

Audience of Pope Francis 12 October, 2022

Discernment, is not primarily a logical procedure; because God speaks to the heart. Let us then enter into an object of discernment: *desolation*. What does this mean? Desolation has been defined as follows: "Darkness of soul, disturbance in it, movement to things low and earthly, the unquiet of different agitations and temptations, moving to want of confidence, without hope, without love, when one finds oneself all lazy, tepid, sad and as if separated from his Creator and Lord" (Saint Ignatius of Loyola). We all have experience of this. I believe that, in one way or another, we all have experienced of this, of desolation. The problem is how to interpret it, because it too has something important to tell us, and if we are in a hurry to free ourselves of it, we risk losing this.

No-one wants to be desolate, sad: this is true. We would all like a life that is always joyful, cheerful and fulfilled. Yet, besides not being possible – because it is not possible – this would not be good for us either. Indeed, the change from a life oriented towards vice can start from a *situation of sadness*, of *remorse* for what one has done. The etymology of this word, "remorse", is very beautiful: the remorse of the conscience, we all know this. Remorse: literally, it is the conscience that bites [in Italian, *mordere*] that does not permit peace. Alessandro Manzoni, in *The Betrothed*, gave us a wonderful description of remorse as an opportunity to change one's life. It is about the famous dialogue between Cardinal Federico Borromeo and the Unnamed, who, after a terrible night, presents himself destroyed by the cardinal, who addresses him with surprising words: "You have some good news for me; why do you hesitate to tell it?" "Good news?" says the other. "I have hell in my soul [...]. Tell me, tell me, if you know, what good news could you expect from such a one as I". "That God has touched your heart, and is drawing you to himself" replied the cardinal calmly" (Ch. 23). God touches the heart, and something comes to you inwardly, sadness, remorse for something, and it is an invitation to set out on a new path. The man of God knows how to notice in depth what moves in the heart.

It is important to learn how to *read sadness*. We all know what sadness is: all of us. But do we know how to interpret it? Do we know what it means for me, this sadness today? In our time, it – sadness – is mostly considered negatively, as an ill to avoid at all costs, and instead it can be an indispensable alarm bell for life, inviting us to explore richer and more fertile landscapes that transience and escapism do not permit. Saint Thomas defines sadness as a *pain of the soul*: like the nerves for the body, it redirects our attention to a possible danger, or a disregarded benefit (cf. *Summa Theologica* I-II, q. 36, a.1). Therefore, it is indispensable for our health; it protects us from harming ourselves and others. It would be far more serious and dangerous not to feel this, and to go ahead. At times sadness works like a traffic light: "Stop, stop! It is red, here. Stop".

For those, on the other hand, who have the desire to do good, sadness is an obstacle with which the tempter tries to *discourage* us. In that case, one must act in a manner exactly contrary to what is suggested, determined to continue what one had set out to do (cf. *Spiritual Exercises*, 318). Think of work, study, prayer, a commitment undertaken: if we abandoned them as soon as we felt boredom or sadness, we would never complete anything. This is also an experience common to the spiritual life: the road to goodness, the Gospel reminds us, is narrow and uphill, it requires combat, self-conquest. I begin to pray, or dedicate myself to a good work, and strangely enough, just then things come to mind that need to be done urgently – so as not to pray or do good works. We all experience this. It is important, for those who want to serve the Lord, not to be led astray by desolation. And this.. "But no, I don't want to, tis boring..." – beware. Unfortunately, some people decide to abandon the life of prayer, or the choice they have made, marriage or religious life, driven by desolation, without first pausing to consider this state of mind, and especially without the help of a guide. A wise rule says *not to make changes when you are desolate*. It will be the time afterwards, rather than the mood of the moment, that will show the goodness or otherwise of our choices.

It is interesting to note, in the Gospel, that Jesus repels temptations with an attitude of firm resolution (cf. *Mt* 3:14-15; 4:1-11; 16; 21-23). Trials assail him from all sides, but always, finding in him this steadfastness, determined to do the will of the Father, they fail and cease to hinder his path. In spiritual life, trial is an important moment, as the Bible recalls explicitly, and says: "When you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for trials" (*Sir* 2:1). If you want to take the good path, prepare yourself: there will be obstacles, there will be temptations, there will be moments of sadness. It is like when a professor examines a student: if he sees that the student knows the essentials of the subject, he does not insist: the student has passed the test. But he must pass the test.

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XXXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30 pm English, Church.

Sunday: 09:00 am English, Church.
10:30 am Creole, Church.
12:30 pm Spanish, Church.

Weekdays: 05:30 pm English, B. Chapel.

Fridays: 04:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.

05:30 pm 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.

Confirmations: TBC

Who were the Sadducees? They would not accept any developments in the understanding of God. If it was not written in the first five books of the Old Testament, which is called 'The Law' it was not true for them. They denied the fact that God revealed who He is, in history, little by little. This means that there was no specific mention of the resurrection in the Old testament but, surprisingly the Pharisees did believe in it and God's revelation. But the important point is not to just believe in the resurrection but to experience it. Jesus says in John's Gospel "I am the resurrection." This is something completely new and reveals the depth of God. It means that no matter how hopeless the situation Jesus Christ can resurrect it. For example, the current situation of gun violence in this country. Can there be resurrection from it. Yes, there can but you will have to wait to see it. However, I hope in some way you have already experienced some resurrections in your life. A hopeless situation that ends up being for the better. I remember the deaths of my parents and brother as times of grace. I experienced resurrection in each of their deaths. It was true that I was sad but I received a tremendous hope in each case. Another example was when I was a seminarian and went on mission with a fellow seminarian and we did not get along at all. It went on for months but one day we reconciled and then became best friends. It's necessary to go through the cross to experience the resurrection. If today you are in the middle of a seemingly impossible situation, in your family, at work or somehow in your life, wait and ask the Lord to see His resurrection.

Let us pray to God that He may enlighten us about His true nature which is always His resurrection and that therefore there are no impossible cases as Christ can resurrect any situation you may encounter in Life.

Fr. Paul



HOLY HOUR

All are invited at **4:00 pm – 5:15pm** on every **Friday** in the daily mass chapel. There will be adoration, rosary, spiritual reading, confessions and Holy Mass at 5:30pm.

PARISH FEAST

November 20, 2022.

Everyone is invited. There will only be one multilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Fun and games for the whole family!

Novena Schedule

Friday, Nov. 11, 6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction and catechesis.

Saturday, Nov. 12, 11:00 a.m.

Confessions during Catechism classes at the School.

Sunday, Nov. 13, 6:00 p.m.

Novena Prayer recited and catechesis in Creole.

Monday, Nov. 14, 6:00 p.m.

Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries Catechesis-Reflection.

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 6:00 p.m.

Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries Catechesis-Reflection.

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6:00 p.m.

Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries Catechesis-Reflection

Thursday, Nov. 17, 6:00 p.m.

Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries Reflection-catechesis

Friday, Nov. 18, 6:00 p.m.

Eucharist Adoration, catequesis en español sobre Bendita eres tú Virgen María

Saturday, Nov. 19, 5:30 a.m. 6:30 a.m.

Morning prayer walk - starting at the Catholic School, HFA, and ending at the Catholic Church.

All welcome. We will have water, coffee, tea, fruits...

Parish Events November 6-13

Sunday Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm.

04:00 pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.
05:00 pm Fraternite, Red Room.
05:00 pm Creole Youth Choir practice.
05:30 pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
05:00 pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday

05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel.
07:00 pm **Catequesis para adultos en español.**

Tuesday

05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel.
07:00 pm 1st English. Blue Chapel
07:00 pm 2nd English Maria Goretti.
07:00 pm 2nd Spanish. B. Sacrament

Wednesday

05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel
07:00 pm 1st Creole, Red Room.
07:00 pm 3rd English, Maria Goretti.
07:00 pm 2nd Creole, B. Sacrament.
07:00 pm 4th English Blue Chapel.
07:00pm 1st Spanish Parish Hall

Thursday St. Leo the Great

05:30 pm D.Mass. Chapel.
07:00 pm **Catequesis para adultos en español.**

Friday St. Martin de Tours

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

Saturday

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



School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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Holy Family Academy celebrated its annual All Saints Day celebration with a beautiful mass and Saint Presentation. It was a joy to see the children learn that they are all called to be a Saint, who is one who adjusts to the will of God. The children were able to see that Saints are an earthly symbol of what it means to live out the will of the Lord.



HFA's 11th grade has commenced its community service projects within the school. As a graduation requirement, students have each created a program that helps and benefits the community in many different areas, from tutoring to developing new skills such as coding!

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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

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