

The Lord gathers us around his table, making himself bread for us: "It is the bread of the feast on the table of the children, it creates sharing, strengthens bonds, has a taste for communion". Yet, the Gospel we have just heard tells us that bread is not always shared on the table of the world: this is true; the scent of communion does not always emanate; it is not always broken in justice.

It does us good to stop in front of the dramatic scene described by Jesus in this parable that we have heard: on the one hand a rich dress of purple and fine linen, which shows off its opulence and feasts lavishly; on the other side, a poor man, covered with sores, who lies on the door hoping that from that table some crumb will fall on which to feed. And in the face of this contradiction – which we see every day – in the face of this contradiction we ask ourselves: to what does the sacrament of the Eucharist, source and summit of Christian life, invite us to?

First of all, the Eucharist reminds us of *the primacy of God*. The rich man in the parable is not open to the relationship with God: he thinks only of his own well-being, of satisfying his needs, of enjoying life. And with this he also lost his name. The Gospel does not say what he was called: he names him with the adjective "a rich man", instead of the poor man says the name: Lazarus. Riches lead you to this, they also strip you of the name. Satisfied with himself, drunk by money, stunned by the vanity fair, there is no place for God in his life because he worships only himself. It is no coincidence that the name is not said about him: we call him "rich", we define him only with an adjective because he has now lost his name, he has lost his identity which is given only by the goods he possesses. How sad this reality is even today, when we confuse what we are with what we have, when we judge people by the wealth they have, by the titles they exhibit, by the roles they play or by the brand of the dress they wear. It is the *religion of having and appearing*, which often dominates the scene of this world, but in the end leaves us empty-handed: always. To this rich man of the Gospel, in fact, not even the name has remained. It is no longer anyone. On the contrary, the poor man has a name, Lazarus, which means "God helps. Even in his condition of poverty and marginalization, he can preserve his dignity intact because he lives in his relationship with God. In his very name there is something of God and God is the unshakable hope of his life.

Here then is the permanent challenge that the Eucharist offers to our lives: to adore God and not ourselves, not ourselves. Put Him at the center and not the vanity of one's self. Remind us that only the Lord is God and everything else is a gift of his love. Because if we worship ourselves, we die in the asphyxiation of our little self; if we worship the riches of this world, they take possession of us and enslave us; if we worship the god of appearance and become intoxicated in waste, sooner or later life itself will ask us for the bill. Life always asks us for the bill. When, on the other hand, we adore the Lord Jesus present in the Eucharist, we also receive a new look at our lives: I am not the things I possess or the successes I can achieve; the value of my life does not depend on how much I can exhibit nor does it diminish when I face failures and failures. I am a beloved son, each of us is a beloved son; I am blessed by God; He wanted to clothe me with beauty and wants me free, he wants me free from all slavery. Let us remember this: those who worship God do not become slaves of anyone: they are free. Let us rediscover the prayer of adoration, a prayer that is frequently forgotten. Adoring, the prayer of adoration, let us rediscover it: it frees us and restores us to our dignity as children, not as slaves.

In addition to the primacy of God, the Eucharist calls us to the *love of our brothers and sisters*. This Bread is par excellence the Sacrament of love. It is Christ who offers himself and breaks for us and asks us to do the same, so that our life may be ground wheat and become bread that feeds our brothers and sisters. The rich man of the Gospel fails in this task; he lives in opulence, feasts abundantly without even noticing the silent cry of poor Lazarus, who lies exhausted at his door. Only at the end of his life, when the Lord reversed his fortunes, did he finally notice Lazarus, but Abraham said to him: "A great abyss has been fixed between us and you" (Lk 16:26). But you fixed it yourself: yourself. It is us, when in selfishness we fix abysses. It was the rich man who dug an abyss between him and Lazarus during earthly life and now, in eternal life, that abyss remains. Because our eternal future depends on this present life: if we now dig an abyss with our brothers and sisters – we "dig the pit" for the future; if we raise walls now against our brothers and sisters, we remain imprisoned in loneliness and death even after that

# Our Lady of Divine Providence

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### XXVII 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 serving. Sounds simple but it definitely is not. It means to serve the other when you do not wish to or feel sick and tired of everything. I am sure, like me, there are many times you do not want to serve or you just do not serve at all. There are always good excuses, such as "I need my space", or "This is MY time". To serve, as Jesus says is to give of your self, because He says, in another Gospel passage, "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve." Every Christian is called to serve others as this is a true sign of a Christian. One who gives of themselves regardless of the cost. Often your flesh, i.e. your body, cries out, "I just cannot do this anymore" but it is not true. The grace of God is always able to come to our help.

The very last part of today's Gospel is that you are to call yourself a "Useless servant"! You may say, "But I feel myself a useful servant" Because to have a true spirit of service requires one thing and that is HUMILITY, and humility is simply the truth. Because the big danger of actually becoming a person who serves others and denies them selves, is to become proud of it! As with all things it is the Lord who provides the grace. Of myself I can do nothing unless the Holy Spirit inspires me and helps me and gives me the motivation to give of myself until it hurts. So this means that any perceived good that you do is only that. Ultimately if any thing good comes out of what you do it is a sheer gift of God and hence we are useless servants!

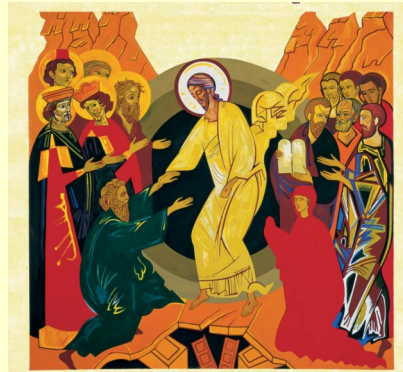
If you really believe and experience that the Lord has given Himself utterly for you then you will truly become a useless servant but you will be happy and not worry so much because it is all in the Lord's hands.

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

Fr. Paul

## Catechesis for adults

### Charlas para adultos y jóvenes 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 17 of September at 11:00 am at the Catholic School.**

## Parish Events 2 October – 9

**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  
**7:00pm Catequesis para adultos en Español**

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

St. Francis of Assisi

07:00pm 1st English. Red Room

07:00pm 2nd English Maria Goretti

07:00pm 1st Creole. Blue Chapel

07:00pm 2nd Spanish. B. Sacrament

**Wednesday:** 05:30pm D. Mass Chapel

Bl. Francis Seelos & St. Faustina

07:00pm 1st Spanish 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.

St. Bruno

**7:00pm Catequesis para adultos en Español**

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

Our Lady of the Rosary

05:30pm Daily Mass, Blue Chapel.

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

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