

Pope Francis Audience 8 November 2023

Among the many witnesses of the passion for the proclamation of the Gospel, those impassioned evangelizers, today I will present a twentieth-century French woman, the venerable servant of God Madeleine Delbr el. She was born in 1904 and died in 1964, a social worker, writer and mystic, and lived for more than thirty years in the poor, working class outskirts of Paris. Dazzled by the encounter with the Lord, she wrote: "Once we have come to know the word of God, we have no right not to receive it; once we have received it, we have no right not to let it be incarnated in us; once it has been incarnated in us, we have no right to keep it for ourselves: from that moment on, we belong to those who await it"). Beautiful: what she wrote is beautiful.

After an adolescence of agnosticism – she believed in nothing – at the age of around twenty Madeleine encountered the Lord, struck by the witness of some friends who were believers. She set out in search of God, giving voice to a profound thirst that she felt within, and came to learn that the "emptiness that cried out her anguish in her" was God who sought her. The joy of faith led her to evolve towards the choice of a life entirely given to God, in the heart of the Church and in the heart of the world, simply sharing in fraternity the life of the "street people". Thus, she poetically addressed Jesus: "To be with you on your path, we must go, even when our laziness begs us to stay. You have chosen us to stay in a strange balance, a balance that can be achieved and maintained only in movement, only in momentum. A bit like a bicycle, which does not stay upright unless its wheels turn. ... We can stay upright only by going forward, moving, in a surge of charity". It is what she calls the "spirituality of the bicycle" Only on the move, on the go, do we live in the balance of faith, which is an imbalance, but it is like that: like the bicycle. If you stop, it does not stay upright.

Madeleine had a constantly outgoing heart, and she let herself be challenged by the cry of the poor. She felt that the Living God of the Gospel should burn within us until we have taken his name to those who have not yet found it. In this spirit, oriented towards the stirrings of the world and the cry of the poor, Madeleine felt called to "live Jesus' love entirely and to the letter, from the oil of the good Samaritan to the vinegar of Calvary, thus giving him love for love ... because, by loving him without reserve and letting ourselves be loved completely, the two great commandments of charity are incarnated in us and become but one" Finally, Madeleine teaches us yet another thing: that by evangelizing one is evangelized: by evangelizing we are evangelized. Therefore, she used to say, echoing Saint Paul: "Woe to me if evangelizing, I do not evangelize myself". Indeed, evangelizing evangelizes one. And this is a beautiful doctrine.

Looking at this witness of the Gospel, we too learn that in every personal or social situation or circumstance of our life, the Lord is present and calls to us to inhabit our own time, to share our life with others, to mingle with the joys and sorrows of the world. In particular, he teaches us that even secularized environments are helpful for conversion, because contact with non-believers prompts the believer to a continual revision of his or her way of believing and rediscovering faith in its essentiality.

May Madeleine Delbr el teach us to live this faith "on the move", so to speak, this fruitful faith that makes every act of faith an act of charity in the proclamation of the Gospel. Thank you.

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XXXIII 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.

Confirmations: 22 October, 2023.

Marriage: Call the parish office for preparation before setting a fixed date.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request.

Confessions: Everyday before Mass or by appointment.

Today's Gospel concerns the gifts that the Lord has given you and your use of these talents. I am sure that you have not used all the talents that the Lord has given you. I hear people say, "Oh! I could not do that. It's beyond my capabilities." How do you know unless you try? This is the surface meaning of this Gospel but there is a deeper meaning and that is, it's all about trading with the Talent. What's the talent the Lord has given you? It is the Good News and you are called by your baptism to evangelise everyone, everywhere you possibly can! Certainly, this involves living a good life as a sign that can speak louder than words, but this can also be an excuse. You are called to speak of what the Lord has done for you in your life. How He has worked and how your life is different now, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Everyone is called to proclaim the good news which is that the Lord loves everyone even in their sinfulness. This announcement always involves the call to conversion or a change of life which is a pure gift of the Lord and it comes from the announcement of this Good news. It seems strange that a few poor words can change someone's life but they can and it is a work of the Holy Spirit. Three women from my community in Sydney were going around a neighbourhood and they announced this Good news to a young man who was having a party in his house. Two years later they came back to the same house and the young man came out and said immediately, "Stay there I want to show you something." He came out with a baby! He said that when they came to his house he was living with a man but after the women left he reconsidered his life and decided to leave the man. He saw their visit as the Lord speaking to him. He found a girl and they got married and had a baby. Let us pray for the grace of courage to announce the good news. Fr. Paul



HOLY HOUR

FRIDAYS
4:00 pm—5:00pm.

Come and listen to what the Lord speaks to you through Prayer, silence, and meditation



Sing Praise

Join the choir to experience the power of singing, which St. Augustine says is like praying twice.



CHOIR



Catechism-CCD

The **C**atholic **C**hristian **D**octrine classes for children and youth preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Confession, Eucharist, and Confirmation - take place on **Saturdays at 11:00 am at the Catholic School.**

Parish Events November 19-26

Sunday Holy Mass: 09:00 am.11:00am.
Coeur de Marie Children's group.
04:00 pm Fraternite, Red Room.
05:00 pm Creole Youth Choir practice.
05:00 pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
05:30 pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd
05:00 pm Sunday at church.

Monday
05:30 pm D. and Mass Chapel

Tuesday Presentation of the Virgin Mary
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel
07:00pm First English Parish Hall
07:00pm Second English SMG
07:00pm Spanish Red Room

Wednesday St. Cecilia
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel
07:00pm Creole Bl. Sac. Chapel
07:00pm Third English S.M. Goretti
07:00pm Fourth English, Red Room
07:00pm Fifth English Blue Chapel

Thursday St. Columban
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel

Friday St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions,. Martyrs
04:00pm Adoration, Blue Chapel
05:30pm D. Mass Chapel

Saturday St. Catherine of Alexandria
05:30pm Mass Church
07:00pm NCW Eucharist



School Notes

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This week the students at HFA continued to prepare for the parish feast this weekend. They will be singing songs about peace, trusting in the Lord to guide the school and the parish. The young students in Miss Verona's Pre-K class practiced their math with some fun activities.

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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:

- AED
- Asthma Inhalers
- Projectors