

## Regina Coeli Sunday 22 May 2022

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

In the Gospel of today's Liturgy, bidding his disciples goodbye during the Last Supper, Jesus says almost as a sort of testament: "Peace I leave with you". And he adds immediately, "My peace I give to you" (Jn 14:27). Let us reflect on these short phrases.

First of all, *peace I leave with you*. Jesus bids farewell with words expressing affection and serenity. But he does so in a moment that is anything but serene. Judas has left to betray him, Peter is about to deny him, and almost everyone else to abandon him. The Lord knows this, and yet, he does not rebuke, he does not use severe words, he does not give harsh speeches. Rather than demonstrate agitation, he remains kind till the end. There is a proverb that says you die the way you have lived. In effect, the last hours of Jesus' life are like the essence of his entire life. He feels fear and pain, but does not give way to resentment or protesting. He does not allow himself to become bitter, he does not vent, he is not impatient. He is at peace, a peace that comes from his meek heart accustomed to trust. This is the source of the peace Jesus gives us. For no one can leave others peace if they do not have it within themselves. No one can *give* peace unless that person *is* at peace.

*Peace I leave with you*: Jesus demonstrates that meekness is possible. He incarnated it specifically in the most difficult moment, and he wants us to behave that way too, since we too are heirs of his peace. He wants us to be meek, open, available to listen, capable of defusing tensions and weaving harmony. This is witnessing to Jesus and is worth more than a thousand words and many sermons. The witness of peace. As disciples of Jesus, let us ask ourselves if we behave like this where we live – do we ease tensions, and defuse conflicts? Are we too at odds with someone, always ready to react, explode, or do we know how to respond nonviolently, do we know how to respond with peaceful actions? How do I react? Everyone can ask themselves this.

Certainly, this meekness is not easy. How difficult it is, at every level, to defuse conflicts! Jesus' second phrase comes to our aid here: *my peace I give you*. Jesus knows that on our own we are not able to cultivate peace, that we need help, that we need a gift. Peace, which is our obligation, is first of all a gift of God. In fact, Jesus says: "My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you" (v. 27). What is this peace that the world does not know and the Lord gives us? This peace is the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit of Jesus. It is the presence of God in us, it is God's "power of peace". It is He, the Holy Spirit, who disarms the heart and fills it with serenity. It is He, the Holy Spirit, who loosens rigidity and extinguishes the temptations to attack others. It is He, the Holy Spirit, who reminds us that there are brothers and sisters beside us, not obstacles or adversaries. It is He, the Holy Spirit, who gives us the strength to forgive, to begin again, to set out anew because we cannot do this with our own strength. And it is with Him, with the Holy Spirit, that we become men and women of peace.

Dear brothers and sisters, no sin, no failure, no grudge should discourage us from insistently asking for this gift from the Holy Spirit who gives us peace. The more we feel our hearts are agitated, the more we sense we are nervous, impatient, angry inside, the more we need to ask the Lord for the Spirit of peace. Let us learn to say every day: "Lord, give me your peace, give me your Holy Spirit". This is a beautiful prayer. Shall we say it together? "Lord, give me your peace, give me your Holy Spirit". I didn't hear it well. One more time: "Lord, give me your peace, give me your Holy Spirit". And let us also ask this for those who live next to us, for those we meet each day, and for the leaders of nations.

May Our Lady help us welcome the Holy Spirit so we can be peacemaker

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### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



#### 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:** 19 June, 2022.

**Confirmation:** TBA

Dear brothers and sisters

Today is the Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension into heaven. Jesus proclaims the Gospel which is the Good News and this is, that He had to die but only so as to rise from death. This means that death has been overcome. You might question this, as what about all the killings in all the wars going on all over the world? The good news is that no matter how bad things are God can bring good out of the bad and even use it to His advantage. No matter what hopeless situations you face in life, the Lord has risen over them. How many times I have seen hopeless cases resurrected. The deaths of my parents were moments of their conversion when I never thought they would return to the faith and yet they did on their deathbeds, for example. Before the sin of Adam and Eve humanity could only enjoy an, earthly paradise but now, because of this sin, the Lord Himself brings the Human race into the Holy Trinity. Without Adam and Eve's original sin there would have been no need to send us a savior but this shows the immense abundance of God as now we can get into heaven through the sin of our first parents! The Lord outdoes Himself in His generosity to us. Now, there is a human being in the Godhead and God cannot kick him out. God has made a permanent marriage of Himself with humanity and can never go back on this. The Ascension of Jesus' body into heaven to be part of the Trinity, means just this and it is good news for all of us. The Lord cannot abandon us to our own devices. This is why at the end of today's Gospel the Apostles are filled with Joy and praise, and worship the Lord. May we all receive the Good News of this feast and be filled with joy, which is so lacking in the world around us and begin to praise the Lord as the Apostles did.

Fr. Paul

## BLESSING OF THE HOUSES



During the 50 days of Easter (Between Easter Sunday and Pentecost), we bless the houses of all the members of the parish.

If you are interested in having your house blessed, please let any of the priests know which day and time you are available.

## HOW CAN WE SERVE GOD IN OUR CHURCH?

If any one is interested in serving God in any ministry like: the Eucharist, Lector, hospitality or singing in the choirs, please notify the pastor.

Fr. Orlando.

## HOLY HOUR

All are invited to come and adore the Lord in the blessed sacrament at the **new time of 4:00 pm –5:15pm** on every Friday in the daily mass chapel. There will be adoration, rosary, spiritual reading and confessions. This can also be a good preparation for the daily mass at 5:30pm. The change comes so that those who could not stay after 6pm due to other reasons can now come earlier.

## Parish Events 29 May-June 5

**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 Fraternite, Red Room.  
05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice  
05:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

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

**Tuesday** 05:30pm D. Mass, Chapel,  
07:00pm 1st English. Red Room  
**Visitation of Blessed Virgin** 07:00pm 2nd English Maria Goretti  
07:00pm 1st Spanish. Blue Chapel  
07:00pm 2nd Spanish. B. Sacrament

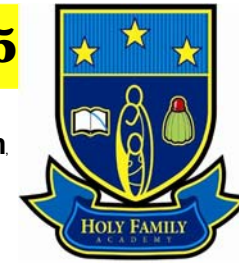
**Wednesday:** 05:30pm Mass Church  
**St. Justin** 07:00pm 1st Creole, Red Room.  
07:00pm 3rd English, Maria Goretti  
07:00pm 2nd Creole, B. Sacrament  
07:00pm 4th English Blue Chapel

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

**Friday:** 04:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.  
**St. Charles Lwanga & Co.** Confessions  
05:30pm Daily Mass, Blue Chapel.

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

**Pentecost Vigil**  
07:00pm NCW Eucharist



## School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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As part of the annual Bazaar, students and staff were able to enjoy the day so diligently prepared for by the 11th grade economics students. This real world experience has allowed students to value and plan investments, as well as work for the desired profit. With Pentecost just around the corner, students are looking forward to receiving the Holy Spirit who will help them not only in their studies but also every aspect of their lives, including discerning their vocations. We continue in the joy of the Easter season!

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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:

- Abacus
- Jumping Ropes, Pingo Pong table
- Hand Sanitizer, alcohol and paper hand towels
- Cleaning Tools (mops, brooms, gloves.)
- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255