

Pope Francis Audience 16 June, 2024

Let us continue the catechesis on the Holy Spirit who guides the Church towards Christ our hope. He is the guide. Last time we contemplated the work of the Spirit in creation; today we will see it in *revelation*, in which the *Sacred Scripture* is witness inspired by God and authoritative.

The Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy contains this statement: "*All Scripture is inspired by God*" (3:16). And another passage in the New Testament says: "*men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God*" (2 Pt 1:21). This is the doctrine of the divine inspiration of the Scriptures, which we proclaim as an article of faith in the Creed, when we say that the Holy Spirit "has spoken through the prophets". The divine inspiration of the Bible.

The Holy Spirit, who inspired the Scriptures, is also the one who explains and makes them perennially living and active. From *inspired*, he makes them *inspiring*. The Sacred Scriptures "as inspired by God", says Vatican Council II, "and committed once and for all to writing ... impart the word of God Himself without change, and make the voice of the Holy Spirit resound in the words of the prophets and Apostles" (21). In this way the Holy Spirit continues, in the Church, the action of the Risen Jesus who, after Easter, "opened the minds of the disciples to understand the Scriptures" (cf. Lk 24:45). Indeed, it can happen that in a certain passage of the Scripture, that we have read many times without particular emotion, one day we read it in an atmosphere of faith and prayer, and then that text is unexpectedly illuminated, it speaks to us, it sheds light on a problem we are living, it makes God's will for us clear in a certain situation. To what is this change due, if not to an enlightenment of the Holy Spirit? The words of the Scripture, under the action of the Spirit, become luminous; and in those cases, we touch with our own hands how true is the statement in the Letter to the Hebrews: "*The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword*" (4:12). Brothers and sisters, the Church is nourished by the spiritual reading of the Sacred Scripture, that is, by reading under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that inspired it. At its centre, like a beacon that illuminates everything, there is the event of the death and resurrection of Christ, which fulfils the plan of salvation, realizes all the figures and the prophecies, unveils all the hidden mysteries and offers the true key to reading the entire Bible. The death and resurrection of Christ is the beacon that illuminates all the Bible, and it also illuminates our life. Revelation describes all of this with the image of the Lamb that breaks the seals of the book "written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals" (cf. 5:1-9), that is, the Scriptures of the Old Testament. The Church, Bride of Christ, is the authorized interpreter of the inspired text of the Scriptures; the Church is the mediator of its authentic proclamation. Since the Church is gifted with the Holy Spirit — this is why she is the interpreter — she is the "pillar and bulwark of the truth" (1 Tm 3:15). Why? Because she is inspired, held steady by the Holy Spirit. And the task of the Church is to help the faithful and those who seek the truth to interpret the biblical texts correctly. One way of doing a spiritual reading of the Word of God is what is called the *lectio divina*, a word whose meaning we perhaps do not understand. It consists in dedicating a time of the day to the personal and meditative reading of a passage of the Scripture. And this is very important: every day, take the time to listen to, to meditate, reading a passage from the Scripture. And therefore, I recommend that you always have a pocket edition of the Gospel and keep it in your bag, in your pocket... So, when you are travelling, or have a little free time, you can take it and read it. This is very important for life. Get a pocket Gospel and read it once, twice, or whenever you have the chance throughout the day. But the quintessential spiritual reading of the Scriptures is the community reading in the Liturgy at Mass. There, we see how an event or a teaching, given by the Old Testament, finds its full expression in the Gospel of Christ. And the homily, that comment by the celebrant, must help to transfer the Word of God from the book to life. And among the many words of God that we listen to every day in Mass or in the Liturgy of the Hours, there is always one that is meant especially for us. Something that touches the heart. Welcomed into the heart, it can illuminate our day and inspire our prayer. It is a question of not letting it fall on deaf ears! Let us conclude with a thought that can help us to fall in love with the Word of God. Like certain pieces of music, the Sacred Scripture too has a base note that accompanies it from the beginning to the end, and this note is the love of God. "The whole Bible", observes Saint Augustine, "does nothing but tell of God's love". [1] And Saint Gregory the Great defines the Scriptures as "a letter from God Almighty to His creature", like a letter from a bridegroom to the bride, and exhorts us to "learn and know the heart of God in the words of God". [2] "Through this revelation", says Vatican Council II again, "the invisible God, out of the abundance of His love, speaks to men as friends and lives among them, so that He may invite and take them into fellowship with Himself" (*Dei Verbum*, 2).

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XII 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.

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SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.

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 there is the event of the calming of the storm. In everyone's life there are times when the storms hit hard and your reaction is like that of the Apostles in the boat. "Wake up, Lord, the boat is sinking!" Sometimes these things become only a 'Storm in a teacup' as we say, but other times they are the real deal and have to be recognized as such. It's important to step back, in these moments and pray. Sometimes there is not even time for this. The Gospel of today reveals some things about faith and what it is. First of all it is BOLD. This means that It can almost seem presumptuous. Secondly, it also takes RISKS. For example, 'How are we going to afford to pay for our childrens' schooling? The Lord does provide and unless there is risk-taking you never see the providence. This means you never see how the Lord provides and therefore you never get to experience His fatherly love. In the end your life becomes centered on the almighty dollar and not on the Lord. This does not mean to be foolish in this regard but there are moments when the risk must be taken. This is not just for the schooling only but in general. I have heard many stories of people who do not know how they got through some financially tough years and they did not starve or went about wearing rags or anything like that but they saw how it was true that the Lord does provide. This makes the experience worthwhile because you will always have the memory of this experience of God's providential nature and know that no matter what He can do it again.

May the Lord grant us all the gift of Faith.

Fr. Paul

PETER'S PENCE

On June 29-30, there will be a second collection, (the only one of the year) for Peter's Pence which goes to the Pope to distribute to Charitable works and to help finance the Vatican offices. Please be generous in this collection.

Fr. Orlando

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 23-30

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 Birth of John the Baptist

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

Tuesday

- 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

- 05:00pm **St. Cyril of Alexandria**
- 05:30pm Confessions near Holy Door
- Daily Mass SMG

Friday St. Irenaeus

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

Saturday Feast of St.s Peter & Paul

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



School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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The school has ended and last Friday the HFA students celebrated their graduation, after the end of the year mass all together. Congratulations 8th, 11th and 12th grade.



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.

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- Projector stands
- Art Supplies
- Printing Paper
- Sport supplies
- Asthma Inhalers & AED

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