

## Pope Francis Audience , 2024

Today, with this catechesis we begin a cycle of reflections with the theme 'The Holy Spirit and the Bride' – the bride is the Church – "The Holy Spirit guides God's people towards Jesus our hope". We will make this journey through the three great stages of salvation history: the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the time of the Church. Always keeping our gaze fixed on Jesus, Who is our hope. In these first catecheses on the Spirit in the Old Testament, we will not do 'biblical archaeology'. Instead, we will discover that what is given as a promise in the Old Testament has been fully realised in Christ. It will be like following the path of the sun from dawn to noon. Let us begin with the first two verses of the entire Bible. The first two verses of the Bible read: 'In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters' (Gen 1:1-2). The Spirit of God appears to us here as the mysterious power that moves the world from its initial formless, deserted, and gloomy state to its ordered and harmonious state. Because the Spirit makes harmony, harmony in life, harmony in the world. In other words, it is He who makes the world pass from chaos to the cosmos, that is, from confusion to something beautiful and ordered. This, in fact, is the meaning of the Greek word *kosmos*, as well as the Latin word *mundus*, that is, something beautiful, something ordered, clean, harmonious, because the Spirit is harmony. This still vague hint of the Holy Spirit's action in creation becomes more precise in the following revelation. In a psalm we read: 'By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host' (Ps 33:6); and again: 'You send forth Your spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth' (Ps 104:30). This line of development becomes very clear in the New Testament, which describes the intervention of the Holy Spirit in the new creation, using precisely the images that one reads about in connection with the origin of the world: the dove that hovers over the waters of the Jordan at Jesus' baptism (cf. Mt 3:16); Jesus who, in the Upper Room, breathes on the disciples and says: 'Receive the Holy Spirit' (Jn 20:22), just as in the beginning God breathed His breath on Adam. The Apostle Paul introduces a new element into this relationship between the Holy Spirit and creation. He speaks of a universe that 'groans and suffers as in labour pains' (cf. Rom 8:22). It suffers because of man who has subjected it to the 'bondage of corruption' (cf. vv. 20-21). It is a reality that concerns us closely and concerns us dramatically. The Apostle sees the cause of the suffering of creation in the corruption and sin of humanity that has dragged it into its alienation from God. This remains as true today as it was then. We see the havoc that has been done, and that continues to be wrought upon creation by humanity, especially that part of it that has greater capacity to exploit its resources. St Francis of Assisi shows us a way out, a beautiful way, a way out to return to the harmony of the Spirit: the way of contemplation and praise. He wanted a canticle of praise to the Creator to be raised from the creatures. One of the psalms (18:2 [19:1]) says, 'The heavens declare the glory of God', but men and women are needed to give voice to this mute cry of theirs. And in the 'Sanctus' of the Mass we repeat each time: 'Heaven and earth are full of your glory'. They are, so to speak, 'pregnant' with it, but they need the hands of a good midwife to give birth to this praise of theirs. Our vocation in the world, Paul again reminds us, is to be 'praise of His glory' (Eph 1:12). It is to put the joy of contemplating ahead of the joy of possessing. And no one has rejoiced in creatures more than Francis of Assisi, who did not want to possess any of them. Brothers and sisters, the Holy Spirit, Who in the beginning transformed chaos into cosmos, is at work to bring about this transformation in every person. Through the prophet Ezekiel, God promises: 'I will give you a new heart, and a new Spirit I will put within you. I will put my Spirit within you' (Ez 36:26-27). For our heart resembles that deserted, dark abyss of the first verses of Genesis. Opposed feelings and desires stir within it: those of the flesh and those of the spirit. We are all, in a sense, that 'kingdom divided against itself' that Jesus talks about in the Gospel (cf. Mk 3:24). Within ourselves we can say that there is an external chaos – social chaos, political chaos. We think about wars, we think about so many boys and girls who don't have enough to eat, about so many social injustices. This is the external chaos. But there is also an internal chaos: internal to each of us. The former cannot be healed unless we begin to heal the latter! Brothers and sisters, let us do a good job of making our internal confusion a clarity of the Holy Spirit. It is the power of God that does this, and we open our hearts so that He can do it. May this reflection arouse in us the desire to experience the Creator Spirit. For more than a millennium, the Church has put on our lips the cry to ask: 'Veni creator Spiritus! Come, O Creator Spirit! Visit our minds. Fill with heavenly grace the hearts you have created.' Let us ask the Holy Spirit to come to us and make us new persons.

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## X SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



### 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, Upper Room, St. Maria Goretti.**

**Fridays: 04:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.**

**05:30 pm Upper Room**  
**St. Maria Goretti.**

### SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.**

**1st Confession: 24 May, 2024.**  
**1st Communions: 02 June, 2024.**

**Confirmations: TBC (20 October, 2024).**

**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.**

In today's Gospel, Jesus dialogues with the scribes who had come from Jerusalem. They were the distinguished teachers of the Law. When they hear about Jesus' miracles and particularly about His driving out devils, they conclude it is through the devil that He is casting them out. Jesus pulls them aside and try to show how illogical is there conclusion. He tries to get them to change their attitude by argument. Why does He do this? Because they are calling something that was inherently good, a work of the Devil and that just cannot be the case. Then Jesus says all sins and blasphemies will be forgiven except this one. Why? Because these men have put themselves outside the truth. They are calling something good, bad and this is motivated by a deep envy. Jesus is posing a threat to their distinguished position in society. They lack the humility to admit that someone else is doing things better than they are, because many people were beginning to follow Jesus and not them anymore. They realized that they had to do something to stop this and guess what? They are just like you and me. When someone new comes along and is more esteemed than yourself amongst your peers you can reach the point of hating them, I think many times why we judge others is because we are envious of them. Eventually envy is going to put Jesus on the cross. This is the sin against the Spirit but if your heart changes and repents then you can be forgiven. It's only when you remain in your position doggedly that you risk your salvation. Let us all be aware of this and the antidote, of course is the humility to admit the truth about our own poverty of spirit.

Fr. Paul

We congratulate those who have received for the first time the **Sacrament of Confession** last Friday. We, as a church, continue praying for these children to grow in faith.

We are grateful to all catechist for their effort and perseverance in preparing these children. May the Lord reward them a hundred-fold.



Gabrielle Patio, Guideline Joseph, Asbiel Serrano, Samuel Martin, Sofia Bengtsson, Paul Christian Constant, Maximus Kaszowski, Ethan Jackson, Kingston Barnett, Nikodem Barnett, Tristan LeDaridor, Elizabeth Serrano, Aaron A Gangasingh, Elijah A. E. Simons

## HOLY DOOR

### JUBILEE OF THE CATHOLIC MISSION IN THE TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS

In order to get a **Plenary Indulgence**, which is a full remission of Purgatory, for either yourself or for the soul of someone who has died, the following conditions are needed; sacramental confession within a few days before or after.

1. Passing through the Holy Door
2. Praying the creed, the Our Father, a Hail Mary for Pope Francis' intentions.
3. Attending Mass in this Church and receiving Holy Communion.

It is also possible to get a partial indulgence if one or other of the above conditions are not met.

## Parish Events June 9-16

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

04:00pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.  
05:00pm Fraternite, Red Room.  
05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice.  
05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.  
06:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

### Monday

05:00pm Confession near Holy Door  
05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG

### Tuesday

#### St. Barnabas

05:00pm Confession near Holy Door  
05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG  
07:00pm First English, Parish Hall  
07:00pm Second English, SMG  
07:00pm Spanish, Red Room

### Wednesday

05:00pm Confession near Holy Door  
05:30pm Mass in SMG  
07:00pm Third English, SMG  
07:00pm Fourth English, Red Room  
07:00pm Fifth English, Blue Chapel  
07:00pm Creole, Bl. Sacrament Chapel

### Thursday

#### St. Anthony of Padua

05:00pm Confessions near Holy Door  
05:30pm Daily Mass SMG

### Friday

04:00pm Adoration, SMG  
05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG

### Saturday

05:30pm Mass in Church  
07:00pm Eucharist NCW



## School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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The HFA students celebrated their last mass of the year in the school, in the meanwhile they are preparing for their final exams. This is an occasion to give thanks to God for the beautiful year that He gave them and to look at all the graces that they received.

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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.

Your sponsorship payment can be done through direct deposit or bank transfer or by donating any of the items below.

- Projectors and projector screens
- Projector stands
- Art Supplies
- Printing Paper
- Sport supplies
- Asthma Inhalers & AED

Click on our [Wish List](#) or scan the code to see more!

### SPLASH DAY!

Be part of our fun water day by contributing with any of the items in our list!

- Pop corn machine
- Pop Corn cups
- Bouncing house

Scan the code to see more!

