

Cannonisation Homily Pope Francis 15 May, 2022 Part I

We have heard what Jesus told his disciples before leaving this world and returning to the Father. He told us what it means to be a Christian: "Even as I have loved you, so you must love one another" (Jn 13:34). This is the legacy that Christ bequeathed to us, the ultimate criterion for discerning whether or not we are truly his disciples. It is the commandment of love. Let us stop to consider two essential elements of this commandment: Jesus' love for us – "*as I have loved you*" – and the love he asks us to show to others – "*so you must love one another*".

First, the words "*as I have loved you*". How did Jesus love us? To the very end, to the total gift of himself. It is striking to think that he spoke these words on that night of darkness, when the atmosphere in the Upper Room was one of deep emotion and anxiety: deep emotion, because the Master was about to bid farewell to his disciples; anxiety because he had said that one of them would betray him. We can imagine the sorrow that filled the heart of Jesus, the dark clouds that were gathering in the hearts of the apostles, and their bitterness at seeing Judas who, after receiving the morsel dipped for him by the Master, left the room to enter into the night of betrayal. Yet at the very hour of his betrayal, Jesus reaffirmed his love for his own. For amid the darkness and tempests of life, that is the most important thing of all: God loves us.

Brothers and sisters, may this message be the core of our own faith and all the ways in which we express it: "...not that we loved God but that he loved us" (1 Jn 4:10). Let us never forget this. Our abilities and our merits are not the central thing, but rather the unconditional, free and unmerited love of God. Our Christian lives begin not with doctrine and good works, but with the amazement born of realizing that we are loved, prior to any response on our part. While the world frequently tries to convince us that we are valued only for what we can produce, the Gospel reminds us of the real truth of life: *we are loved*. A contemporary spiritual writer put it this way: "Long before any human being saw us, we were seen by God's loving eyes. Long before anyone heard us cry or laugh, we were heard by our God, who is all ears for us. Long before any person spoke to us in this world, we were spoken to by the voice of eternal love" (H. NOUWEN, *Life of the Beloved*). He loved us first; he waits for us; he keeps loving us. This is our identity: we are God's loved ones. This is our strength: we are loved by God.

Acknowledging this truth requires a conversion in the way we often think of holiness. At times, by over-emphasizing our efforts to do good works, we have created an ideal of holiness excessively based on ourselves, our personal heroics, our capacity for renunciation, our readiness for self-sacrifice to achieve a reward. This can at times appear as an overly "pelagian" way of viewing life and holiness. We have turned holiness into an unattainable goal. We have separated it from everyday life, instead of looking for it and embracing it in our daily routines, in the dust of the streets, in the trials of real life and, in the words of Teresa of Avila to her Sisters, "among the pots and pans". Being disciples of Jesus and advancing on the path of holiness means first and foremost letting ourselves be transfigured by the power of God's love. Let us never forget the primacy of God over self, of the Spirit over the flesh, of grace over works. For we at times give more importance to self, flesh and works. No, the primacy is that of God over self, of the Spirit over the flesh, of grace over works

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XIII SUNDAY IN 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, Blue Chapel.

Fridays: 04:00pm Adoration of Blessed
Sacrament and Rosary.
05:30pm Blue Chapel.

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: 19 June, 2022.

Confirmation: TBA

Congratulations to the children who received for the first time the First Communion last Sunday in the solemnity of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We are very grateful to all the teachers, catechists and parents that helped to make this event very successful. God Bless you all.



Connor A. Petrucci, Eden M. Forsyth, D'Angelique Clare, Sienna Browning, Satine Browning, Nathanaelle Cazeau, Doutzen Espiritu, Daniel Martin, Antwone Miller, Esther Narcisus, Eva Vithayathil, Jose Zerpa and Cadence C. Grant.

In July, 27 youths and adults will be making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Over the past few months, they have been working very hard doing many different fundraising events. They have hosted a Mother's Day brunch, a Fiesta Night dinner, Sunday bake sales, a movie night for kids, selling T-shirts, and holding a raffle. They have worked tirelessly doing these events because they know the many graces and blessings they will receive by doing this pilgrimage will be worth it. Thank you to anybody who has contributed in any way in helping them raise funds for this trip. Let us all accompany them in prayer as they have this encounter with the Lord.



CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS IN CREOLE



**W'ap chèche konprann lavi w?
W fatigué ak lavi a, w Santi w sèl?
W eskandalize de soufrans?**

**"JEZI AP PASE"
"Vini, Pou w tande yon bòn nouvèl"**

Vini e koute yon anons kè kontan. Katechis Pou granmoun ak jen: Lendi, e Jedi nan sal pawaswal la a 07:00 pm.

HOLY HOUR

All are invited to come and adore the Lord in the blessed sacrament at the **new time of 4:00 pm –5:15pm** on every Friday in the daily mass chapel. There will be adoration, rosary, spiritual reading and confessions. This can also be a good preparation for the daily mass at 5:30pm.

Parish Events June 26—July3

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

Monday: 05:30pm D. Mass Chapel
07:00pm Creole Catechesis
St. Cyril of Alexandria

Tuesday 05:30pm D. Mass, Chapel,
07:00pm 1st English. Red Room
07:00pm 2nd English Maria Goretti
07:00pm 1st Spanish. Blue Chapel
07:00pm 2nd Spanish. B. Sacrament

Wednesday: 05:30pm Mass Church
07:00pm 1st Creole, Red Room.
07:00pm 3rd English, Maria Goretti
07:00pm 2nd Creole, B. Sacrament
07:00pm 4th English Blue Chapel

Thursday: 05:30pm D. Mass Chapel.
06:00pm Creole Choir Practice Parish Hall.
07:00pm Creole Catechesis

Friday: 04:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.
Confessions
05:30pm Daily Mass, Blue Chapel.
St. Junipero Serra

Saturday: Immaculate Heart of Mary
05:30pm Mass, Church
07:00pm NCW Eucharist



School Notes

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Summer Break
June 22th - August 30th, 2022

Back to School
Wednesday, August 31, 2022.

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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

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:

- Abacus
- Speaker System
- Jumping Ropes, Ping Pong table.
- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255