

# Our Lady of Divine Providence

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Buongiorno!

The book of the Acts of the Apostles (cf. 2:1-11) recounts what happens in Jerusalem 50 days after the Pasch of Jesus. The disciples were gathered in the Upper Room, and the Virgin Mary was with them. The Risen Lord had told them to remain in the city until they received the gift of the Spirit from on High. And this was revealed with a “sound” they suddenly heard come from heaven, like the “rush of a mighty wind” that filled the house they were in (cf. v. 2). Thus, it concerns a real but also symbolic experience. Something that happened but also gives us a symbolic message for our whole life.

This experience reveals that the Holy Spirit is like a strong and freely flowing wind; that is, he brings us strength and brings us freedom: a strong and freely flowing wind. He cannot be controlled, stopped, nor measured; nor can his direction be foreseen. He cannot be understood within our human exigencies – we always try to frame things – he does not let himself be framed in our methods and our preconceptions. The Spirit proceeds from God the Father and from his Son Jesus Christ and bursts upon the Church; he bursts upon each one of us, giving life to our minds and our hearts. As the Creed states: he is “the Lord, the giver of life”. He has power because he is God, and he gives life.

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus’ disciples were still disoriented and fearful. They did not yet have the courage to go out in the open. We too, at times, prefer to remain within the protective walls of our surroundings. But the Lord knows how to reach us and open the doors to our hearts. He sends upon us the Holy Spirit who envelops us and overpowers all our hesitations, tears down our defenses, dismantles our false certainties. The Spirit makes us new beings, just as he did that day with the Apostles: he renews us, new beings.

After having received the Holy Spirit they were no longer as they were before – he changed them, but they went out and began to preach Jesus, to preach that Jesus is risen, that the Lord is with us, in such a way that each one understood them in his or her own language. Because the Spirit is universal; he does not remove cultural differences, differences of thought, no. He is for everyone, but each one understands him in his or her own culture, in his or her own language. The Spirit changes the heart, broadens the view of the disciples. He enables them to communicate to everyone the great, limitless works of God, surpassing the cultural confines and religious confines within which they were accustomed to thinking and living. The Apostles, he enables them to reach others, respecting their possibilities of listening and understanding, in the culture and language of each one (vv. 5-11). In other words, the Holy Spirit puts different people in communication, achieving the unity and universality of the Church.

And today this truth tells us so much, this reality of the Holy Spirit, where in the Church there are small groups who always seek division, to separate themselves from others. This is not the Spirit of God. The spirit of God is harmony, is unity, unites differences. A good Cardinal, who was the Archbishop of Genoa, said that the Church is like a river: the important thing is to be inside; if you are a little on that side and a little on the other side is not important; the Holy Spirit creates unity. He used the figure of a river. The important thing is to be inside, in the unity of the Spirit, and not look at the pettiness that you are a little on this side and a little on that side, that you pray in this way or the other.... This is not of god. The Church is for everyone, for everyone, as the Holy Spirit showed on the day of Pentecost.

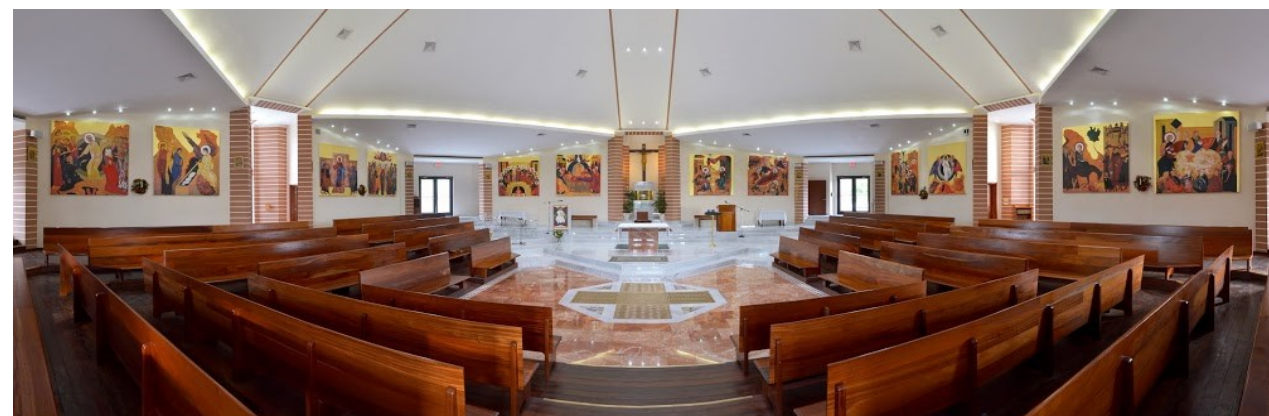
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### SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY



#### 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 the “Holy Trinity”. The trouble with this name is that it is so impersonal and yet we are dealing with three persons! Each person of the trinity has their own unique role to play. The first person is the father and from him comes everything. He gives of Himself totally to another person, who is the Son. The Son gives everything back to the Father and this dynamic of love becomes the Holy Spirit. They are different but are in a total communion based on humility and love. The concept of ‘person’ that we have comes from the early church’s attempt to formulate an understanding of the Trinity. The earliest attempt to understand the Trinity was called ‘Modalism’ in which there is one God but one day he is the Father and the next the Son, and it depends on how He feels that day; hence he changes modes at will, but this just did not work and was deemed to be a heresy. (By the Way, this heresy has come back in those Protestant churches that call themselves ‘Apostolic’). Then came a man called Tertulian who called each member of the Trinity a person. This was about the year 215 A.D. I hope you are beginning to see that the Trinity is anything but impersonal. Your ‘Personhood’ comes from the Trinity. So does your dignity as a person and every other person on the earth because Jesus Christ, the Son of God, became one of us. It is important to note that even though Jesus is son of God He is not less than the Father, as I once thought. If a person is God, as Jesus is, then He is God! As St. Paul says in the second reading, we are Sons of God. This implies that we share in the Godhead just as Jesus does and yet we are all sinners. How much must the Lord love you, to be willing to share His own inner life with you. Hence, in the Gospel the charge for you to proclaim this immense love of God to all those persons around us who are unaware of this love. May the Lord give us the grace and courage to do this.

Fr. Paul.

**First Confessions**

Friday, June 4, 2021.  
06:30 pm. Church.

**First Communions**

Sunday, June 6, 2021.  
02:00 pm. Church.

## Parish Events May 30—Jun 6

- 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.
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- Monday:** 05:30pm Mass, Church.
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- Tuesday:** 05:30pm Mass, Church.  
**Liturgy of the Word, NCW.**  
1<sup>st</sup> English Community, S.M.Goretti  
2<sup>nd</sup> Spanish Community, Red Room
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- Wednesday:** **Liturgy of the Word, NCW.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Spanish Community, SM.Goretti.  
1<sup>st</sup> Creole Community, Red Room.  
2<sup>nd</sup> English Community, Parish Hall.  
3<sup>rd</sup> English Communities, Blue Chap.
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- Thursday:** 05:30pm D. Mass Church.  
06:00pm Creole Choir Practice  
06:30pm English Choir Practice.
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- Friday:** 05:30pm Daily Mass, Church.  
06:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.
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- Saturday:** 05:30pm Mass Church.  
**NCW. Eucharist**  
05:30pm  
07:00pm



## School Notes

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 31 JAGS McCartney Day.—National Holiday**  
James Alexander George Smith (JAGS) McCartney, first Chief Minister of the Turks & Caicos Islands 1976-1980.— School Closed.

**Jun. 4 First Confessions**  
2nd grade. OLDP Church. 06:30 pm.

**Jun. 5 Rehearsal for First Communions.**

**Jun. 6 First Communions**  
3rd grade. OLDP Church. 02:00 pm.

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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!