

## Angelus of Pope Francis 6 February, 2022

The Gospel of today's Liturgy takes us to the banks of the Sea of Galilee. The crowd is gathering around Jesus, while some disappointed fishermen, including Simon Peter, are washing their nets after a night of fishing that went badly. And so it is that Jesus climbs into Simon's boat; then he invites him to go out to sea and cast his nets again (cf. *Lk* 5:1-4). Let us pause on these two actions of Jesus: first he climbs into the boat and then, the second, he invites him to put out into the open water. It was a night that went badly, without fish, but Peter is trustful and sets out into open water.

First of all, Jesus gets into Simon's boat. To do what? To teach. He asks for that very boat, which is not full of fish but rather has returned to the shore empty, after a night of toil and disillusionment. It is a beautiful image for us too. Every day the boat of our life leaves the shores of our home to sail out into the sea of daily activities; every day we try to "fish from the sea", to cultivate dreams, to pursue projects, to experience love in our relationships. But often, like Peter, we experience the "night of empty nets" – the night of empty nets – the disappointment of trying so hard and not seeing the desired results: "We toiled all night and took nothing" (v. 5), says Simon. How often we too are left with a sense of defeat, while disappointment and bitterness arise in our hearts. Two very dangerous woodworms.

What does the Lord do then? He chooses to climb into our boat. From there he wants to proclaim the Gospel. It is precisely that empty boat, the symbol of our incapacity, that becomes Jesus' "cathedra", the pulpit from which he proclaims the Word. And this is what the Lord loves to do – the Lord is the Lord of surprises, of miracles in surprises: to climb into the boat of our lives when we have nothing to offer him; to enter our voids and fill them with his presence; to make use of our poverty to proclaim his wealth, our miseries to proclaim his mercy. Let us remember this: God does not want a cruise ship: a poor "ramshackle" boat is enough for him, as long as we welcome him. This yes, to welcome him; the boat doesn't matter, but that we welcome him. But, I wonder, do we let him into the boat of our lives? Do we make available to him the little we have? Sometimes we feel unworthy of Him because we are sinners. But this is an excuse that the Lord does not like, because it distances Him from us! He is the God of closeness, compassion, tenderness, and he does not seek perfectionism: he seeks our welcome. He says to you too: "Let me get into the boat of your life", "But Lord, look.." – "Like that, let me in, just as it is". Think about this.

In this way, the Lord reconstructs Peter's trust. When he climbs into the boat, after preaching, he says: "Put out a little from the land" (v. 4). It was not a good time of the day for fishing, in broad daylight, but Peter trusts in Jesus. He does not base his trust on the strategies of fishermen, which he knows well, but rather he founds it on the newness of Jesus. That wonder that moved him to do what Jesus told him. It is the same for us too: if we welcome the Lord into our boat, we can put out to sea. With Jesus, we navigate the sea of life without fear, without giving in to disappointment when we catch nothing, and without giving up and saying "there is nothing more to be done". Always, in personal life as well as in the life of the Church and society, there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start again – the Lord always invites us to get back on our feet because He opens up new possibilities. So let us accept the invitation: let us chase away pessimism and mistrust, and *put out to sea* Jesus! Our little empty boat, too, will witness a miraculous catch.

Let us pray to Mary: who like no other welcomed the Lord into the boat of her life. May she encourage us and intercede for us.

Final part of Pope Francis' catechesis on the communion of the saints f26 January, 2022

"Precisely for this reason, I want to conclude this catechesis with a prayer to St Joseph to which I am particularly attached and which I have recited every day for more than 40 years. It is a prayer that I found in a prayer book of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary, from the 1700s, the end of the eighteenth century. It is very beautiful, but more than a prayer it is a challenge, to this friend, to this father, to this our guardian, Saint Joseph. It would be wonderful if you could learn this prayer and repeat it. I will read it.

"Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. All my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen."

And it ends with a challenge, this is to challenge Saint Joseph: "You can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power." This is a prayer... I have been entrusting myself to St Joseph every day with this prayer for more than 40 years: it's an old prayer. Amen."

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## VII SUNDAY OF 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, Blue Chapel.

**Fridays:** 04:00pm Adoration of Blessed  
Sacrament and Rosary.  
05:30pm Blue Chapel.

### 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:** Corpus Christi, 2022.

**Confirmation:** TBA

The Gospel of today is a serious call to repentance for all of us. "For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." You measure other people and often harshly, and the strictness with which you measure will be applied to you. Many times you can be strict with others and soft on yourself but this is not how things are. Also, if you judge someone the same judgement will be applied to you! Personally, this frightens me. How then could anyone avoid judgment? Well, there is some good news in the gospel and it is, "For He Himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked." Again, however, if the Lord is so kind and forgiving with you, then it is only right that you be the same. The problem is that really to love the enemy or the one who hurts you is impossible. Therefore what to do? Pray for those whom you judge. Ask their forgiveness. Ask the Lord to see that it is worse to judge than to commit the sin that you see in others. If someone has hurt you very deeply, then beg the Lord the grace to forgive and offer the mass for their salvation. This is also self preservation! The Lord can give you the grace to forgive and not to judge, only when you see your own sins and how they have hurt others and yet the Lord forgives you! He does not hold your sins against you. Let us then ask Jesus Christ to give us His Spirit to forgive as we have been forgiven.

Fr. Paul

**HOLY HOUR TO END THE PANDEMIC**



All are invited to come and adore the Lord in the blessed sacrament at the new time of 4:00 pm –5:15pm on every Friday in the daily mass chapel. There will be adoration, rosary, spiritual reading and confessions. This can also be a good preparation for the daily mass at 5:30pm. The change comes so that those who could not stay after 6pm due to other reasons can now come earlier.

**CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS**

**COME AND LISTEN**

**“I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me will never die.”**

**Jn. 11:26**

**MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS  
7-8PM**

**Daily Mass (Blue) Chapel**

**All are invited 13 years and older**

**Free babysitting**

**Parish Events Feb.20-27**

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

04:00pm Coeur de Marie: Children’s group.  
05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.  
05:00pm Fraternitey, Red Room.  
05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice  
05:00pm Choeur D’hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

**Monday: 05:30pm D. Mass Chapel**

**St. Peter Damian** 07:00pm Catechesis Blue Chapel

**Tuesday 05:30pm D. Mass, Chapel,**

**Feast of the Chair of St. Peter**  
07:00pm 1st English. Church  
07:00pm 4th English. B. Sacrament  
07:00pm 1st Spanish. Blue Chapel  
07:00pm 2nd Spanish. Red Room

**Wednesday: 05:30pm Daily Mass Chapel**

**St. Polycarp**  
07:00pm 1st Creole. Red Room.  
07:00pm 2nd Creole B. Sacrament.  
07:00pm 3rd English. Blue Chapel  
07:00pm 2nd English, Church

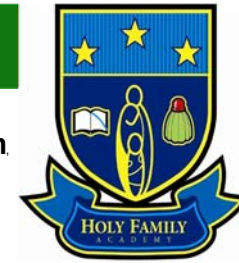
**Thursday: 05:30pm D. Mass Chapel.**  
06:00pm Creole Choir Practice Parish Hall.  
07:00pm Catechesis, Blue Chapel.

**Friday: 04:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction. Confessions**  
05:30pm Daily Mass, Blue Chapel.

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

**Liturgy of the Eucharist NCW**

07:00pm Church, Blue Chapel and Red Room.



**School Notes**

**Holy Family Academy**

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Holy Family Academy had a very successful Science Fair this week. All of HFA’s students spent several months on their projects and were excited to finally display their hard work in HFA’s Science Exhibition. See photo below. With so many academic activities going on in HFA, students are being encouraged to prioritize God in the midst of all activities. We do this throughout the day by setting aside time to do daily prayers, be it in the morning, afternoon, even before snack.



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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 [holyfamilytc@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilytc@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:

- Abacus
- Jumping Ropes, Pingo Pong table
- Hand Sanitizer, alcohol and paper hand towels
- Cleaning Tools (mops, brooms, gloves.)
- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255