

Catechesis on prayer: 26. Prayer and the Trinity. 2

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This is the experience of so many people who pray: men and women whom the Holy Spirit has formed according to the “measure” of Christ, in mercy, in service, in prayer, in catechesis... It is a grace to be able to meet people like this: you realise that a different life pulses in them, the way they look “beyond”. We can think not only of monks and hermits; they are also found among ordinary people, people who have woven a long history of dialogue with God, sometimes of inner struggle, that purifies their faith. These humble witnesses have sought God in the Gospel, in the Eucharist received and adored, in the face of a brother or sister in difficulty, and they safeguard his presence like a secret flame.

The first task of Christians is precisely to keep alive this flame that Jesus brought to the earth (see Lk 12:49), and what is this flame? It is love, the Love of God, the Holy Spirit. Without the fire of the Spirit, His prophecies are extinguished, sorrow supplants joy, routine substitutes love, and service turns into slavery. The image of the lighted lamp next to the Tabernacle, where the Eucharist is reserved, comes to mind. Even when the church empties and evening falls, even when the church is closed, that lamp remains lit, and continues to burn; no one sees it, yet it burns before the Lord. This is how the Spirit is in our heart, always present like that lamp.

Again we read in the Catechism: “The Holy Spirit, whose anointing permeates our whole being, is the interior Master of Christian prayer. He is the artisan of the living tradition of prayer. To be sure, there are as many paths of prayer as there are persons who pray, but it is the same Spirit acting in all and with all. It is in the communion of the Holy Spirit that Christian prayer is prayer in the Church” (no. 2672). Very often it happens that we do not pray, we don’t feel like praying, or many times we pray like parrots, with the mouth, but our heart is not in it. This is the moment to say to the Spirit: “Come, come Holy Spirit, warm my heart. Come and teach me to pray, teach me to look to the Father, to look to the Son. Teach me the path of faith. Teach me how to love and, above all, teach me to have an attitude of hope”. It means calling on the Spirit continually, so he may be present in our lives.

It is therefore the Spirit who writes the history of the Church and of the world. We are open books, willing to receive his handwriting. And in each of us the Spirit composes original works, because there is never one Christian who is completely identical to another. In the infinite field of holiness, the one God, the Trinity of Love, allows the variety of witnesses to flourish: all are equal in dignity, but also unique in the beauty that the Spirit has willed to be released in each of those whom God’s mercy has made his children. Let us not forget, the Spirit is present, he is present in us. Let us listen to the Spirit, let us call to the Spirit - he is the gift, the present that God has given us - and say to him: “Holy Spirit, I do not know your face - we do not know it—but I know that you are the strength, that you are the light, that you are able to make me go forth, and to teach me how to pray. Come, Holy Spirit”. This is a beautiful prayer: “Come, Holy Spirit”.

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PALM SUNDAY



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.
05:00pm 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 everyone knows it's Palm Sunday. There is Jesus' entry into to Jerusalem with a great acclamation of joy. Then the Gospel is the reading of His passion and death. This shows us just how fickle we are. Our feelings and sentiments change quickly and cannot be relied upon. One day you think you really care for someone and some days later you cannot even talk to them!

Here are some points from the passion narrative. The woman who anoints Jesus' head with the pure Nard gets criticized because it is too costly. Jesus defends her. I knew a man who gave a large sum of money to Mother Teresa and instead of helping the poor she purchased a very expensive Chalice and paten for the Mass. You may think he was right but then you agree with Judas who in the other gospels is the one to criticize the woman. It is called 'the economy of Judas'. Peter thinks he cannot fall, i.e. he will not deny Jesus, yet not long after he denies Him three times. You can never rely on your own strength and this is pride and many times the Lord allows you to see your weakness. However, what does Peter do after his denials? He weeps! May we all have the grace to weep for all the times we have betrayed our Lord. Then there is the choice; "who do you chose, Jesus or Barabbas?" Barabbas wanted his rights and Jesus allowed the evil and sin of others to fall on himself, thus erasing them. When you refuse to accept an injustice you chose Barabbas. Everyone of us is guilty of this. Then there is, of course, Jesus quietly going to the cross to bear your sins and mine. This, the greatest act of humility, is pleasing to God and Jesus' pray for our forgiveness is heard.

The readings of today are there to prepare our hearts for the coming week, which is Holy week and culminating in the greatest feast of the Church's year which is Easter Sunday. May all of us look forward to this most holy of weeks and experience Christ Risen on Easter.

Fr. Paul



PALM SUNDAY

09:00 a.m. English
11:00 a.m. Multilingual

Solemn Procession from the parking lot of the church.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY

06:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper.
 Multilingual: English / Creole / Spanish.

GOOD FRIDAY

03:00 p.m. Multilingual: English / Creole / Spanish.
04:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Church

SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL

10:00 p.m. Night Vigil **(to be confirmed)**

EASTER SUNDAY

09:00 a.m. English at the Church.
11:00 a.m. Multilingual at the Church.
05:30 p.m. English at the Church.

Parish Events Mar 28—Mar 4

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 Fraternityé, Red Room.
 05:00pm Creole Youth Choir Practice
 05:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.
 06:00pm Easter Announcement, NCW.

Monday: 05:30pm Mass, Church.

Tuesday: 05:30pm Mass, Church.

Wednesday:

Thursday: 05:30pm D. Mass Church.

Friday: 05:30pm Daily Mass, Church.
 04:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.

Saturday: 10:30pm Easter Vigil



School Notes

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We are happy to announce the complete reopening of the school **in-person**. This reopening came just in time for the 11th grade students to be able to present their Community Service Projects. It was amazing to see the ways they found to serve through the difficulties of the pandemic. Congratulations on following Christ's example to serve and being an example to all.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 29-31 Easter Preparation Activities
Mar. 31 2nd Term Report Cards Online
Apr. 1 – 11 Easter Break.
 School and office closed
Apr. 12 Back to School

For information, please visit
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

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!