

## Pope Francis Audience 28 June 2023

Today we are going to Oceania. The faith in Christ, which so many European emigrants brought to those lands, soon took root and bore abundant fruit. Among them was an extraordinary religious sister, Mary MacKillop (1842-1909), foundress of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, who dedicated her life to the intellectual and religious formation of the poor in rural Australia. As a young girl, she felt called by God to serve him and bear witness to him not only with words, but above all with a life transformed by God's presence. Like Mary Magdalene, who first encountered the risen Jesus and was sent by him to bring the proclamation to the disciples, Mary was convinced that she too was sent to spread the Good News and attract others to an encounter with the living God. Wisely reading the signs of the times, she understood that for her, the best way to do so was through the education of the young, in the knowledge that Catholic education is a form of evangelization. It is a great form of evangelization. In this way, if we can say that "Each saint is a mission, planned by the Father to reflect and embody, at a specific moment in history, a certain aspect of the Gospel, then Mary MacKillop was especially so through the founding of schools. An essential characteristic of her zeal for the Gospel was caring for the poor and marginalized. And this is very important: on the path to holiness, which is the Christian path, the poor and marginalized are protagonists, and a person cannot advance in holiness if he or she is not dedicated to them too, in one way or another. But they are the presence of the Lord, those who are in need of the Lord's help. Once I read a phrase that struck me; it said: "The protagonist of History is the beggar. They are the ones who draw attention to this great injustice, which is the great poverty in the world". Money is spent on manufacturing weapons, not providing meals. And do not forget: there is no holiness if in one way or another there is no care for the poor, the needy, those who are somewhat on the margins of society. This care for the poor and the marginalized drove Mary to go where others would not or could not go. On 19 March 1866, the feast of Saint Joseph, she opened the first school in a small suburb of South Australia. It was followed by many others that she and her sisters founded in rural communities throughout Australia and New Zealand. But they multiplied, apostolic zeal is like that: it multiplies works. Mary MacKillop was convinced that the purpose of education is the integral development of the person both as an individual and as a member of the community; and that this requires wisdom, patience and charity on the part of every teacher. Indeed, education does not consist of filling the head with ideas: no, not just this, but: what does education constitute? Accompanying and encouraging students on the path of human and spiritual growth, showing them how friendship with the Risen Jesus expands the heart and makes life more humane. Educating and helping to think well, to feel well (the language of the heart) and to do good (the language of the hands). This vision is fully relevant today, when we feel the need for an "educational pact" capable of uniting families, schools and society as a whole. Mary MacKillop's zeal for spreading the Gospel among the poor also led her to undertake a number of other charitable works, starting with the "Providence House" opened in Adelaide to take in the elderly and abandoned children. Mary had great faith in God's Providence: she was always confident that in any situation God provides. But this did not spare her from the anxieties and difficulties arising from her apostolate, and Mary had good reason for this: she had to pay bills, negotiate with local bishops and priests, manage the schools and look after the professional and spiritual formation of her Sisters; and, later, she suffered health problems. Yet, through it all, she remained calm, patiently carrying the cross that is an integral part of the mission. On one occasion, on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, Mary said to one of her Sisters: "My daughter, for many years I have learned to love the Cross". For many years I have learned to love the Cross. She did not give up in times of trial and darkness, when her joy was dampened by opposition or rejection. Look at this: all the saints faced opposition, even within the Church. This is curious. And she faced it too. She remained convinced that even when the Lord gave her "the bread of adversity and the water of affliction" (Is 30:20), The Lord Himself would soon answer her cry and surround her with His grace. This is the secret of apostolic zeal: the continual relationship with the Lord. Brothers and sisters, may Saint Mary MacKillop's missionary discipleship, her creative response to the needs of the Church of her time, and her commitment to the integral formation of young people inspire all of us today, called to be a leaven of the Gospel in our rapidly changing societies. May her example and intercession support the daily work of parents, teachers, catechists and all educators.

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## XIII 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 says that you cannot be a disciple of Jesus unless you take up your cross and follow Him. This means that you need the grace of the Lord to see that your cross is what is saving you! What is your cross today or, to put it another way, what is making your life difficult today? It could be your marriage relationship or your children or your workplace. It could also be sickness, loneliness, anything that causes you to suffer. It is precisely there that the Lord invites you to meet Him. To do this it is necessary the gift of God to see the events of your life with faith. This means that really, a sickness comes from the Lord or difficulties in your relationship? How can that be? Because Jesus Christ suffered so as to resurrect. As you share in His cross you will experience also His resurrection, but in this life, not just in heaven. Many people, for example who have children with some type of disability, are, at first, deeply hurt by this. As the years progress, however, they begin to see the gift that such a child is and what looked like God was punishing them turned out to be a great blessing for them and for all the family. Many say that it was that particular cross that held their marriage and family together. How strange is life and how slow to understand it in all its wonderful mystery are we

Secondly, to love the Lord more than your loved ones; how is this possible? Isn't Jesus being a little too extreme? No, because He knows that only His Father can truly satisfy the desire deep down in our hearts, and that not even, the closest person to you can satisfy this longing. We need affection from people but only the Lord can be our God. Let us ask the Lord today to accept and understand the crosses we have in life and to love Him with our whole heart.

Fr. Paul



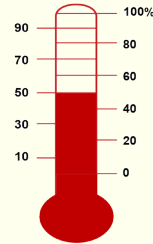
## HOLY HOUR

**FRIDAYS**  
4:00 pm—5:00pm.



## WORLD YOUTH DAY

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



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

**To Date:**  
**U\$ 106,500**

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:**  
**<https://gofund.me/c2208a5e>**

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**Thank you!**

## Parish Events July 2-9.

**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 St. Thomas Apostle**  
05:30 pm D. and Mass Chapel  
07:30pm AA meetings Parish Hall.

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

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

**Thursday St. Maria Goretti**  
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel

**Friday**  
04:00pm Adoration, Blue Chapel  
05:30pm D. Mass Chapel

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



## School Notes

Holy Family Academy  
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### It has been a amazing year!

We give thanks to the Lord for all the blessings received during this school year, as well to all those who have supported and accompanied us in many different ways.

May the Lord reward you a hundred-fold!

See you after the Summer Break!

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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:

- AED
- Asthma Inhalers
- Walkie-Talkie Radios
- Projectors