

**'Please excuse me if I do not come down to greet you:  
I will greet you from here but I hold you in my heart'**

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The Gospel of Luke, in particular, highlights the climate of prayer in which the baptism of Jesus took place: "Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened" (3:21). By praying, Jesus opens the door to the heavens, and the Holy Spirit descends from that breach. And from on high a voice proclaims the wonderful truth: "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased" (v. 22). This simple phrase encloses an immense treasure; it enables us to intuit something of Jesus' ministry and of His heart, always turned to the Father. In the whirlwind of life and the world that will come to condemn him, even in the hardest and most sorrowful experiences He will have to endure, even when He experiences that he has no place to lay His head (see Mt 8: 20), even when hatred and persecution are unleashed around Him, Jesus is never without the refuge of a dwelling place: He dwells eternally in the Father.

This is the unique greatness of Jesus' prayer: the Holy Spirit takes possession of His person and the voice of the Father attests that He is the beloved, the Son in whom He fully reflects Himself.

This prayer of Jesus, which on the banks of the river Jordan is totally personal – and will be thus for all His earthly life – in Pentecost becomes the grace of prayer for all those baptised in Christ. He Himself obtained for us this gift, and He invites us to pray as He prayed.

Therefore, if during an evening of prayer we feel sluggish and empty, if it seems to us that life has been completely useless, we must at that moment beg that Jesus' prayer also become our own. "I cannot pray today, I don't know what to do: I don't feel like it, I am unworthy... In that moment, may your prayer to Jesus be mine". And entrust yourself to Him, that He may pray for us. He in this moment is before the Father, praying for us, He is the intercessor; He shows the wounds to the Father, for us. Let us trust in this, it is great. We will then hear, if we are trustful, we will then hear a voice from heaven, louder than the voice rising from the depths of ourselves, and we will hear this voice whispering words of tenderness: "You are God's beloved, you are a son, you are the joy of the Father in heaven". Just for us, for each one of us, echoes the word of the Father: even if we were rejected by all, sinners of the worst kind. Jesus did not descend into the waters of the Jordan for Himself, but for all of us. It was the entire people of God who went to the Jordan to pray, to ask for forgiveness, to receive that baptism of penance. And as that theologian said, they approached the Jordan with a "bare soul and bare feet". This is humility. It takes humility to pray. He opened the heavens, as Moses opened the waters of the Red Sea, so that we could all pass behind Him. Jesus gave us His own prayer, which is His loving dialogue with the Father. He gave it to us like a seed of the Trinity, which He wants to take root in our hearts. Let us welcome him! Let us welcome this gift, the gift of prayer. Always with Him. And we will not err. Thank you

# Our Lady of Divine Providence

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### XXXII SUNDAY OF 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, Church.  
(*Except Wednesdays*)

**Fridays:**  
05:30pm Church.  
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:** Sep. 27, 2020 Sunday

**Confirmation:** Date to be confirmed.



Today is the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary time and there are only 34, so we are coming to the end of the Church's year. The Gospel of the wise and foolish virgins relates to the coming of the Bridegroom, who is Jesus Christ. The job of the virgins was to light their lamps/tapers and process with the bridegroom to the Bride's house, but no one knew when that would be. Five virgins were ready with spare oil, and five were not. Those who were prepared entered the banquet, the others did not. Jesus is telling us to be ready. Get the oil, which is the Holy Spirit, before He comes. How can we be prepared to face the Lord?

- 1) Reconcile with the people you have a grudge with, or are not talking to: even if it seems to be their fault! There is always some fault on both sides and if you humble yourself, your opponent is also moved to respond. Even if they do not, at least you have tried to reconcile and now your conscience is clear. Also, ask forgiveness of those close to you. Some of us just cannot say these simple words "I am sorry, please forgive me."
- 2) 2) Go to confession. We three priests are available anytime to hear confessions. This is very important. It is very good also to examine your conscience every day and ask the Lord's forgiveness each day
- 3) 3) Pray for those who have hurt you and that you have problems forgiving. Perhaps it was in the 8th grade when someone bullied you and you do not know where they are, but the feeling comes back at times. Offer the Mass for them and you will see that the Lord will take the resentment out of your heart. Every day you can pray for those people who during your life have hurt you deeply and also for those whom you have hurt deeply and feel remorse about.
- 4) Many people have become saints by contemplating their death. I still remember as a young child of 5 or 6 years old my father saying to me, "We are all going to die. None of us is immortal." It's good at times to remember our death and it can help us to realise that we are not "God Almighty" but weak creatures, subject to death. This means we are not in charge, the Lord is, but we need His help to be able to do the things we need to do in order to be ready. So let us pray for the graces to ask forgiveness and so forth.

Finally, as you "never know the day nor the hour" the only wise person is the one who is prepared at all moments to face the Lord. Please think about your life, do not be foolish, but be ready at all times.

Fr. Paul

## OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

Sunday, November 22, 2020.

### Church Festival

(following pandemic protocols)

There will be only two multilingual Masses: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Food will be distributed for the whole family after the 11:00 a.m. Mass!

Monday, Nov. 9, after 05:30 p.m. mass, we will meet with all the different groups of the parish to organize the parish feast. (06:30 pm. Blue Chapel.)

## NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

The Novena will start on Friday, November 13 immediately after 5:30 P.M. Mass.

### Remember:

- Masks are required **ALL TIME** while being inside and in public covering the nose and mouth. (Attendees, choir and lectors as well.)
- Keep 2mts / 6ft of physical distance.
- Attendees must register at the entrance.
- Sanitize your hands.

If you feel sick or can't attend Mass, you can follow our online Sunday Mass at our **YouTube** channel below:

**Our Lady of Divine Providence  
Roman Catholic Church**

<https://qrqo.page.link/U6mGg>

## Parish Events Nov 8— Nov 15

**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, Church.

**Tuesday:** 05:30pm Mass, Church.

### Liturgy of the Word, NCW.

06:30pm 2nd English: Blue Chapel.  
07:00pm Spanish: S.M. Goretti.  
07:00pm 2nd Spanish BS Chapel:

**Wednesday:** 6:30pm Creole: Parish Hall  
06:30pm 3rd English: Blue Chapel  
06:30pm 1st English: S. M. Goretti.

**Thursday:** 05:30pm D. Mass Church.  
06:00pm Creole Choir Practice Parish Hall.  
06:30pm English Choir Practice, D. Mass Chapel.

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

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

**Liturgy of the Eucharist NCW**  
05:00pm 2nd English: SM. Goretti.  
05:00pm 3rd English: Blue Chapel.  
06:30pm Spanish: SM. Goretti.  
06:30pm Creole. Blue Chapel  
06:30pm 1st English. Red Room



## School Notes

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We are so happy to see the expectation of our children for **All Saints Day** and the creative ways they were able to participate with distance learning.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Nov 9** We will welcome the next set of students, using the hybrid model, to join 10th-12th grades on campus this week.

**Nov 13-16** Mid-Term Break. School Closed

Contact us at 941-7875 from 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m. or send an email to [holyfamilytci@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilytci@gmail.com).

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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!