

In this Sunday's Gospel (Lk 6:39-45), Jesus makes us reflect on two of the five senses: *sight* and *taste*.

With regard to *sight*, He asks us to train our eyes to observe the world well and to judge our neighbour with charity. He says: "Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye" (v. 42). Only with this gaze of care, not condemnation, can fraternal correction be a virtue. Because if it is not fraternal, it is not correction!

With regard to *taste*, Jesus reminds us that "every tree is known by its own fruit" (v. 44). And the fruits that come from man are, for example, his words, which ripen on his lips, since "for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks" (v. 45). Rotten fruits are violent, false, vulgar words; good ones are the just and honest words that give flavour to our dialogues.

And so we can ask ourselves: How do I look at other people, who are my brothers and sisters? And how do I feel looked at by others? Do my words have a good flavour, or are they imbued with bitterness and vanity?

Sisters and brothers, I am still sending you these thoughts from the hospital, where as you know I have been for several days, accompanied by doctors and healthcare professionals, whom I thank for the attention with which they are taking care of me. I feel in my heart the "blessing" that is hidden within frailty, because it is precisely in these moments that we learn even more to trust in the Lord; at the same time, I thank God for giving me the opportunity to share in body and spirit the condition of so many sick and suffering people.

I would like to thank you for the prayers, which rise up to the Lord from the hearts of so many faithful from many parts of the world: I feel all your affection and closeness and, at this particular time, I feel as if I am "carried" and supported by all God's people. Thank you all!

I pray for you too. And I pray above all for peace. From here, war appears even more absurd. Let us pray for tormented Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Myanmar, Sudan and Kivu.

Let us entrust ourselves confidently to Mary, our Mother. Happy Sunday, and *arrivederci*.

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## FIRST 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, Upper Room, St. Maria Goretti.

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

05:30 pm Upper Room  
St. Maria Goretti.

### SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms:** Contact one of the priests in person.

**1st Confession:** 13 June, 2025.  
**1st Communions:** 22 June, 2025.

**Confirmations:** To be confirmed.

**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.

Jesus enters into the desert and Lent is our time to follow Him, in the spiritual desert of our lives. If you really enter into Lent you will see yourself longing for Easter to come ASAP even if it's just to enjoy once again those things you have given up. This means that even our "flesh" can be longing for the Resurrection and this is the place to get to. In the desert you can really meet the Lord and also your own self. If you begin to deny yourself of the many gratifications you normally have then you most likely will get a bit bad tempered more easily and be more moody than usual and perhaps argue more or even shout and scream more but this can be a great help on the road to self discovery.

Jesus faced three temptations in the desert. The first the temptation of the Bread. This means not only to give up some food for Lent but also the other kind of 'bread' in almsgiving. The second temptation is that of power. You may not think you are power hungry but when you have to have the last words and your opinion must be taken into account or your always right then seek the grace to die to yourself in this. This is the true sacrifice, which is much better than giving up sweets and other types of food. Just try it and see. It's almost impossible for you to keep your lips closed and "suck it up" as they say. The third temptation is putting God to the test. One cannot presume on God. We hope, trust but can never be 100% sure, otherwise you take the Lord for granted and also your salvation is not a given.

Finally, I have spent a few years missionary in Arizona which is the desert. After some time I came to really love the desert. It's more alive than you think and the peace is tremendous. TCI is also a physical desert but also a spiritual and psychological one. Let us enter there this Lent and approach Easter renewed.

Fr. Paul



*"Come to me, all who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."*

*(Matthew 11:28)*

**Are you suffering and don't know why?  
Worried about the future?  
Do you feel alone ?**

**Come and Listen  
God Loves You!**

**Catechesis for Youth and Adults**  
(13 years old and up)

**Mondays and Thursdays  
at 7:00pm**  
(Free babysitting available)

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**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**Morning Prayer**

Monday to Friday 6:20am  
St. Maria Goretti, Upper Room

**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent after the daily mass, 6:00pm in the Church.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY**

**PLEASE HELP US GET THERE**

(around 50 young & adults \$3,000 e/a)

Any help God will reward you a hundred fold, not only spiritually but materially as well.

**Parish Events 9-16 March**

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

- 04:00pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.
- 05:00pm Fraternite, Red Room.
- 05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice.
- 05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
- 06:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

**Monday**

- 05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room
- 07:00pm Catechesis Upper Room

**Tuesday**

- 05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room
- 07:00pm First English, Blue Chapel
- 07:00pm Second English, St. Joseph's Room
- 07:00pm Spanish, St. Maria Goretti

**Wednesday**

- 05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room
- 07:00pm 3rd English SMG, Upper Room
- 07:00pm 4th English, Red Room
- 07:00pm 5th English Blue Chapel
- 07:00pm Creole, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Thursday**

- 05:30 pm Daily Mass SMG, Upper Room
- 07:00pm Catechesis SMG, Upper Room

**Friday**

- 04:00 pm Adoration, SMG upstairs
- 05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG upstairs
- 06:00 pm Stations of the Cross in the Church

**Saturday**

- 05:30 pm Mass in Church
- 07:00 pm Eucharist NCW



**School Notes**

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Ash Wednesday Mass was a meaningful experience for our students, as we began our Lenten journey. We encourage everyone to participate in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during this sacred time.



Our students shine, through God's blessings! Holy Family Academy's students earned 2nd place in the Secondary Social Studies Competition, high marks in the Elementary Local Social Studies Competition and 3rd Place in the Fortis TCI National Primary School Science Quiz Bee. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments!

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We continue to look for donations and sponsors to support our **Scholarship Program** and help the school with necessary supplies.

Your sponsorship payment can be done through direct deposit or bank transfer or by donating any of the items below.

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- Art Supplies
- Sport supplies
- Asthma Inhalers & AED

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