

*Dear brothers and sisters, buongiorno!*

The parable in the Gospel of today's liturgy (cf. Lk 16:1-13) seems a bit difficult to understand for us. Jesus tells a story about corruption: a dishonest manager who steals, and then after being discovered by his master, acts shrewdly to get out of the situation. We ask ourselves: what is this shrewdness of the corrupt manager about and what does Jesus want to tell us?

In this story we see how the corrupt manager ends up in trouble because he took advantage of his master's property. Now he must give an account, and he will lose his job. But he does not give up, he does not resign himself to his fate and does not play the victim. On the contrary, he acts immediately with shrewdness, he looks for a solution and is creative. Jesus uses this story as a way to put before us a provocation when he says: "The children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light." (v. 8) It happens that those who move in darkness, by certain worldly standards, know how to get by even when in trouble, they know how to be more shrewd than others. Instead, Jesus' disciples, namely ourselves, sometimes have fallen asleep or are naive, not knowing how to take the initiative to find ways out of difficulties (cf. *Evangelii gaudium*, 24). For example, I am thinking of times of personal or social crisis, but also of Church crisis: sometimes we allow discouragement to overcome us or we start to complain and play the victim. Instead, Jesus says we can also be clever in following the Gospel, awake and attentive to discern reality and be creative to find good solutions for us and others.

But there is another teaching that Jesus gives us. Indeed, what is the shrewdness of the manager about we ask? He decides to give a discount to those who were in debt, and so they become his friends and he hopes they can help him when his master fires him. Before he was accumulating wealth for himself, but now he uses it in the same way by stealing to make friends who can help him in the future. Jesus then gives us a teaching on how we use material goods: "And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes." (v. 9). To inherit eternal life then, there is no need to accumulate goods in this world, but what matters is the love we will have expressed in our fraternal relations. This is what Jesus asks of us: do not use the goods of this world only for yourselves and selfishly, but use them to create friendship, to create good relationships, to act with charity, to promote fraternity and to show care for the weakest.

Brothers and sisters, even in our world today there are stories of corruption like the one in the Gospel: dishonest conduct, unfair policies, selfishness that dominates the choices of individuals and institutions, and many other murky situations. But we Christians are not allowed to become discouraged, or worse, to let go of things, remaining indifferent. On the contrary, we are called to be creative in doing good with the prudence and the cleverness of the Gospel, using the goods of this world, not only material but all of the gifts we have received from the Lord, not to enrich ourselves, but to generate fraternal love and social fellowship. This is very important: through our behavior we can create social friendship.

Let us pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary so that she may help us be like herself poor in spirit and rich in works of charity for one another.

# Our Lady of Divine Providence

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### XXVI 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 should shake you! Because the rich man never noticed the poor man and may be that is you. And when he does realize it, it's too late! I remember once seeing a car accident and some people just walked past while others ran to help. It stuck in my mind as suitable for this parable of today. There are people suffering and do you notice them or try to help them or are they a burden for you,? I believe that if the rich man had given some scraps to the poor one he would have not ended up in hell. A little bit of kindness goes a long way but you can become 'impervious' to the suffering of others and it's easy to do and hence, the Lord sends you this Gospel to wake you up.

Another aspect is that even if someone came back from the dead to warn his brothers this would not be enough to cause his brothers to repent and therefore to be saved. What the Church always preaches is, this someone who came back from the dead, and that is, Jesus Christ. If you have met this man then you will begin to see the mercy of God for you and hopefully begin to have mercy on those around you and this 'mercy' includes charity to the poor ones near to us. If after knowing the love of God for you, you do not give this love then let the word of the Gospel echo in us.; 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead". In the parallel scriptural passages to this verse Jesus says His teaching can be found in the Old testament and , in fact, the good news itself . This is, that a man has risen from the dead and even if until this time, you have led a selfish life, ignoring the others around you , there is hope! You can ask the grace of repentance and a change of heart and also a change of life, so that you can start to become generous with the things that the Lord has blessed you with. You can begin to share

May the Lord grant us all the grace to repent and to never doubt of His tremendous love and mercy for all of us.

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

The green registration forms are at the main entrance of the Church. **The classes started 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. Cosmas and Damian** 7:00pm. Catequesis para adultos en español

**Tuesday** 05:30pm D. Mass Chapel,

**St. Vincent de Paul** 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

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.

**Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Arcangels** 6:30pm English choir practice  
7:00pm. Catequesis para adultos en español

**Friday:** 04:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.

**St.. Jerome** Confessions  
05:30pm Daily Mass, Blue Chapel.

**Saturday:** 05:30pm Mass, Church

**St. Therese of Lisieux** 07:00pm NCW Eucharist



## School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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



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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:

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