

Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward" (Mt 10:41). The word "prophet" appears three times. But what type of prophet? There are some who imagine a prophet to be some type of magician who foretells the future. But this is a superstitious idea and a Christian does not believe in superstitions, such as magic, tarot cards, horoscopes and other similar things. In parentheses, many, many Christians go to have the palms read... Please... Others depict a prophet as a character from the past only, who existed before Christ to foretell his coming. And yet, Jesus himself speaks today of the need to welcome prophets. Therefore, they still exist. But who are they? What is a prophet?

Each one of us, brothers and sisters, is a prophet. In fact, with Baptism, all of us received *the gift of the prophetic mission* (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1268). A prophet is the one who, by virtue of Baptism, helps others read the present under the action of the Holy Spirit. This is very important: to read the present not like news, no... to read it as enlightened and under the action of the Holy Spirit, who helps to understand God's plans and correspond to them. In other words, the prophet is the one who points Jesus out to others, who bears witness to him, who helps live today and to build the future according to his designs. So we are all prophets, witnesses of Jesus, so "that the power of the Gospel might shine forth in daily social and family life" (*Lumen Gentium*, 35). A prophet is a living sign who points God out to others. A prophet is a reflection of Christ's light on the path of the brothers and sisters. And so, we can ask ourselves: Do I, – each one of us – Do I, who am "a prophet by election" through Baptism, do I speak, and above all, do I live as a witness of Jesus? Do I bring a little bit of his light into the life of another person? Do I evaluate myself on this? I ask myself: What is my bearing witness like, what is my prophecy like?

In the Gospel, the Lord also asks *to welcome the prophets*. So it is important to welcome each other as such, as bearers of God's message, each one according to his state and vocation, and to do it right where we live – that is, in the family, in the parish, in the religious community, in other places in the Church and in society. The Spirit has distributed gifts of prophecy in the holy People of God. This is why it is good to listen to everyone. For example, when an important decision needs to be made – let us think about this – it is good to pray first of all, to call on the Spirit, but then to listen and dialogue trusting that each person, even the littlest, because they have something important to say, a prophetic gift to share. Thus, the truth is sought and the climate is spread of listening to God and our brothers and sisters where people do not feel welcome because they say what I like, but they feel accepted and valued as the gifts they are.

Let us reflect on how many conflicts could be avoided and resolved in this way, listening to others with the sincere desire to understand each other! So, finally, let us ask ourselves: Do I know how to welcome my brothers and sisters as prophetic gifts? Do I believe that I need them? Do I listen to them respectfully, with the desire to learn? Because each of us needs to learn from others. Each of us needs to learn from others.

May Mary, Queen of Prophets, help us see and welcome the good that the Spirit has sown in others.

# Our Lady of Divine Providence

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## XIV 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 blesses His Father for revealing the hidden mysteries to the 'little ones'. These are not only the twelve Apostles but also it is meant for you. God is a mystery but this does not mean you cannot not come to know and encounter Him in His Son Jesus Christ. If you are simple and take things like a little child you will come to know the Lord and that He works in your 'simplicity'. There are many people with a simple faith. "I just believe it because I see it is the truth." You do not have to argue about things or go into depth about them. The faith is essentially something simple. When you recognize that it is completely beyond your understanding, such as the Trinity, it does not mean that you cannot encounter God in the three different persons. When you experience the Lord close to you; when you begin to see the events of life as the Lord trying to communicate something to you; then this is a simple faith. This does not mean you cannot question or that its all based on feelings.

In the second part of the Gospel Jesus invites you to come to Him and to leave everything in His hands. Last week the Gospel was about the cross and today you may be feeling its heavy weight ; then take heart as Jesus is saying to you, "Bring it to Me and I will take care of it." This sounds so easy to do but it can only be done with the grace of God. To be able to give up your problems requires the simplicity mentioned above. The reason being that we are all very willful people and want to be in charge of everything and think that everything depends on us and this is not the truth. The Truth is that everything is in the Lord's hands and so let us all ask Him to grant us the grace to leave everything in His loving and merciful hands.

Fr. Paul



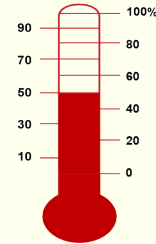
### HOLY HOUR

**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\$ 121,762**

Any help God will reward you a hundred fold, not only spiritually but materially as well.

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**Our Lady of Divine Providence - WYD**

**Go Fund me:**  
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## Parish Events July 9-16.

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

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

**Thursday**  
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel

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

**Saturday St. Bonaventure**  
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