

## ANGELUS - POPE FRANCIS

Dear brothers and sisters, buongiorno!

The Gospel of this Sunday's liturgy recounts the famous episode of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, with which Jesus feeds about five thousand people who came to hear him (cf. Jn 6:1-15). It is interesting to see how this miracle takes place: Jesus does not create the loaves and fishes from nothing, no, but rather He works with what the disciples bring him. One of them says: "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" (v. 9). It is little, it is nothing, but it is enough for Jesus.

Let us now try to put ourselves in the place of that boy. The disciples ask him to share everything he has to eat. It seems to be an unreasonable proposal, or rather, unjust. Why deprive a person, indeed a child, of what he has brought from home and has the right to keep for himself? Why take away from one person what is not enough to feed everyone anyway? In human terms, it is illogical. But not for God. On the contrary, thanks to that small freely-given and therefore heroic gift, Jesus is able to feed everyone. This is a great lesson for us. It tells us that the Lord can do a lot with the little that we put at His disposal. It would be good to ask ourselves every day: "What do I bring to Jesus today?". He can do a lot with one of our prayers, with a gesture of charity for others, even with one of our sufferings handed over to His mercy. Our small things to Jesus, and He works miracles. This is how God loves to act: He does great things, starting from those small things, those freely-given ones.

All the great protagonists of the Bible - from Abraham, to Mary, to the boy today - show this logic of smallness and giving. The logic of smallness and giving. The logic of giving is so different from ours. We try to accumulate and increase what we have, but Jesus asks us to give, to diminish. We like to add, we like addition; Jesus likes subtraction, taking something away to give it to others. We want to multiply for ourselves; Jesus appreciates it when we share with others, when we share. It is interesting that in the accounts of the multiplication of the loaves in the Gospels, the verb "multiply" never appears: no. On the contrary, the verbs used have the opposite meaning: "to break", "to give", "to distribute" (cf. v. 11; Mt 14:19; Mk 6:41; Lk 9:16). But the verb "to multiply" is not used. The true miracle, says Jesus, is not the multiplication that produces vanity and power, but the sharing that increases love and allows God to perform wonders. Let us try to share more: let us try the way Jesus teaches us. Even today, the multiplication of goods cannot solve problems without fair sharing. The tragedy of hunger comes to mind, which affects the little ones in particular. It has been calculated officially that every day in the world around seven thousand children under the age of five die due to malnutrition, because they do not have what they need to live. Faced with scandals such as these, Jesus also addresses an invitation to us, an invitation similar to the one probably received by the boy in the Gospel, who has no name and in whom we can all see ourselves: "Be brave, give what little you have, your talents, your possessions, make them available to Jesus and to your brothers and sisters. Do not be afraid, nothing will be lost, because if you share, God will multiply. Banish the false modesty of feeling inadequate, trust yourself. Believe in love, believe in the power of service, believe in the strength of gratuitousness". May the Virgin Mary, who answered "yes" to God's unprecedented proposal, help us to open our hearts to the Lord's invitations and to the needs of others.

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### XVIII SUNDAY 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.  
(Except Wednesdays)

**Fridays:** 05:30pm Church.  
06:00pm Adoration Blessed  
Sacrament and Rosary.  
Confessions

#### 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:** June 6, 2021.

**Confirmation:** Fall 2021. to be confirmed

## From the Pastor desk:

Dear brothers and sisters,

I am grateful to God and to all of you for allowed to go a representation of youth from our parish to the National Youth Day Pilgrimage. They came back last Tuesday very happy, they survived 10 days without phone WhatsApp and so on. Some of them fell the call to the priesthood and religious life. Let us keep them in our prayers..



Continuing our reflection about vacation and food, let us reflect today on a pilgrimage which it is a fundamental part of vacation. Many people take a pilgrimage like a vacation to rest, others take vacation like a pilgrimage and discover many things in their heart. Like the people of Israel during their pilgrimage grumbled against Moses and Aron, but God intervenes sending them rain in the middle of the desert, also bread and meat day by day. Jesus presents himself as the "Bread of life. *For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world*". Nowadays we often remain astonished by the historical reconstructions – also by Catholic historians – who attribute the spreading of Christianity to some miracle or to the fact that Christians proposed a more sublime ethics. At the times of Jesus, there was a great abundance of miracle-workers and of sublime ethics (i.e. the stoic ethics). The spreading of Christianity cannot be explained unless Christians were authentic witnesses of this divine life: *"look how they love each other"*, was the testimony of the pagans regarding the Christians.

Last Sunday we celebrate St. James, the rediscovery of the tomb of St. James – the apostle who went as far as the –

furthest bounds of earth – meant for Christian people in the Middle Age the discovery of every Christian's vocation to be an itinerant evangelizer. *For this reason, in the Middle Age Santiago came to be the propulsive center of every new evangelizing drive. Francis and Dominic, the two greatest evangelizers of the Middle Age, went to visit the tomb of St. James to find inspiration. Both Francis and Dominic saw in the itinerant pilgrim, a model for their vocation.*

The way of Santiago performed a fundamental role in the history of European Christianity and contributed to the formation of a European conscience and so became a symbolic expression of the faith of Christian Europe. *"The ancient ways of Santiago said St. John Paul II in 1984 – constituted the ordinary attraction of crowds of European pilgrims of every age and social class. Walking towards the tomb of the apostle, they became the first promoters of a European conscience."* Therefore the Pope's appeal for a new evangelization could not find a better and fitter frame than Santiago. *"The youth, at the threshold of the Third Millennium, rediscover the Apostolic roots of their faith, and actively commit themselves to the evangelization of our contemporary world". Because God is Love and He Love us.*

*Blessings, Fr. Orlando*



## 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"**

**Lendi ak Jedi a 7:00pm**

## Parish Events Aug 1—Aug 8

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

**Monday:** 05:30pm Mass, Church.  
07:00pm Creole Catechesis for adults. Parish Hall.

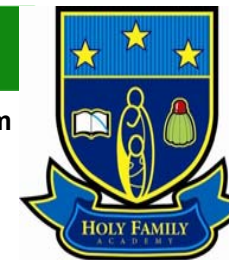
**Tuesday:** 05:30pm Mass, Church.  
07:00pm. All Spanish Communities Blue Chapel

**Wednesday:** Liturgy of the Word, NCW.  
07:00pm. All English Communities Blue Chapel  
07:00pm Creole Kominote, Red room

**Thursday:** 05:30pm D. Mass Church.  
06:00pm Creole Choir Practice  
06:30pm English Choir Practice  
07:00pm Creole Catechesis for adults, Parish Hall.

**Friday:** 05:30pm Daily Mass, Church.  
06:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction. Confessions

**Saturday:** 05:30pm Mass Church.  
**NCW. Eucharist**  
06:45pm All church  
06:45pm Creole Blue Chapel



## School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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**HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY is closed for Summer Break. We will be back to school on Wednesday, September 1st, 2021.**

Visit our website for information about our History, Mission and Academics! You will also find updates and news about our school year, students and staff!

[www.hfa.catholic.tc](http://www.hfa.catholic.tc)

### 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:

- Moving Outdoor planters and gardening material
- Heavy Duty Sun Shade Sail Canopy
- Tablets
- Hand Sanitizer / alcohol
- Paper hand towels
- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255

Thank you!