

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday

Today in Italy and in many countries the Ascension of the Lord, that is, his return to the Father, is celebrated. In the Liturgy, the Gospel according to Luke narrates the final apparition of the Risen Christ to the disciples (cf. 24:46-53). The earthly life of Jesus culminates precisely with the Ascension, which we also profess in the Creed: "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father". What does this event mean? How should we interpret it? To answer this question, let us focus on two actions that Jesus performs before ascending into Heaven: first, he *announces the gift of the Spirit* – he announces the gift of the Spirit – and then he *blesses the disciples*. He announces the gift of the Spirit, and he blesses.

First of all, Jesus says to his friends: "I send the promise of my Father upon you" (v. 49). He is talking about the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, he who will accompany them, guide them, support them in their mission, defend them in spiritual battles. And so, we understand something important: Jesus is not abandoning the disciples. He ascends to Heaven, but he does not leave them alone. Rather, precisely by ascending towards the Father, he ensures the *effusion of the Holy Spirit, of his Spirit*. On another occasion he had said: "It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counsellor – that is, the Spirit – will not come to you" (Jn 16:7). In this too, we see Jesus' love for us: his is a presence that does not want to limit our freedom. On the contrary, he leaves space to us, because true love always generates a closeness that does not stifle, is not possessive, is close but not possessive; on the contrary, true love which makes us protagonists. And in this way, Christ reassures, "I will go to the Father, and you will be clothed with power from on high: I will send you my Spirit and with his strength, you will continue my work in the world!" (cf. Lk 24:49). And so, ascending to Heaven, instead of remaining beside a few people with his body, Jesus becomes close to all with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit makes Jesus present in us, beyond the barriers of time and space, to make us his witnesses in the world.

Straight afterwards – it is the second action – Christ raises his hands and *blesses the apostles* (cf. v. 50). It is a priestly gesture. God, since the times of Aaron, had entrusted to priests the task of blessing the people (cf. Nm 6:36). The Gospel wants to tell us that *Jesus is the great priest of our life*. Jesus ascends to the Father to *intercede* on our behalf, to present our humanity to him. Thus, before the eyes of the Father, with the humanity of Jesus, there are and always will be our lives, our hopes, our wounds. So, as he makes his "exodus" to Heaven, Christ "makes way" for us, he goes to prepare a place for us and, from this time forth, he intercedes for us, so that we may always be accompanied and blessed by the Father. Brothers and sisters, let us think today of the gift of the Spirit we have received from Jesus to be witnesses of the Gospel. Let us ask ourselves if we really are; and also, if we are capable of loving others, leaving them free and making room for them. And then: do we know how to make ourselves intercessors for others, that is, do we know how to pray for them and bless their lives? Or do we serve others for our own interests? Let us learn this: intercessory prayer, interceding for the hopes and sufferings of the world, interceding for peace. And let us bless with our eyes and our words those we meet every day!

Now let us pray to Our Lady, blessed among women, who, filled with the Holy Spirit, always prays and intercedes for us.

Our Lady of Divine Providence

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PENTECOST



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 Pentecost Sunday. Today the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles. The Holy Spirit has many titles, such as , the Consoler, the Advocate, the Counselor. He also has many gifts such as wisdom, knowledge and strength . His fruits are peace, patience, love, gentleness and so forth. I believe it's important to recognize just how much you are lacking in these gifts and fruits! If you are given the grace to really see your total poverty of spirit , well, there is good news and that is that the Lord can give you His Spirit so that you can be led on a way to get them. I have met and know people who are led by the Holy Spirit and such people are simple people and just leave everything in the Lord's hands as they go through the day. Often they are late because they are on a different time zone which is to be led by the Spirit and yet somehow no one seems to mind. The Spirit defends them, one could say. They do not worry so much and are generally in peace. They have real faith. May we all desire to be like them!

Addressing today's gospel passage, Jesus speaks of the Spirit as "living water". When you do not know how to follow the Sprit it's like you are 'dead'. Meaning that you are caught up in this world and its problems , or your own self and its problems. The Lord wants us to have this living water, which is to become alive, to really live. When you experience the Holy Spirit He always brings life out of our death and brings Joy and peace. It is really possible to have this experience and come to know the Lord deeply.

May the Holy Spirit come to all of us here in the Church gathered today so that we can experience the Lord's Spirit working in our lives and not our own self centeredness.

Fr. Paul

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS IN CREOLE

W'ap chèche konprann
lavi w?
W fatigué ak lavi a, w
Santi w sèl?
W eskandalize de
soufrans?



"JEZI AP PASE"
"Vini, Pou w tande yon bòn nouvèl!"

Vini e koute yon anons kè kontan. Katechis Pou granmoun ak jen: **Lendi, e Jedi nan sal pawaswal la a 07:00 pm.**

BLESSING OF THE HOUSES



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.

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. .

Parish Events June 5-12

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 Fraternitey, 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
07:00pm Creole Catechesis

Mary Mother of the Church

Tuesday 05:30pm D. Mass, Chapel,
07:00pm 1st English. Red Room
07:00pm 2nd English Maria Goretti
07.00pm 1st Spanish. Blue Chapel
07:00pm 2nd Spanish. B. Sacrament

Wednesday: 05:30pm Mass Church
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.
07:00pm Creole Catechesis

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

Saturday: Vigil of Holy Trinity
05:30pm Mass, Church
07:00pm NCW Eucharist



School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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Holy Family Academy continues to take advantage of the weekly masses where we listen to the good news of God's love. We have been grateful to see how this word has been effective in the lives of the children throughout the year, namely that when they experience how God loves us as sinners, they become free to live in their concrete reality.

As we approach the end of the school year, final projects are shared throughout the school. The highlight of the week was the presentation of the 11th grade physics roller coasters.

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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:

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