

First of all, there are Jesus' disciples who, faced with the man born blind, engage in small talk and ask whether his parents or he was to blame (cf. v. 2). They look for a culprit. And we fall into this many times which is so convenient – to look for a culprit rather than asking challenging questions in life. And today, we can say: What does the presence of this man mean for us, in my life? What is this person asking of us? Then, once the healing takes place, the reactions intensify. The first are from his neighbours who are sceptical: "This man was always blind. It is not possible that he now sees – it can't be him! It's someone else" – scepticism (cf. vv. 8-9). This is unacceptable to them. Better to leave everything like it was before so we do not need to face this problem (cf. v. 16). They are afraid, they fear the religious authorities and do not pronounce themselves (cf. vv. 18-21). In all these reactions, for various reasons, there emerge hearts closed in front of the sign of Jesus: because they seek a culprit, because they do not know how to be surprised, because they do not want to change, because they are blocked by fear. Today there are many similar situations. Faced with something that is truly a testimony of a person, a message about Jesus, we fall into this – we look for another explanation, we do not want to change, we look for a more elegant way out rather than accepting the truth. The only person who reacts well is the blind man. Happy to see, he testifies to what happened to him in the simplest way: "I was blind, now I see" (v. 25). He tells the truth. Before, he had been forced to ask for alms to live on, and suffered from the prejudice of the people: "He is poor and blind from birth. He has to suffer. He has to pay for his sins or those of his forebears". Now free in body and spirit, he bears witness to Jesus – he neither invents nor hides anything. "I was blind and now I see". He is not afraid of what the others will say. He had already known the bitter taste of marginalization his whole life. He had already personally experienced the indifference, the contempt of the passers-by, of those who considered him to be an outcast in society, useful at best for the pious practice of giving some alms. Now healed, he no longer fears those contemptuous attitudes because Jesus has given him his full dignity. And this is clear, it always happens when Jesus heals us. He gives us back our dignity, the dignity of the healing of Jesus, complete, a dignity that comes forth from the depths of the heart, that takes hold of one's entire life. And, on the sabbath in front of everyone, Jesus liberated him and gave him sight without asking him for anything, not even a thank you, and he bears witness to this. This is the dignity of a noble person, of a person who knows he is healed and begins again, is reborn. That rebirth in life that they spoke about today on "A Sua Immagine": to be reborn. Brothers, sisters, through all these characters, today's Gospel puts us too in the midst of the scene, so we might ask ourselves: What position do we take? What would we have said then? And above all, what will we do today? Like the blind man, do we know how to see the good and to be grateful for the gifts we receive? I ask myself: How is my dignity? How is your dignity? Do we bear witness to Jesus, or do we spread criticism and suspicion instead? Are we free when faced with prejudices or do we associate ourselves with those who spread negativity and small talk? Are we happy to say that Jesus loves us, that he saves us, or, like the parents of the man born blind, do we allow ourselves to be caged in by the fear of what others will think? Tepid hearts who do not accept the truth and do not have the courage to say, "No, it's like this". And further, how do we welcome the difficulties and indifference of others. How do we welcome people who have so many limitations in life? Whether they be physical, like this blind man; or social, like the beggars we find on the street? Do we welcome them like an inconvenience or as an occasion to draw near to them with love? Brothers and sisters, today, let us ask the grace to be surprised every day by God's gifts and to see the various circumstances of life, even the most difficult ones to accept, as occasions to do good, as Jesus did with the blind man. May Our Lady help us in this, together with Saint Joseph,

Our Lady of Divine Providence

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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.
Confirmation 22nd October 2023

Parish Events Mar.26-April 2



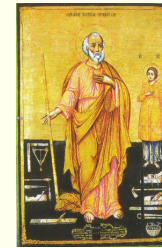
School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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Holy Family Academy's 11th graders presented their final formal Community Service Project Presentation this past week, where they presented all the values, contributions and benefits their community gained from their services.



Our students celebrated the feast of Saint Joseph this past week, where they were reminded that they are called to enter into obedience that may be difficult to accomplish with our own strength but can be done with the

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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 holyfamilytc@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

Over the years, may people have asked me, "Why doesn't God answer my prayers?" I reply that God always answers our prayers but sometimes His answer is "NO" or "Not yet." this is the case in today's Gospel. Jesus does not go immediately to heal Lazarus for a greater reason. The fact that Jesus did not turn up in time to save Lazarus made Martha and Mary suffer tremendously. This was only so that they could be witnesses of Lazarus' resurrection. Today you could well be in this situation of wondering why you are experiencing a lot of suffering, or that things are not going well in your marriage or family, or you ask, "Why did the Lord allow this to happen to me?" The answer that you see in the Gospel is that there is a greater glory. The Lord wants you to experience His resurrection. That you can be happy and in peace in the midst of your sufferings and problems. It would be good to ask the Lord for the gift of "Understanding" so that you can see the awful things that have happened to you in a new light. This is because God always brings good out of the bad, even the sins of those who have hurt you deeply. This Gospel is inviting you to see the resurrection that comes out of the 'deaths' that you have inside. Sometime you can be the last one to see them and remain in a state of being the victim.

Let us ask Our Lord to give us the eyes to see His resurrection in our daily lives and so restore our Hope.

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK 2023

PALM SUNDAY

Apr. 1: 05:30 p.m. English
Apr. 2*: 09:00 a.m. English - Church.
 11:00 a.m. Multilingual

*Solemn Procession from downtown to the church. 10:00 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY

Apr. 6: 06:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper and washing of the feet.
 Multilingual: English / Creole / Spanish

GOOD FRIDAY

Apr. 7: 03:00 p.m. The Passion of the Lord - Multilingual
 04:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross

SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL

Apr. 8: 10:30 p.m. (There will NOT be any Mass this Saturday at 05:30pm).

EASTER SUNDAY— Church.

Apr. 9: 09:00 a.m. English
 11:00 a.m. Multilingual
 05:30 p.m. English

HOLY HOUR FRIDAYS

4:00 pm—5:00pm



The youth of our parish is looking forward to meet the Pope and have an encounter with Christ, this coming summer.

We invite you to visit our stands. Your contributions will go to the fund that will help them travel all together.

We have snacks, bake goods, refreshments, island souvenirs and some more!

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

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. and Mass Chapel
 07:30pm AA meetings Parish Hall.

Tuesday

05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel
 07:00pm First English, Parish Hall
 07:00pm 2nd English, SMG
 07:00pm First Spanish Blue Chapel
 07:00pm Second Spanish, red room

Wednesday

05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel
 07:00pm 1st Creole Red Room
 07:00pm 2nd Creole Bl. Sac. Chapel
 07:00pm 3rd English, SMG
 7:00pm 4th English, Blue Chapel

Thursday

05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel

Friday

04:00pm Adoration
 5:30pm Daily Mass, Blue Chapel .
 06:00pm Stations of the cross, Church
 07:30pm AA Parish Hall meetings

Saturday

05:30 pm Mass, Church