language what is spoken by others. In a word, the Spirit does not create a single language, one that is the same for all. He does not eliminate differences or cultures, but harmonizes everything without reducing them to bland uniformity. And this must make us stop and reflect at this current time, when the temptation of "back-stepping" seeks to homogenise everything into merely apparent disciplines lacking any substance. Let us think about this: the Spirit does not begin with a clearly outlined programme, as we would, who so often become caught up in our plans and projects. No, he begins by bestowing gratuitous and superabundant gifts. Indeed, on that day of Pentecost, as the Scripture emphasizes, "*all were filled with the Holy Spirit*" *All were filled*: that is how the life of the Church began, not from a precise and detailed plan, but from the shared experience of God's love. That is how the Spirit creates harmony; he invites us to experience amazement at his love and at his gifts present in others. As Saint Paul tells us: "There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit... For in the one Spirit we were all baptized *into one ody*" (1 Cor 12:4.13). To see each of our brothers and sisters in the faith as part of the same body of which I am a member: this is the harmonious approach of the Spirit, this is the path that he points out to us!

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SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY



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 feast of the Holy Trinity has many aspects. Most important of all is that our God is a communion of persons. To form a community the bare minimum is 3 people. In this we differ from all other religions, which either have just one person as God, like the Jews and the Muslims or they have many gods. Secondly, each person is God and therefore has all the attributes that the other two persons have. This means that they must be in complete communion otherwise this is not possible. Thirdly, they are persons! If someone asks you what has Christianity given to the human race, one of the most important is the concept of the Person. You are a person and therefore you have rights and the dignity that goes with it, also because you are a child of God and share in His likeness. This all come from Christianity. But what does this feast mean for you? You are called to be in communion in your family, at your workplace, with those around you etc. If you are not, then you experience sadness and tension. You may be poor but if you have communion with others you are happy. The reverse also applies. This feast invites you to ask the Lord for the grace to be reconciled and to re-experience the joy that comes from communion. Communion is not just another option, it is essential. By the way, the term 'Trinity' is so impersonal, and that is why we can pray to each person of the Trinity individually. Finally, we are called to worship the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Do you ever think of worshipping the Holy Spirit, for example? Now is a good time to start to dialogue with Him. Just to note, that worship is reserved to the Trinity alone. We do not worship the Virgin Mary, we venerate her above everyone else but do not worship her, nor the saints either. May the Lord grant us all a share in His communion.

Fr. Paul.

First Priest from Turks & Caicos Ordained for Priesthood



We congratulate and pray for our brother Frenel Phanord from the local community of Providenciales, who was ordained priest last Saturday.

Father Frenel will say the First Mass in TCI, in the first opportunity he has to travel.



HOLY HOUR

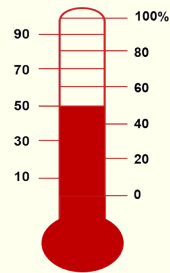
FRIDAYS
4:00 pm – 5:00pm.



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(53 young and adults
\$ 3,500 each)



Goal:
U\$ 185,500

To Date:
U\$ 94,500

Any help God will reward you a hundred fold, not only spiritually but materially as well.

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Parish Events June 4-11

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

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

Tuesday St. Norbert
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel
07:00pm First English, Parish Hall
07:00pm First Spanish Blue Chapel
07:00pm Second Spanish, red room
07:00pm Second English, SM.Goretti

Wednesday
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel
07:00pm First Creole, Parish Hall
07:00pm Second Creole. Bl. Sac. Chapel
07:00pm Third English S.M.Goretti
07:00pm Fourth English, Red Room
07:00pm Fifth English, Blue Chapel

Thursday
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel

Friday St. Ephrem the Deacon
04:00pm Adoration, Blue Chapel
05:30pm D. Mass Chapel
07:00pm AA Parish Hall meetings

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



School Notes

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5 – 9 Term III Finals Week

June 9: First Confessions at OLDP Church, 6:30 p.m.

June 11: First Communions at OLDP Church, 9:00 a.m.

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- Walkie-Talkie Radios
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Ping Pong table.
- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255
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- Sports ballons