

# Our Lady of Divine Providence

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Dear brothers and sisters, buongiorno!

The Gospel for today's liturgy presents Jesus who heals a deaf man with a speech impediment. What is striking about this story is how the Lord performs this prodigious sign. He took the deaf man aside, put his finger into the man's ears, and touched his tongue with saliva. Then he looked up to heaven, groaned, and said to him: "Ephphatha", that is, "Be opened!" (cf Mk 7:33- 34). In other healings, for infirmities as serious as paralysis or leprosy, Jesus did not do as many things. So why does he do all of this, even though they had only asked him to lay his hands on the sick man (cf. v.32)? Maybe it was because that person's condition had a particularly symbolic value. The condition of deafness is also a symbol that can say something to all of us. What is this about? Deafness. That man was unable to speak because he could not hear. To heal the cause of his infirmity, Jesus, in fact, placed his fingers first of all in the man's ears, then his mouth, but his ears first.

We all have ears, but very often we are not able to hear. Why is this? Brothers and sisters, there is an interior deafness that we can ask Jesus to touch and heal today. It is interior deafness, which is worse than physical deafness, because it is the deafness of the heart. Taken up with haste, by so many things to say and do, we do not find time to stop and listen to those who speak to us. We run the risk of becoming impervious to everything and not making room for those who need to be heard. I am thinking about children, young people, the elderly, the many who do not really need words and sermons, but to be heard. Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going? Do I let myself be touched by people's lives? Do I know how to spend time with those who are close to me in order to listen? This regards all of us, but in a special way also priests. The priest must listen to people, not in a rushed way, but listen and see how he can help, but after having listened. And all of us: first listen, then respond. Think about family life: how many times do we talk without listening first, repeating the same things, always the same things! Incapable of listening, we always say the same things, or we do not let the other person finish talking, expressing themselves, and we interrupt them. Starting a dialogue often happens not through words but silence, by not insisting, by patiently beginning anew to listen to others, hearing about their struggles and what they carry inside. The healing of the heart begins with listening. Listening. This is what restores the heart. "But Father, there are boring people who say the same things over and over again..." Listen to them. And then, when they have finished talking, you may speak, but listen to everything.

And the same is true with the Lord. It is good to inundate Him with requests, but it is better that we first of all listen to him. Jesus requests this. In the Gospel, when they ask him what is the first commandment, he answered: "Hear, O Israel". Then he added the first commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...(and) your neighbor as yourself" (Mk 12:28-31). But first of all, "Hear, O Israel". Do we remember to listen to the Lord? We are Christians, but sometimes with the thousands of words we hear every day, we do not find a moment to let a few words of the Gospel resound in us. Jesus is the Word: if we do not stop to listen to Him, He moves on. Saint Augustine said, "I fear that Jesus will pass by me unnoticed." And the fear was to let Him pass by without hearing Him. But if we dedicate time to the Gospel, we will find the secret for our spiritual health. This is the medicine: every day a little silence and listening, fewer useless words and more of the Word of God. Always with the Gospel in your pocket that can help greatly. Today, as on the day of our Baptism, we hear the words of Jesus addressed to us: "Ephphatha, be opened!" Open your ears. Jesus, I want to open myself to your Word; Jesus, open myself to listening to you; Jesus, heal my heart from being closed, heal my heart from haste, heal my heart from impatience. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was open to hearing the Word which became flesh in her, help us every day to listen to her Son in the Gospel and to our brothers and sisters with a docile heart, with a patient heart, and with an attentive heart.

## XXIV 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:** January 2022, Date to be confirmed.



There are two very different sections in today's Gospel. The first is that Jesus asks his disciples who He is. There's what the crowds think and then there is what they think. Peter answers that Jesus is the "Christ" which means the "Saviour". This question is for each one to answer. "Who do you say that I am?" Jesus is not just a good man, as some say, otherwise he is a liar, because He claimed to be God. I hope that you have experienced Him saving you sometime in your life. Actually, He is saving you all the time because we continue to sin every day.

death but instead you get life. Also, there is meaning and purpose in a person's life who are always giving of themselves, which means to lose your life.

Let us ask the Lord to help us all to embrace the cross He has given to each one of us so that we too can experience the resurrection that comes from it, even now in this life. 'Lord give us a share in your life that comes through our daily acceptance of your cross in our lives.

Fr. Paul

Now that the Apostles have recognized Jesus as the Saviour, He tells them about His upcoming death and crucifixion. Peter rejects this as he still thinks that the saviour will kick out the Romans by force and build an earthly kingdom. He is rejecting the cross. Many times, I am sure that you reject the cross in your life. Maybe you do not even realise that what you would like the Lord to change in your life is the very thing that is saving you! It is called the cross. We are very much like St. Peter and do not want any suffering in our lives or in those whom we care about. Each one has his or her cross and it is precisely that which is saving you and most often you are asking God to take it away and He cannot. Jesus saved the world by dying on the cross but it also led to His resurrection. Even Nike have as their motto, "No pain, no gain." Jesus puts it in another way in the last part of the Gospel passage when he says, "Whoever loses his life.... Will save it". When you give of your self you do not experience emotional or psychological



### 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 Sep.12—Sep. 19

- 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 Fraternité, Red Room.  
 05:00pm Creole Youth Choir Practice  
 05:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.
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- Monday:** 05:30pm Mass, D. Mass Chapel.  
 07:00pm Creole Catechesis Parish Hall
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- Tuesday:** 05:30pm Mass, D. Mass Chapel.  
 07:00pm 1st English. Church  
 07:00pm 2nd English. Blue Chapel  
 07:00pm 4th English. B. Sacrament  
 07:00pm 1st Spanish. Parish Hall  
 07:00pm 2nd Spanish. Red Room
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- Wednesday:** 07:00pm 1st Creole. B. Sacrament  
 07:00pm 2nd Creole. Red Room  
 07:00pm 3rd English. Blue Chapel
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- 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
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- Friday:** 05:30pm Daily Mass, Blue Chapel.  
 06:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.  
 06:00pm Confessions.
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- Saturday:** 05:30pm Mass, Blue Chapel.

#### Liturgy of the Eucharist NCW

07:00pm English: Church.  
 Creole: Blue Chapel.



## School Notes

Holy Family Academy  
 Tel: 649-941-7875

### BACK TO SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 1st, 2021

- Sept. 1 First Day of School**  
 School Mass. SJB Hall 8:00am,  
 Pre-K to 5th Grade.  
 Term I begins.
- Sept. 1-3** Orientation and Assessment of Students.

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!

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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:

- Tablets
- Hand Sanitizer / alcohol
- Paper hand towels
- Printing paper
- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255

Thank you!