

Pope Francis Audience 24 May, 2023

About 200 years ago, the Korean land was the scene of a very severe persecution: Christians were persecuted and annihilated. At that time, believing in Jesus Christ in Korea meant being ready to bear witness even unto death. Specifically from the example of St Andrew Kim, we can draw out two concrete aspects of his life.

The first is the way he used to meet with the faithful. Given the highly intimidating context, the saint was forced to approach Christians in a discreet manner, and always in the presence of other people, as if they had been talking to each other for awhile. Then, to confirm the Christian identity of his interlocutor, St Andrew would implement these devices: first, there was a previously agreed upon sign of recognition: "You will meet with this Christian and he will have this sign on his outfit or in his hand." "And after that, he would surreptitiously ask the question—but all this under his breath, eh?—"Are you a disciple of Jesus?" Since other people were watching the conversation, the saint had to speak in a low voice, saying only a few words, the most essential ones. So, for Andrew Kim, the expression that summed up the whole identity of the Christian was "disciple of Christ." "Are you a disciple of Christ?"—but in a soft voice because it was dangerous. It was forbidden to be a Christian there. Indeed, being a disciple of the Lord means following Him, following His path. And the Christian is by nature one who preaches and bears witness to Jesus. Every Christian community receives this identity from the Holy Spirit, and so does the whole Church, since the day of Pentecost (cf. Conc. Vat. II, Decr. *Ad gentes*, 2). It is from this Spirit that we receive the passion, the passion for evangelisation, this great apostolic zeal; it is a gift of the Spirit Who gives. And even if the surrounding context is not favorable—like the Korean context of Andrew Kim—it does not change; on the contrary, it becomes even more valuable. St Andrew Kim and other Korean believers have demonstrated that witnessing to the Gospel in times of persecution can bear much fruit for the faith.

Now let us look at a second concrete example. When he was still a seminarian, St Andrew had to find a way to secretly welcome missionary priests from abroad. This was not an easy task, as the regime of the time strictly forbade all foreigners from entering the territory. That's why it had been, before this, so difficult to find a priest that could come to do missionary work: the laity undertook the mission. One time—think about what St Andrew did—one time, he was walking in the snow, without eating, for so long that he fell to the ground exhausted, risking unconsciousness and freezing. At that point, he suddenly heard a voice, "Get up, walk!" Hearing that voice, Andrew came to his senses, catching a glimpse of something like a shadow of someone guiding him. This experience of the great Korean witness makes us understand a very important aspect of apostolic zeal; namely, the courage to get back up when one falls.. And in St Andrew we see this strength: he had fallen physically but he had the strength to go, go, go to carry the message forward. No matter how difficult the situation may be—and indeed, at times it may seem to leave no room for the Gospel message—we must not give up and we must not forsake pursuing what is essential in our Christian life: namely, evangelization. This is the path. And each of us can think to themselves: "But what about me, how can I evangelize?" But you look at these great ones and you consider your smallness, we consider our littleness: evangelising the family, evangelising friends, talking about Jesus—but talking about Jesus and evangelising with a heart full of joy, full of strength. And this is given by the Holy Spirit. Let us prepare to receive the Holy Spirit this coming Pentecost, and ask Him for that grace, the grace of apostolic courage, the grace to evangelize, to always carry the message of Jesus forward. Thank you.

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SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST



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.

1st Confessions: 09 June, 2023.

1st Communions: 11 June, 2023.

Confirmations: 22 October, 2023.

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.

The feast of Pentecost closes the Easter season and why? Because Jesus is no longer with us in Body but He has given us His Spirit and what is that? Ultimately, it is to love as He loves you, which means to give your life for others, even those you do not like. To do this it is necessary to see that this is impossible! To love someone else just as they are, without wishing they would change, is basically not within your power but once you recognize this, then you can beg the Lord for His spirit just so that you can begin to love the others as they are. This is due to the fact that, that is how Jesus loves you, without conditions.

The Holy Spirit is most subtle, which means He is hardly noticeable. He is peaceful, and brings joy, when you least expect it, even in merely human occasions. I hope that you have experienced His presence. For example, when you had the right words to say to someone which came from who knows where: well this is the Spirit, especially when you know that it could not have come from you. Or somehow you actually closed your mouth when normally you only open it to change feet! That day when against all odds, you were patient or were thoughtful of someone you cannot stand, or when you were reconciled with your enemy, who just might be someone very close to you. I remember, just before I was ordained a priest, my spiritual formators told me to reconcile with my brother, with whom I had always had deep resentment. I remember the day it was July 22, the feast of St. Mary Magdalene. At the Easter vigil that year the figure of this saint stood out in the Easter Gospel and this day was the "favorable moment" to ask his forgiveness, which I did and so did he. This was all the work of the Holy Spirit, who works 'quietly' in our lives. Let us pray to Him for all the graces we need such as Wisdom, patience but most importantly for 'Discernment' especially to see Him acting and know His will.

Fr. Paul.

Pentecost Sunday

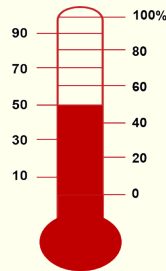


HOLY HOUR
FRIDAYS
4:00 pm–5:00pm.



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YOUTH DAY

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



Goal:
U\$ 185,500

To Date:
U\$ 89,000

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 May 21-28

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

Monday Mary, Mother of the Church
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, S.M. Goretti

Wednesday Visitation of the Virgin Mary
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 St. Justin the Martyr
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 shares in the loss of students and loved ones that have passed away recently. It is the reality that comes to remind us to live as a Christian which is to believe that eternal life exists.



At HFA, our Form 5 students presented their Roller Coaster Physics Project to the school. They were tasked with the responsibility to build roller coasters that they could explain and correlate to their knowledge on physics.

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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:

- Walkie-Talkie Radios
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Ping Pong table.
- Projectors
- Sports balls