

## Catechesis on prayer: 36. Jesus, model and soul of all prayer

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Jesus' prayer returns punctually in a crucial moment on His journey, that of the verification of the faith of His disciples. Let us listen again to the evangelist Luke: "As [Jesus] was praying alone, the disciples were with Him; and He asked them, 'Who do the people say that I am?' And they answered, 'John the Baptist; but others say, Eli'jah, and others, that one of the old prophets has risen'. And He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' And Peter answered, on behalf of them all, 'The Christ of God'. But he charged and commanded them tell this to no one" (9:18-21). That is, the great turning points of Jesus' mission are always preceded by prayer, but not just in passing, by intense, prolonged prayer. There is always prayer in those moments. This test of faith seems to be a goal, but it is instead a renewed starting point for the disciples, because from then on, it is as if Jesus took on a new tone in His mission, speaking openly to them of His passion, death and resurrection.

With this prospect, that gives rise instinctively to repulsion, both in the disciples and in we who read the Gospel, prayer is the only source of light and strength. It is necessary to pray more intensely, every time the road takes an uphill turn.

And indeed, after announcing to the disciples what awaits Him in Jerusalem, the episode of the Transfiguration takes place. Jesus "took with Him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And as He was praying, the appearance of His countenance was altered, and His raiment became dazzling white. And behold, two men talked with Him, Moses and Eli'jah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His departure, which He was to accomplish at Jerusalem" (9:28-31), that is, the Passion. Therefore, this anticipated manifestation of the glory of Jesus took place in prayer, while the Son was immersed in communion with the Father and fully consented to His will of love, to His plan of salvation. And out of that prayer came a clear word for the three disciples involved: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him" (Lk 9:35). From prayer comes the invitation to listen to Jesus, always from prayer.

From this quick journey through the Gospel, we learn that Jesus not only wants us to pray as He prays, but assures us that, even if our attempts at prayer are completely vain and ineffective, we can always count on His prayer. We must be aware of this: Jesus prays for me. Once, a good bishop told me that in a very bad moment in his life, a very, very, very great trial, in which all was in darkness, he looked up in the Basilica and saw this phrase written: "I, Peter, will pray for you". And this gave him strength and consolation. And this happens every time that any each of us knows that Jesus is praying for him or for her. Jesus prays for us. In this moment, in this very moment. Do this memory exercise, repeat this. When there is a difficulty, when you feel the orbital pull of distractions: Jesus is praying for me. But father, is this true? It is true! He said it Himself. Let us not forget that what sustains each of us in life is Jesus' prayer for every one of us, with our name and surname, before the Father, showing Him the wounds that are the price of our salvation.

Even if our prayers were only stuttering, if they were compromised by a wavering faith, we must never cease to trust in Him: I do not know how to pray but He prays for me. Supported by Jesus' prayer, our timid prayers rest on eagle wings and soar up to Heaven. Do not forget: Jesus is praying for me. Now? Now. In the moment of trial, in the moment of sin, even in that sin, Jesus is praying for me with so much love. Thank you.

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### XI 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:** June 6, 2021.

**Confirmation:** Fall 2021.



There are two parables in today's Gospel. Similar but they are different aspects of the same truth. The first speaks about how the seed is planted and grows all by itself. The farmer does very little for it to grow. The same happens when the Gospel or Good News is announced. It does not depend on the person who proclaims the good news for it to bear fruit. Every day you are called to announce the Good News but how to do it? Hopefully you have had an experience of what Jesus has done in your life. Perhaps, it was a prayer answered or an event that looked impossible but it turned out fine. These experiences cannot be denied by any one as they are your personal experience of the Lord. You are not bible bashing anyone just proclaiming what the Lord has done in your life. It's then up to the listener to accept or reject, but none the less a seed is planted and it may take time to grow. If there is someone you know having a crisis or they are in difficulties, always a word of encouragement can help. These are some ways to evangelize or to plant a seed.

Secondly, the mustard seed is the Church. It starts out small like the Mustard seed but it grows into an enormous tree that is the home for many people. Somehow it grows by itself. You can see that very clearly here in this mission Church. Twenty two years ago the parish hall was the Church with a few people coming and now there is a new church with many people coming, masses in three languages, a mission school and many other activities here. This took time and patience but now there is life here. Was this anyone's effort? No, it was the Lord's work.

Finally, you have received the seed of faith in your Baptism and if it is watered it can begin to grow. This water is the sacraments, the word of God and the community. May all of us have the grace and patience to see the Lord working and growing in our lives and that this is all His work and not our own, so that we cannot claim the credit.

Fr. Paul

We would like to thank the catechists and teachers who prepared these children to receive the sacraments of confession and communion for the first time this year, as well to all those who participated and helped in the organization of the liturgy for this important step in the life of a Christian.



We would like to congratulate the children who received for the first time the sacrament of confession this past Friday. We ask the community of Our Lady of Divine Providence, to pray for them so they can experience the grace of forgiveness and reconciliation as they continue to prepare for their First Communion next year.



## Parish Events Jun 13-Jun 20

**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 Community, S.M.Goretti  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Spanish Community, Red Room

**Wednesday:** **Liturgy of the Word, NCW.**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Spanish Community, SM.Goretti.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Creole Community, Red Room.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> English Community, Blue Chap.  
 4<sup>th</sup> English Community, Parish Hall.

**Thursday:** 05:30pm D. Mass Church.  
 06:00pm Creole Choir Practice  
 06:30pm English Choir Practice.

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

**Saturday:** 05:30pm Mass Church.  
**NCW. Eucharist**  
 05:30pm  
 07:00pm



## School Notes

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd grade. OLDP Church. 02:00 pm.  
**Jun. 14** Queen's Birthday (School closed).  
**Jun. 18** 11th and 12th grade Graduation.  
**Jun. 21-23** Summer Camp - Fund Days.  
**Jun. 23** Kindergarten Graduation.  
 Final Report Card Distribution.  
 Last Day of School Year 2020-2021  
**Jun. 24** 8th grade Graduation.

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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 [holyfamilytci@gmail.com](mailto: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:

- 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!