

Pope Francis Catechesis on the Letter to the Galatians : 4. The Mosaic Law

Brothers and sisters, good morning!

“Why the law?” (Gal 3:19). This is the question that we want to deepen today, continuing with Saint Paul, to recognize the newness of the Christian life enlivened by the Holy Spirit. But if the Holy Spirit exists, if Jesus exists who redeemed us, why the law? And this is what we must reflect on today. The Apostle writes: “If you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law” (Gal 5:18). Instead, Paul’s detractors sustained that the Galatians had to follow the Law to be saved. They were going backward. They were nostalgic for times gone by, of the times before Jesus Christ. The Apostle is not at all in agreement. These were not the terms he had agreed on with the other Apostles in Jerusalem. He remembers very well Peter’s words when he said: “Why do you make trial of God by putting a yoke upon the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?” (Acts 15:10). The dispositions that had emerged in that ‘first council’ – the first ecumenical council was the one that took place in Jerusalem – and the dispositions that emerged were very clear. They said: “For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us [the apostles] to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols [that is, idolatry] and from blood and from what is strangled and from unchastity” (Acts 15:28-29). Some of the things touched on worshipping God, and idolatry, and some things regarding the way of understanding life at that time.

When Paul speaks about the Law, he is normally referring to the Mosaic Law, the law given by Moses, the Ten Commandments. It was in relationship to, it was on the way, it was a preparation, it was related with the Covenant that God had established with his people. According to various Old Testament texts, the Torah – that is, the Hebrew term used to indicate the Law – is the collection of all those prescriptions and norms the Israelites had to observe by virtue of the Covenant with God. An effective synthesis of what the Torah is can be found in this text of Deuteronomy, that says this: “The Lord will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul” (30:9-10).....

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XX SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30pm English, Church.

Sunday: 09:00am English, Church.
10:30am Creole, Church.
12:30pm Spanish, Blue Chapel.

Weekdays: 05:30pm English, Blue Chapel.
(Except Wednesdays)

Fridays: 05:30pm Blue Chapel.
06:00pm Adoration Blessed
Sacrament and Rosary.

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 Sunday

Confirmation: Fall 2021, Date to be confirmed.

From the pastor's desk:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This past week, when we were praying in the rectory the Office of the Readings with a group of seminarians, I was meditating on the importance of having a time of silence so that we can listen to the Lord.

We are living in a world of so many noises, so how good it is on this island when we have the chance to go to the beach to listen only to the noise of the sea and to contemplate the beauty of God's creation, to meditate also how great God is when He created us. In his love, God heals our will and our sick understanding, raising them to the highest degree of union with him, that is, to holiness and mystical union. It is necessary, St. Bernard says, to be aware of the dangers of excessive activity whatever one's condition and office, because, as he said to the Pope of that time and to all of us, many occupations frequently lead to "hardness of heart"; "They are none other than suffering of spirit, loss of understanding, dispersion of grace".

During the summer as we know, August 15 the Church celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Like Jesus, risen from the dead and ascended to the right hand of the Father, so Mary, having finished the course of her earthly existence, was assumed into Heaven. The liturgy reminds us of this consoling truth of faith, while it sings the praises of, she who has been crowned with incomparable glory. In the verse from Apocalypse proposed by the Church for our meditation: *"And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars". In this woman, resplendent with light, the Fathers of the Church have recognized Mary. In her triumph, the Christian people, pilgrims in history, catch a glimpse of the fulfillment of its longing and a certain sign of its hope. Mary is an example and support for all believers: she encourages us not to lose confidence before the difficulties and inevitable problems of every day. She assures us of her help and reminds us that it is essential to seek and think of "the things above, not those of the earth". Caught up in daily activities we risk, in fact, thinking that here, in this world in which we are only passing through is the ultimate goal of human existence. Instead, Paradise is the true goal of our earthly pilgrimage.*

How different our days would be if they were animated by this perspective! It was this way for the saints. Their lives witnessed to what they lived, with their hearts continually directed to God. Earthly realities are lived properly because the eternal truth of divine love illuminates.

Because God is love and He loves us.
God Bless you all.

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"**

Vini e koute yon anons kè kontan. Katechis Pou granmoun ak jen: Lendi ak Jedi a 7:00pm



Children's Catechism

The Classes for the sacraments of Confession, First Communion and Confirmation will start on the 18th of September, 2021 at the Catholic School. Every Saturday at 11:00 am

Registration forms (blue) are at the main entrance of the Church.

Parish Events July 30—Aug 6

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

Monday: 05:30pm Mass, D. Mass Chapel.
07:00pm Creole Catechesis Parish Hall

Tuesday: 05:30pm Mass, D. Mass Chapel.
Liturgy of the Word, NCW.
07:00pm Spanish: Red Room.

Wednesday: Liturgy of the Word, NCW.
07:00pm English: Blue Chapel.
07:00pm Creole: Red Room.

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

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

Saturday: 05:30pm Mass, Blue Chapel.

Liturgy of the Eucharist NCW
07:00pm English: Church.
Spanish: Blue Chapel.



School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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Holy Family Academy's Main Office will be closed from July 5th to August 21st.

During this time you may reach us at holyfamilytci@gmail.com

Main Office will be open, on August 23, 2021 during weekdays, from 10 AM to 3:00 PM for all school matters.

We wish to thank everyone that has contributed with their money, time and talent during this past academic year.

We wish everyone a safe and blessed summer.

A SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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