

INDULGENCES

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes an indulgence as "a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions. They can only be applied for oneself or for the soul of someone who has died. The recipient of an indulgence must perform an action to receive it. This is most often the saying (once, or many times) of a specified prayer, but may also include a pilgrimage, the visiting of a particular place (such as a shrine, church or cemetery) or the performance of specific good works. When a person sins, they acquire the liability of guilt and the liability of punishment. A [mortal sin](#) (one that is grave or serious in nature and is committed knowingly and freely) is considered to be an active refusal of communion with God, and to separate a person from him to the end of suffering the eternal death of hell as an effect of this rejection, a consequence known as the "[eternal punishment](#)" of sin. The [Sacrament of Penance](#) removes this guilt and the liability of eternal punishment related to mortal sin. The forgiveness of sin and restoration of communion with God entail the remission of the eternal punishment of sin, but the temporal punishment of sin remains. An example of this can be seen in [2 Samuel](#) 12, when, after [David](#) repents of his sin, the prophet [Nathan](#) tells him that he is forgiven, but, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel:...Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah to be your wife." In addition to the eternal punishment due to mortal sin, every sin, including [venial sin](#), is a turning away from God through what the Catechism calls an "unhealthy attachment to creatures", an attachment that must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. The process of sanctification and interior renewal requires not only forgiveness from the guilt (*culpa*) of sin, but also purification from the harmful effects or wounds of sin." This purification process gives rise to "temporal punishment", because, not involving a total rejection of God, it is not eternal and can be expiated. Catholic teaching states that the temporal punishment of sin should be accepted as a [grace](#), and that the sinner "should strive by works of [mercy](#) and [charity](#), as well as by prayer and the various practices of [penance](#), to put off completely the 'old man' and to put on the 'new man'. "The temporal punishment that follows sin is thus undergone either during life on earth or in purgatory. In this life, as well as by patient acceptance of sufferings and trials, the necessary cleansing from attachment to creatures may, at least in part, be achieved by turning to God in prayer and penance and by works of mercy and charity. Indulgences are a help towards achieving this purification. To gain a plenary indulgence, upon performing the charitable work or praying the aspiration or prayer for which the indulgence is granted, one must fulfill the prescribed conditions. A complete and whole-hearted detachment from all sin of any kind, even venial sin.

Making a valid [sacramental confession](#).

Receiving [Holy Communion](#) in the state of grace.

Praying for the [intentions of the Pope](#).

The minimum condition for gaining a partial indulgence is to be contrite in heart; on this condition, a Catholic who performs the work or recites the prayer in question is granted, through the church, remission of temporal punishment equal to that obtained by the person's own action.

Our Lady of Divine Providence

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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, Upper Room, St. Maria Goretti.

Fridays: 04:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.

**05:30 pm Upper Room
St. Maria Goretti.**

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.

1st Confession: 24 May, 2024.

1st Communions: 02 June, 2024.

Confirmations: TBC (20 October, 2024).

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.

Program to celebrate the anniversary

In today's Gospel, Jesus is called the 'Lamb of God'. It means that Jesus is going to be sacrificed and without shouting 'This is unfair' or rebelling, or cursing but in His complete freedom. How far He is from all of us. When unjust suffering comes your way, what is your reaction. Probably the same as mine. "This cannot be, I cannot suffer when it's your fault." thank the Lord that this was not Jesus' response. Like a little lamb He goes to the slaughter to take on your sins. Can you take upon yourself the sins of other people? Without the Holy Spirit not one of us can. This is the Spirit that Jesus wants to give each and everyone of us in order for us to be saved. Clearly then it is only because the Lord is so good and generous that we can experience His merciful love and the forgiveness of our sins by Jesus' taking upon Himself our sins.

The second part of the Gospel is about Simon Peter. In this part Jesus calls him the 'Rock'. This means he will be the foundation of the Church and hence we have the grounds for the Pope. Yet Peter is also a weak, cowardly man who will deny Christ three times during His passion and death. He would seem not to be much of a rock but he will repent of his cowardice and when the Spirit comes he will be really the Rock.

May the Lord grant us all the grace to take upon us the sins of those around us so that we can participate in the saving mission of Jesus Christ for this world.

Fr. Paul.

HOLY HOUR

FRIDAYS

4:00 pm—5:00pm.



Rosary in three languages and reflection and meditation on the Holy Eucharist. In the Upper Room St. Maria Goretti.

The Catholic Mission in the Turks and Caicos Islands will celebrate its **25th anniversary** under the leadership of the Archbishop of Newark from **January 27-29, 2024.**

We will be gathering to express our gratitude to God by celebrating the incredible journey we have been on.

Cardinal Tobin will be the main celebrant, along with Bishop Peter and many others who will join us.

Let us welcome them together at the airport on **Saturday, January 27 at 01:00 pm.**

Activities:

Saturday: Catholic School HFA
04:00 - 06:30 pm.

Sunday: Main Church
11:00 am. Mass.
01:00 pm. Lunch
03:00 - 06:30 pm.

Meetings with the different groups.

Monday: Blessing of the first stone of the new chapel St. Joseph in Long Bay.

THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE MASS ON SUNDAY, JAN. 28, AT 11:00 A.M.

THERE WILL NOT BE MASS ON SATURDAY, JAN 27.

Parish Events Jan.14-21

Sunday Holy Mass: 09:00 am.10:30am. 12:30pm

04:00pm Coeur de Marie Children's group. Fraternite, Red Room.
05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice.
05:00pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
05:30pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd
06:00pm Sunday at church.

Monday

05:30pm Mass in English, SMG upstairs

Tuesday

05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG upstairs
07:00pm First English Parish Hall
07:00pm Second English SMG
07:00pm Spanish Red Room

Wednesday At. Anthony of the Desert

05:30 pm D. Mass ,SMG
Third English, SMG
Fourth English Red Room
Fifth English, Blue chapel

Thursday

05:30 pm D. Mass , SMG

Friday

04:00pm Adoration, Blue Chapel
05:30pm D. Mass SMG

Saturday

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



School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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Three Kings visited the HFA school to bring their gifts to the Lord and worship him, and also to visit the younger students who were very excited to meet them and to ask them questions about their trip, about Jesus and much more.

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SPONSORS / BENEFACTORS

We continue to look for donations and sponsors to support our **Scholarship Program** and help the school with necessary supplies.

Your sponsorship payment can be done through direct deposit or bank transfer or by donating any of the items below.

- Scientific Calculators
- Projectors and projector screens
- Projector stands
- Erasable markers and erasers
- Art Supplies
- Printing Paper
- Sport supplies
- AA Batteries
- Asthma Inhalers & AED



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