

POPE FRANCIS
GENERAL AUDIENCE

Catechesis. The passion for evangelization: the apostolic zeal of the believer. 9. Witnesses: Saint Paul.

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

After having seen Saint Paul's personal zeal for the Gospel, two weeks ago, we can now reflect more deeply on evangelical zeal as he himself speaks of it and describes it in some of his letters. By virtue of his own experience, Paul is not unaware of the danger of a misguided zeal, oriented in the wrong direction. He himself had fallen into this danger before the providential fall on the road to Damascus. Sometimes we have to deal with a misdirected zeal, doggedly persistent in the observance of purely human and obsolete norms for the Christian community. "They make much of you," writes the Apostle, "but for no good purpose" (*Gal 4:17*). We cannot ignore the solicitude with which some devote themselves to the wrong pursuits even within the Christian community itself; one can boast of a false evangelical zeal while actually pursuing vainglory or one's own convictions or a little bit of love of self.

For this reason, we ask ourselves, what are the characteristics of true evangelical zeal according to Paul? The text we heard at the beginning seems useful for this, a list of "weapons" that the Apostle indicates for spiritual battle. Among these is *readiness to spread the Gospel*, translated by some as "zeal" — this person is zealous in carrying forward these ideas, these things — and referred to as a "shoe". Why? How is zeal for the Gospel related to what is worn on one's feet? This metaphor picks up on a text from the prophet Isaiah, who says this: "How beautiful upon the mountains / are the feet of him who brings good tidings, / who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, / who says to Zion, "Your God reigns" (52:7).

Here too, we find reference to the feet of a herald of good news. Why? Because those who go to proclaim must move; they must walk! But we also note that in this text, Paul speaks of footwear as part of a suit of armour, following the analogy of the equipment of a soldier going into battle: in combat it was essential to have stability of footing in order to avoid the pitfalls of the terrain — because the adversary often littered the battlefield with traps — and to have the strength to run and move in the right direction. So the footwear is for running and avoiding all these things of the adversary...

Saint Peter's Square Wednesday, 12 April 2023

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FOURTH 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!!!

Let us reflect on two aspects: the Joy from the Passover and the vocational call.

First of all, to keep the Easter Joy this Sunday the Church gives us the image of the Good Shepherd which was perhaps the favorite early Christian image of our Saviour. He is still seeking out the ones who have strayed away or have never been near him, but he needs feet to go where they are, hands to reach out to them, tongues to speak to them his warm words of invitation and welcome.

How many inactive Catholics are there or people in your neighborhood who attend no church? Therefore, we do this mission on Sundays in the streets to share the joy of Christ's resurrection with our neighbor.

Second, today is Vocation Sunday. Jesus has always shepherded his people through those to whom, following Peter and his apostles, he has repeated, "Feed my sheep" (John 21:15-17). He is still calling young men to the priesthood as shepherds and young women to consecrated life where they can exercise their "feminine genius" of caring for God's loved ones.

This Sunday of the Good Shepherd, we need to pray for vocations. In fact, the Lord is always calling, but all too often we do not listen. We are distracted by many things, by other more superficial voices; and then we are afraid to listen to the Lord's voice because we think he might take away our freedom.

I remember when I was 30, I thought that by saying yes to following the Lord I was going to lose my "freedom." Instead when I accepted God's call, I understood what freedom meant. In fact, each one of us is the fruit of love: of our parents' love of course, but more profoundly, of God's love who creates us.

The Bible says: *even if your own mother does not want you, I want you because I know and love you* (Is 49:15). The moment I realized this my life changed.

It became a response to this love, greater than any other, and in this way, my freedom was completely fulfilled. Let us pray for our youth from these beautiful islands that they may deeply be moved by the beauty of God's love. 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



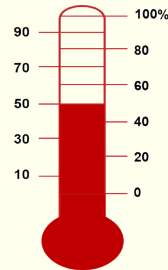
HOLY HOUR

FRIDAYS
4:00 pm—5:00pm.



WORLD YOUTH DAY

PLEASE HELP US GET THERE
(53 young and adults \$ 3,500 each)



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

Checks can be made to Our Lady of Divine Providence - WYD Thank you!

Parish Events April 30-May 7

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 S.M.Goretti
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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This week, our younger elementary classes were very engaged in the mass of the feast of St. Mark and how he came to be a martyr that was willing to die for the evangelization of the Good News. In this way, our students were reminded of this calling we have to give our life to the Lord.

Our HFA high school students participated in the Seton Hall University: Petersheim Abstract Presentations, this week. This was an opportunity for our students to present their award winning Science Fair Project presentations to the Seton Hall University staff and members.

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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. 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:

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