

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

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we will complete the catechesis on prayer as a relationship with the Holy Trinity, in particular with the Holy Spirit.

The first gift of every Christian existence is the Holy Spirit. It is not one of many gifts, but rather the fundamental Gift. The Spirit is the gift that Jesus had promised to send us. Without the Spirit there is no relationship with Christ and with the Father, because the Spirit opens our heart to God's presence and draws it into that "vortex" of love that is the very heart of God. We are not merely guests and pilgrims on a journey on this earth; we are also guests and pilgrims of the Trinity. We are like Abraham, who one day, welcoming three wayfarers in his own tent, encountered God. If we can truly invoke God, calling him "Abba - Daddy", it is because the Holy Spirit dwells in us; He is the One who transforms us deep within and makes us experience the moving joy of being loved by God as his true children. All the spiritual work within us towards God is performed by the Holy Spirit, this gift. He works within us to carry forward our Christian life towards the Father, with Jesus.

The Catechism, in this respect says: "Every time we begin to pray to Jesus it is the Holy Spirit who draws us on the way of prayer by his prevenient grace. Since he teaches us to pray by recalling Christ, how could we not pray to the Spirit too? That is why the Church invites us to call upon the Holy Spirit every day, especially at the beginning and the end of every important action" (no. 2670). This is the work of the Spirit in us. He "reminds" us of Jesus and makes him present to us - we might say that he is our Trinitarian memory, he is the memory of God in us—and he makes it present to Jesus, so that he is not reduced to a character from the past: that is, the Spirit brings Jesus to the present in our consciousness. If Christ were only far away in time, we would be alone and lost in the world. Yes, we will remember Jesus, there, far away but it is the Spirit that brings him today, now, in this moment, in our heart. But in the Spirit everything is brought to life: the possibility of encountering Christ is open to Christians of every time and place. The possibility of encountering Christ, not only as a historical figure, is open. No: he attracts Christ to our hearts, it is the Spirit who makes us encounter Jesus. He is not distant, the Spirit is with us: Jesus still teaches his disciples by transforming their hearts, as he did with Peter, with Paul, with Mary Magdalene, with all the apostles. But why is Jesus present? Because it is the Spirit who brings him to us.

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.

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### V SUNDAY OF LENT



#### 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 begins the second last week of Lent. In the Gospel of this Sunday you can hear Jesus accepting His passion and death. He says shall I say, 'Father save me from this hour?' But it is precisely why Jesus was born that He must undergo this hour. The point of Jesus' life was to give it for you and me, even though we do not deserve the redemption that His cross will bring us. However, Jesus says that if you want to be a follower of mine, then you have to follow him. What does this entail? It means giving your life! How can you give your life? Well, all parents are called to give of themselves. Its unavoidable and comes with the territory. Also in any situation in life where you are called to give of yourself, these come under the same category. But there is a problem and that is that when Jesus says "Whoever loves his life will lose it and whoever hates his life will preserve it for eternal life." And the problem is that if you are 'losing your life' but are not getting life out of it then its because you are grumbling! In those moments when I grumble I lose my peace and my joy. And according to what Jesus is saying instead of gaining my life it disappears and everything becomes a drudgery or a routine. Then I am no longer serving out of love but just mechanically and it all stems from grumbling. Strangely enough, then Lent is a time to bless the Lord for all the hecticness of life and the call to give of yourself until it hurts, as St. Teresa of Calcutta says many times. Of course, you need the grace of the Lord for this. First of all, to repent of your grumbling and then to ask for the Spirit to serve others in whatever capacity the Lord asks you.

Let us then, ask for the grace to serve joyfully without grumbling or judging and thence also to receive the gift of 'Life' that Jesus promised.

Fr. Paul

### LENT SCHEDULE

#### Monday to Friday:

**06:30 a.m.** Morning prayer.  
Blue Chapel

#### Every Friday:

**04:30 p.m.** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.

**05:30 p.m.** Mass

**06:00 p.m.** Station of the Cross

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

#### PALM SUNDAY

**10:30 a.m.** Solemn Procession from Downtown followed by Multilingual Mass. English / Creole / Spanish.

#### 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.

#### SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL

**10:00 p.m.** Night Vigil

#### EASTER SUNDAY

**09:00 a.m.** English at the Church.

**11:00 a.m.** Multilingual at the Church.

**05:30 p.m.** English

## Parish Events Mar 14—Mar 21

**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 Fraternité, Red Room.  
05:00pm Creole Youth Choir Practice  
05:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

**Monday:** 05:30pm Mass, Church.

**Tuesday:** 05:30pm Mass, Church.

#### Liturgy of the Word, NCW.

1<sup>st</sup> English Communities, P. Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> English Community, Blue Chapel  
2<sup>nd</sup> Spanish Community, B.S. Chapel

**Wednesday:** Liturgy of the Word, NCW.

1<sup>st</sup> Spanish Community, S.M.Goretti.  
1<sup>st</sup> Creole Community, Red Room.  
3<sup>rd</sup> English Communities, B. Chapel.

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

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

**Saturday:** 05:30pm Mass, Church.

#### Liturgy of the Eucharist NCW

06:30pm English and Spanish. Church.  
06:30pm Creole. Red Room.



## School Notes

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mar. 26** Online Presentation of the Community Service Project.

**Mar. 29-31** HFA Easter Preparation Activities

**Mar. 31** 2nd Term Report Cards Online Distribution

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**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!