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Let us now consider *to whom* Jesus speaks. His first words are to Galilean fishermen, simple folk who lived by harsh manual labour, by day and night. They were no experts in Scripture or people of great knowledge and culture. They lived in a region made up of various peoples, ethnic groups and cults: one that could not have been further from the religious purity of Jerusalem, the heart of the country. Yet that is where Jesus began, not from the centre but from the periphery, and he did so in order to tell us too that **no one is far from God's heart**. Everyone can receive his word and encounter him in person. The Gospel offers a nice detail in this regard, when it tells us that Jesus' preaching came "after" that of John (Mk 1:14). That word *after* is decisive: it points to a difference. John received people in the desert, where only those able to leave their homes could go. Jesus, on the other hand, speaks of God in the heart of society, to everyone, wherever they find themselves. He does not speak at fixed times or places, but "walking along the shore", to fishermen who were "casting their nets" (v. 16). He speaks to people in the most ordinary times and places. Here we see the *universal power* of the word of God to reach everyone and every area of life.

Yet the word of God also has *particular power*, that is, **it can touch each person directly**. The disciples would never forget the words they heard that day on the shore of the lake, by their boats, in the company of their family members and fellow workers: words that marked their lives forever. Jesus said to them: "Follow me, I will make you become fishers of men" (v. 17). He did not appeal to them using lofty words and ideas, but spoke to their lives. He told fishermen that they were to be fishers of men. If he had told them: "Follow me, I will make you Apostles, you will be sent into the world to preach the Gospel in the power of the Spirit; you will be killed, but you will become saints", we can be sure that Peter and Andrew would have answered: "Thanks, but we'll stick to our nets and our boats!" But Jesus spoke to them in terms of their own livelihood: "You are fishermen, and you will become fishers of men". Struck by those words, they come to realize that lowering their nets for fish was too little, whereas putting out into the deep in response to the word of Jesus was the secret of true joy. **The Lord does the same with us: he looks for us where we are, he loves us as we are, and he patiently walks by our side**. As he did with those fishermen, he waits for us on the shore of our life. With his word, he wants to change us, to invite us to live fuller lives and to put out into the deep together with him.

So dear brothers and sisters, let us not ignore God's word. It is a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best. **In reading it, we again hear his voice, see his face and receive his Spirit**. That word brings us close to God. Let us not keep it at arm's length, but carry it with us always, in our pocket, on our phone. Let us give it a worthy place in our homes. Let us set the Gospel in a place where we can remember to open it daily, perhaps at the beginning and at the end of the day, so that amid all those words that ring in our ears, there may also be a few verses of the word of God that can touch our hearts. **To be able to do this, let us ask the Lord for the strength to turn off the television and open the Bible, to turn off our cell phone and open the Gospel**. During this liturgical year, we are reading Saint Mark, the simplest and the shortest of the Gospels. Why not read it at home too, even a brief passage each day. It will make us feel God's closeness to us and fill us with courage as we make our way through life.

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V SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



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.
06:00pm 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: Date to be confirmed.

Confirmation: Date to be confirmed.

Jesus says in today's Gospel that his mission was to preach. "That is why I came", he says. To preach what? The good news, which is that this Jesus is the son of God and took on our humanity and suffered and died for us but has risen over death. This means that no matter what our sins are they can be forgiven in the cross and also there is a promise of a new life through His resurrection, not only in Heaven but now, in this life. Certainly, Jesus began his good news with a call to repentance. It is a prerequisite to recognize one's sins in order to ask the Lord to forgive them and to have a heart filled with remorse. Then can begin a new life which comes from Jesus sending His spirit.

You and I, are called to proclaim this message to one and all. It is called "to evangelise". How can this be done? Well first thing to do is to pray to the Lord for the words to say. Secondly to ask our Lord to let you see where he has helped you in your life. We need this in order to speak to others without "Bible- Bashing" them. No one can tell you that your experience of what Jesus has done in your life is not true or is mistaken, as it is your personal experience of what Jesus Christ has done in your life. Therefore, we need to call to mind just what the Lord has done in our lives and how this is good news for the person or people listening. If you cannot see what the Lord has done in your personal life story then ask Him to show you. He will surely answer such a prayer. Thirdly pray to the Lord for courage but also patience as it may take some time for your workmate to bring their problems out to you. St. Peter says we must have our answer ready for when such occasions arise. For example, you can say, "I went through what you are going through but the Lord gave me the grace to be in peace amidst this trial and so He can help you too in your trial". Obviously, you have to fill it in a lot more but with the help of the Lord He can use you to help someone during their suffering.

Let us pray that the Lord give us the zeal to spread the Good News" which this world is in desperate need of.

Fr. Paul.

Courage!
God's mercy is greater than our weaknesses.
He loves you, as you are



¡Ven y escucha!
Catequesis para adultos
Fecha inicio: Enero 18, 2020.

Lunes y jueves.
7:00 - 8:00 PM Parish Hall
Our Lady of Divine Providence

Remember:

- Masks are required **ALL TIME** while being inside and in public covering the nose and mouth. (Attendees, choir and lectors as well.)
- Keep 2mts / 6ft of physical distance.
- Attendees must register at the entrance.
- Sanitize your hands.

If you feel sick or can't attend Mass, you can follow our online Sunday Mass at our **YouTube** channel below:

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<https://qrqo.page.link/U6mGg>

Parish Events Feb 7– Feb 14

Sunday: **Holy Mass: 09:00am, 10:30am and 12:30pm**
 04:00pm 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.

2nd Spanish Community, B.S. Chap
 1st English Communities, P. Hall
 2nd English Community, Blue Chapel

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

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

Thursday: 05:30pm D. Mass Church.
 06:00pm Creole Choir Practice Parish Hall.
 06:30pm English Choir Practice, D. Mass Chapel.

Friday: 05:30pm Daily Mass, Church.
 06:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.
 06:00pm Confessions.

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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During this time of pandemic, we have experienced the necessity of continuing in the spirituality of the **Holy Family Academy** community. We are grateful to be able to receive a consoling word in the Friday mass as we give thanks to God and ask him for the continued safety of all our students, staff and families.

For information, please visit

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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!