

(continuation from last week)

At the same time, along this journey we also encounter many stumbling blocks, which make it more difficult and demanding to hasten towards the Risen Lord. To him, then, let us make our prayer: Lord, help us to run to meet you! Help us to open our hearts!

Help the beloved Ukrainian people on their journey towards peace, and shed the light of Easter upon the people of Russia. Comfort the wounded and all those who have lost loved ones because of the war, and grant that prisoners may return safe and sound to their families. Open the hearts of the entire international community to strive to end this war and all conflict and bloodshed in our world, beginning with Syria, which still awaits peace. Strengthen all those affected by the violent earthquake in Turkey and in Syria itself. Let us pray for all those who have lost family and friends, and for those left homeless. May they receive consolation from God and assistance from the family of nations.

On this day, Lord, we entrust to you the city of Jerusalem, the first witness of your resurrection. I express deep concern for the attacks in recent days that threaten the desired climate of trust and reciprocal respect necessary for the resumption of dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians, so that peace may reign in the Holy City and in the entire region.

Lord, aid Lebanon, which still seeks stability and unity, so that divisions may be overcome and all citizens cooperate for the common good of the country.

Be mindful of the beloved people of Tunisia, and in particular the young and those suffering from social and economic hardship, so that they may not lose hope and may work together to build a future of peace and fraternity.

Turn your gaze to Haiti, which has long experienced a grave social, economic and humanitarian crisis, and support the efforts of political actors and the international community to seek a definitive solution to the many problems that afflict that sorely tried people.

Consolidate the processes of peace and reconciliation undertaken in Ethiopia and in South Sudan, and grant an end to violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Sustain, Lord, the Christian communities that today celebrate Easter in particular circumstances, as in Nicaragua and Eritrea, and remember all who are prevented from freely and publicly professing their faith. Grant consolation to victims of international terrorism, especially in Burkina Faso, Mali, Mozambique and Nigeria.

# Our Lady of Divine Providence

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



#### 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.**

**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: 11 June, 2023.**

**Confirmations: October 22nd 2023**

## From the Pastor's desk:

Dear brothers and sisters,

Christ Is Risen!!!! He is Truly Risen, continuing with the pascal joy, the readings for this Sunday underline that the Lord "show us the path of life" so only God "will fill me with JOY in your presence".

The liturgy also offers us manifold incentive to strengthen our faith in the Risen Christ. St Luke tells how the two disciples of Emmaus, after recognizing him "in the breaking of the bread", returned to Jerusalem **full of joy** to tell the others what had happened to them. And just as they were speaking, the Lord appeared, showing them his hands and his feet with the signs of the Passion.

Then, in the face of the Apostles' disbelief and wonder, Jesus had them give him some broiled fish and ate it before their eyes. In this and in other accounts, one can discern a repeated invitation to overcome incredulity and believe in Christ's Resurrection, since his disciples are called to be witnesses precisely of this extraordinary event. We too as a Christian community are called to be witness of Christ Resurrection in this island.

Therefore, we are starting the **Great Mission in Five cays and Kewtown** for the next 3 Sundays at 5:00pm. The Resurrection of Christ is central to Christianity. It is a fundamental truth to be reasserted vigorously in every epoch, since to deny it, as has been, and continues to be attempted, or to transform it into a purely spiritual event, is to thwart our very faith. St Paul states: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain". Because God is Love and He loves us.

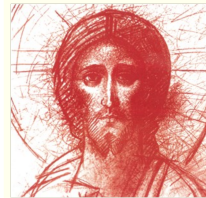
God Bless,

Fr. Orlando.



## BLESSING OF THE HOUSES

During this Easter Season the priests of the parish will be blessing the houses in the island, if you are interested, please contact the church to schedule the visit.



## GREAT MISSION

### Three Sundays of Easter

Five Cays and Kewtown,  
Starting April 30, at 5:30pm

## HOLY HOUR FRIDAYS 4:00PM—5:00pm.



## WORLD YOUTH DAY

The youth of our parish is looking forward to meet the Pope and have an encounter with Christ, this coming summer.

We invite you to visit our stands. Your contributions will go to the fund that will help them travel all together.

We have snacks, bake goods, refreshments, island souvenirs and some more!

May the Lord bless you and reward you a hundred fold.  
**Thank you!**

## Parish Events April 23-30

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

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

**Tuesday**  
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 SMG  
07:00pm Fourth English, Red Room  
07:00pm Fifth English, Blue Chapel

**Thursday**  
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel

**Friday**  
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

Holy Family Academy

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Holy Family Academy began its third term celebrating the resurrection of Our Saviour. Students rejoiced throughout the mass as they were reminded of how the Lord has resurrected in their lives.



Students have approached the beginning of the third term of the school year and are working hard to make this term count. It is a joy to see the enthusiasm and energy our students have carried throughout the school year and teachers are working nonstop to motivate them to always strive for their best.

[www.hfa.catholic.tc](http://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](mailto: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:

- Automatic hand dryers
- Microwave x 3
- Walkie-Talkie Radios
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Sound / Speaker System
- Ping Pong table.
- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255