

POPE FRANCIS
GENERAL AUDIENCE

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

(continuing from last week)

Evangelical zeal is the support on which proclamation is based, and heralds are somewhat like the feet of the body of Christ that is the Church. There is no proclamation without movement, without 'going out', without initiative. This means there is no Christian if not on the move; no Christian if the Christian does not go out of him- or herself in order to set out on the journey and bear the proclamation. There is no proclamation without movement, without walking. One does not proclaim the Gospel by standing still, locked in an office, at one's desk or at one's computer, arguing like 'keyboard warriors' and replacing the creativity of proclamation with copy-and-paste ideas taken from here and there. The Gospel is proclaimed by moving, by walking, by going.

The term used by Paul to denote the footwear of those who bear the Gospel is a Greek word denoting readiness, preparation, alacrity. It is the opposite of being "slovenly", which is incompatible with love. In fact, elsewhere Paul says: "Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord" (*Rom 12:11*). This attitude was the one required in the Book of Exodus to celebrate the sacrifice of the Passover deliverance: "In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night" (*12:11-12a*).

A herald is ready to go, and knows that the Lord passes by in a surprising way. He or she must therefore be free from schemes and prepared for an unexpected and new action: prepared for surprises. One who proclaims the Gospel cannot be fossilised in cages of plausibility or the idea that "it has always been done this way", but is ready to follow a wisdom that is not of this world, as Paul says when speaking of himself: "my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God" (*1 Cor 2:4-5*).

Brothers and sisters, it is important to have this readiness for the newness of the Gospel, this attitude that involves momentum, taking the initiative, going first. It means not letting pass by the opportunities to promulgate the proclamation of the Gospel of peace, that peace that Christ knows how to give more and better than the world gives.

And this is why I exhort you to be evangelizers who are on the move, without fear, who go forward, in order to bring the beauty of Jesus, to bring the newness of Jesus who changes everything. "Yes, Father, he changes the calendar, because now we count the years before Jesus..." But he also changes hearts. And are you willing to let Jesus change your heart? Or are you a lukewarm Christian, who is not on the move? Think about it: Are you an enthusiast of Jesus, are you going forward? Think about it a bit.

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FIFTH 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.

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.

From the Pastor's desk:

Dear brothers and sisters,

CHRIST IS RISEN, with this greetings I greet everyone, everyday at the school during these 50 days of JOY and the students answer: **IT IS TRULY RISEN**. In today's Gospel, the Lord promises his disciples that they will perform works even greater than his, only God in his providence knows what works his grace has yet to bring forth in our lives and in the life of the Church in these islands.

Last Sunday we started the great Easter mission in Five Cays, that is to share with the neighborhood the Joy living within us from the Passover. In the light of our faith in Jesus Christ *"the way and the truth and the life"*, we come to see the fullest meaning, value, and indeed beauty, of those words. The Gospel teaches us that true freedom, the freedom of the children of God, is found only in the self-surrender which is part of the mystery of love. Only by losing ourselves, the Lord tells us, do we truly find ourselves. True freedom blossoms when we turn away from the burden of sin, which clouds our perceptions and weakens our resolve, and find the source of our ultimate happiness in him who is infinite love, infinite freedom, infinite life. "In his will is our peace".

Benedict XVI says: *"Real freedom, then, is God's gracious gift, the fruit of conversion to his truth, the truth which makes us free. And this freedom in truth brings in its wake a new and liberating way of seeing reality"*. When we put on "the mind of Christ", new horizons open before us! In the light of faith, within the communion of all of us in these islands, we also find the inspiration and strength to become a leaven of the Gospel in TCI. We as a church become the light of the world, the salt of the earth, entrusted to all of us with our "baptism" of making our own lives, and the world in which we live, conform ever more fully to God's will, it means that everyone may know our Lord Jesus Christ and believe that only He can save us. 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



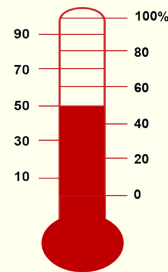
HOLY HOUR

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 May 7 —14

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

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Students of Form 3 and 5 participated in the Junior Tech Experts Workshop that was presented by members of Flow. They were able to ask questions and test their technological savvy at the end of the workshop.



This week, HFA's elementary school celebrated mass and were reminded that if they lose their joy during these 50 days, to always seek reconciliation with the Lord.

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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:

- Walkie-Talkie Radios
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Ping Pong table.
- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255
- Projectors
- Sports ballons