

## Pope Francis Audience 18 June 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

I wish to express my gratitude to those who, during the days of my stay at the Gemelli Hospital, showed me affection, care and friendship, and assured me of the support of prayer. This human closeness and spiritual closeness were of great help and comfort to me. Thank you all! Thank you! Thank you from my heart!

Today, in the Gospel, Jesus calls by name – he calls by name - and sends out the twelve Apostles. By sending them, he asks them to proclaim just one thing: “Preach as you go, saying ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand’” (Mt 10:7). It is the same proclamation with which Jesus began his preaching: the kingdom of God, that is, his lordship of love, has come near, it comes in our midst. And this is not just one piece of news among others, no, but the fundamental reality of life: the vicinity of God, the vicinity of Jesus. Indeed, if the God of heaven is close, we are not alone on earth, and even in difficulty we do not lose faith. Here is the first thing to say to people: God is not far away, but he is a Father. God is not distant, he is a Father, he knows you and he loves you; he wants to take you by the hand, even when you travel on steep and rugged paths, even when you fall and struggle to get up again and get back on track. He, the Lord, is there with you. Indeed, often in the moments when you are at your weakest, you can feel his presence all the more strongly. He knows the path, he is with you, he is your Father! He is my Father! He is our Father! Let us remain with this image, because proclaiming God as close to us is inviting you to think like a child, who walks held by his father’s hand: everything seems different. The world, large and mysterious, becomes familiar and secure, because the child knows he is protected. He is not afraid, and learns how to open up: he meets other people, finds new friends, learns with joy things that he did not know, and then returns home and tells everyone what he has seen, while within him there grows the desire to become grown up and to do the things he has seen his daddy do. This is why Jesus starts out from here, this is why God’s vicinity is the first proclamation: by staying close to God, we conquer fear, we open ourselves to love, we grow in goodness and we feel the need and the joy to proclaim. If we want to be good apostles, we must be like children: we must sit “on God’s lap” and, from there, look at the world with trust and love, in order to bear witness that God is the Father, that he alone transforms our hearts and gives us that joy and that peace that we ourselves cannot attain. To proclaim that God is near – but how can we do this? In the Gospel, Jesus recounts and recommends not saying many words, but performing many deeds of love and hope in the name of the Lord. Not saying many words, performing deeds! “Heal the sick”, says the Lord, “raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without pay, give without pay” (Mt 10:8). Here is the heart of proclamation: witness freely given, service. I will tell you something: I am always puzzled, very puzzled, by the “talkers” with their endless talk and no action. At this point, let us ask a few questions: we, who believe in God who is close, I wonder: do we confide in him? Do we know how to look forward trustfully, like a child who knows he is held in his father’s arms? Do we know how to sit in the Father’s lap with prayer, by listening to the Word, partaking of the Sacraments? And finally, close to him, do we know how to instill courage in others, to make ourselves close to those who suffer and are alone, to those who are distant and even those who are hostile? This is the substance of faith. This is what counts.

And let us now pray to Mary; may she help us feel we are loved and transmit closeness and trust

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## XII SUNDAY IN 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, 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.**

In today's Gospel Jesus tells you not to be afraid. What are your fears that you carry with you every day? And where do they come from or what causes them? Many times, like me, you are fearful of things going wrong but generally they turn out fine in the end. So this means there is a lack of faith. And then comes a further question which is, "Why do I lack faith?" The reason for this can be some sin that you have and do not wish to give up or there is some suffering in your life that you do not understand. Ultimately, however, faith is a gift from the Lord, which He gives to you. Faith is an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ and it comes when you begin to see the events of life as God's plan, which includes the good with the bad. St. Irenaeus, whose feast day is this Wednesday, said that faith is simply to do the will of God. But this is the real battle, which is, to do the will of someone else and not your own and to see that you do not die, but instead, you get life. This is an experience of faith. Perhaps you have never had this experience, or, you may well have but it's a long way in the past and other problems have arisen and you have lost the glow of that experience. But if you really think about it there is really nothing to be afraid of except the evil one. So, this means that a life of faith is a battle. It's a battle with the demons outside of us and inside of us. You have your 'pet' demons and I have mine and yet the Lord says it twice in the gospel of today, "Do not be afraid". Let us beg the Lord for this experience of faith and for Him to take away all our useless worries and fears, that only make you age quicker and can never help. St. Padre Pio says, "Worry is useless." May the Lord grant us all His grace not to be afraid but to trust completely in Him.

Fr. Paul



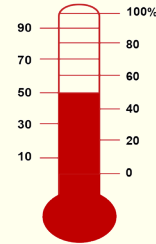
## HOLY HOUR

**FRIDAYS**  
4:00 pm–5:00pm.



## World Youth Day

**PLEASE HELP US GET THERE**  
(50 young and adults \$ 3,500 each)



**Goal:**  
**US\$ 175,500**

**To Date:**  
**US\$ 94,500**

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**

**Go Fund me:**  
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## Parish Events June 25-July 2.

**Sunday Holy Mass: 09:00 am.10:30am. and 12:30pm.**  
04:00 pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.  
05:00 pm Fraternite, Red Room.  
05:00 pm Creole Youth Choir practice.  
05:30 pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.  
05:00 pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

**Monday**  
05:30 pm D. and Mass Chapel  
07:30pm AA meetings Parish Hall.

**Tuesday St Cyril of Alexandria**  
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel  
07:00 pm All Spanish - Maria Goretti Room

**Wednesday St. Irenaeus**  
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel  
07:00 pm All English - Maria Goretti Room  
All Creole - Red Room

**Thursday St.s Peter and Paul**  
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel

**Friday First Martyrs of Rome**  
04:00pm Adoration, Blue Chapel  
05:30pm D. Mass Chapel

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



## School Notes

**Holy Family Academy**  
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As the school year at HFA comes to a close, the students enjoy the their much deserved Camp Day. Also, we congratulate the graduating classes of 2022-

2023 for their hard work and dedication. May the Lord continue to bless them as they move on to a different stage of their lives.



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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](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:

- Walkie-Talkie Radios
- Projectors
- Sports balls