

Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

The Gospel of today's Liturgy presents us the *three parables of mercy*, this is what they are called because they show God's merciful heart. Jesus tells them to respond to the grumblings of the pharisees and the scribes, who say: "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them" (v.2). They are scandalized because Jesus was among sinners. If for them this is religiously scandalous, Jesus, by welcoming sinners and eating with them, reveals to us that God is just like that: God excludes no one, he wants everyone at his banquet, because he loves everyone as his children: everyone, no-one excluded, everyone. The three parables, then, summarize the heart of the Gospel: God is the Father and comes in search of us whenever we are lost.

Indeed, the protagonists of the parables, who represent God, are a shepherd who searches for the lost sheep, a woman who finds the lost coin, and the father of the prodigal son. Let us dwell on an aspect that all these three protagonists have in common. All three of them essentially have something in common, which we might define thus: restlessness for something that is missing – whether you are missing a sheep, you are missing a coin, you are missing a son – the unease of missing something, all three protagonists of these parables are uneasy because they are missing something. All three, after all, if they were to calculate, could rest easy: the shepherd is missing a sheep, but he has ninety-nine others – "Let it be lost..."; the woman is missing a coin, but has nine others; and even the father has another son, obedient, to devote himself to – why think about the one who has gone off to live a dissolute life? Nonetheless, there is anxiety in their hearts – of the shepherd, the woman and the father – about what is missing: the sheep, the coin, the son who has gone away. One who loves is concerned about the one who is missing, longs for who is absent, seeks who is lost, await who has gone astray. For he wants no-one to be lost.

Brothers and sisters, God is like this: he does not "rest easy" if we stray from Him, he is grieved, He trembles in his innermost being; and he sets out to look for us, until He takes us back into his arms. The Lord does not calculate losses and risks; he has the heart of a father and a mother, and suffers for the lack of his beloved children. "But why does he suffer if this son is a scoundrel, if he has gone?" He suffers, he suffers. God suffers for our distance and when we go astray, he awaits our return. Remember: God always awaits us with open arms, whatever the situation in life in which we are lost may be. As a Psalm says, He will "neither slumber nor sleep", he always watches over us (cf. 121, 4-5).

Let us look at ourselves now, and ask ourselves: do we imitate the Lord in this, that is, are we anxious about what is missing? Do we have nostalgia for those who are missing, who have drifted from Christian life? Do we carry this inner restlessness, or are we serene and undisturbed among ourselves? In other words, do we truly miss those who are missing from our communities, or do we pretend and not let it touch our hearts? Do I truly miss those who are missing in my life? Or are we comfortable among ourselves, calm and blissful in our groups – "I attend a very good apostolic group..." – without compassion for those who are far away? It is not a question merely of being "open to others", it is the Gospel! The shepherd of the parable did not say, "I have another ninety-nine sheep, why should I waste time to go and look for the lost one?" Instead, he went to look. Let us then reflect on our relationships: do I pray for those who do not believe, who have drifted away, who are bitter? Do we attract those who are distant through the style of God, which is closeness, compassion and tenderness? The Father asks us to be attentive to the children he misses the most. Let us think of someone we know, who is close to us and has perhaps never heard anyone say, "You know, you are important to God". "But I am in an irregular situation, I have done this bad thing, that one..." "You are important to God", say to him. "You are not searching for him, but he is searching for you".

Let us – men and women with restless hearts – be troubled by these questions, and pray to Our Lady, mother who never tires of searching for and taking care of us, her children

Our Lady of Divine Providence

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XXV 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: 11 June, 2023.

Confirmation: TBA

This week's Gospel is about the right use of money. The dishonest steward uses his astuteness to get him friends when his duties are terminated. You are called likewise to be astute in dealing with money. You can use it, dirty as it is, to earn you eternal reward. Therefore money can be used for your eternal happiness or for eternal sadness. Jesus is inviting you to an unselfish use of your money. The selfish use of money leads, not only to sadness in life, but also to a lack of discernment. When money is what you base your life on, and most of us do that, then you become disoriented. This literally means you lose the East., that is . 'direction'. That is why Jesus speaks about the 'Children of light.'

They are the enlightened ones who have the light of Christ because of their baptism. This light can come in various ways. I hope that some days you begin to see your sinful self. Just how selfish and proud you are and so forth. This is one aspect of the light. Another is to begin to see the Lord acting in your daily life. E.G. when things go wrong how do you react? Do you ever wonder why things are going wrong or what the Lord is trying to tell you through the events of your life both past and present? Perhaps you have become cynical or just resigned to them, almost like a fatalist who sees everything as their fate.

This is not faith. God is love and therefore things that go on in your life must somehow be for the good. It can of course be that this involves the sins of other people against you but even so the Lord can work all things to the good for those who love Him, even tragedies.

I remember many times that when I was having a spiritual crisis and I gave some of my savings away, and risked on the Lord, I felt free of both the crisis and of the worrying about money. The Lord can do the same for you. This, by the way, is not a plea to donate to the parish, but for your spiritual health and to come to know the Providence of the Lord. But we do need His grace for this to be fulfilled in us and so let us ask him for that grace, this week.

Fr. Paul

Catechesis for adults

Charlas para adultos y Jovenes mayores de 13 años



¿Estás sufriendo y no entiendes por qué?
¿Estás lejos de tu familia?

¡ÁNIMO, VEN Y ESCUCHA!

"Yo soy la resurrección. Y todo aquel que vive y cree en mí, no morirá eternamente." *Jn 11, 26*

- Lunes y jueves a las 7:00 p.m. -
A partir de Sept. 26, 2022.

- Parish Hall -

Servicio de niñera sin costo.

Catechism-CCD

Please register your children for next year. Registration forms are at the main entrance of the Church. **The classes will start on Saturday 17of September at 11:00 am at the Catholic School.**

Parish Events 18 Sept.-25

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. and Mass Chapel
St. Januarius

Tuesday 05:30pm D. Mass Chapel,
Martyrs of Korea
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 D. Mass Chapel
St. Matthew
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.

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

Saturday:
05:30pm Mass, Church
07:00pm NCW Eucharist



School Notes

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HFA students started the 3rd week of school remembering and praying for Queen Elizabeth II



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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:

- Automatic hand dryers
- Microwave x 3
- Walkie-Talkie Radios
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Sound / Speaker System
- Ping Pong table.
- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255