

On this Second Sunday of Lent, the Gospel of the *Transfiguration* is proclaimed. Jesus takes Peter, James and John with him on the mountain and is revealed to them in all his beauty as Son of God (cf. *Mt 17:1-9*) Let us pause a moment over this scene and ask ourselves: Of what does this beauty consist? What do the disciples see? A special effect? No, that is not it. They see the light of God's holiness shining on the face and on the clothing of Jesus, the perfect image of the Father. God's majesty, God's beauty is revealed. But God is Love. Therefore, the disciples had been beholding with their eyes *the beauty and splendour of divine Love incarnate in Christ*. They had a foretaste of paradise. What a surprise for the disciples! They had the face of Love before their very eyes for so long without ever being aware of how beautiful it was! Only now do they realize it with such joy, with immense joy. In reality, through this experience, Jesus is forming them, preparing them for an even more important step. Soon after that, in fact, they would have to recognize the same beauty in him when he would mount the cross and his face would be *disfigured*. Peter struggles to understand: he would like to stop time, "pause" the scene, stay there and prolong this marvelous experience. But Jesus does not allow it. Indeed, his light cannot be reduced to a "magical moment"! It would thus become something false, artificial, something that would dissolve into the fog of passing sentiment. On the contrary, Christ is the light that orients our journey like the pillar of fire for the people in the wilderness (*Ex 13:21*). Jesus' beauty *does not alienate* his disciples from the reality of life, but gives them the strength *to follow him* all the way to Jerusalem, all the way to the cross. Christ's beauty is not alienating. It always brings you forward. It does not make you hide. Go forward! Brothers and sisters, this Gospel traces a path for us too. It teaches us how important it is to *remain with Jesus* even when it is not easy to understand everything he says and does for us. In fact, it is by staying with him that we learn to recognize on his face the luminous beauty of love he gives us, even when it bears the marks of the cross. And it is in his school that we learn to see the same beauty on the faces of the people who walk beside us every day – family, friends, colleagues who take care of us in the most varied ways. How many luminous faces, how many smiles, how many wrinkles, how many tears and scars reveal love around us! Let us learn to recognize them and to fill our hearts with them. And then let us set out in order to bring the light we have received to others as well, through concrete acts of love (cf. *1 Jn 3:18*), diving into our daily occupations more generously, loving, serving, and forgiving with greater earnestness and willingness. The contemplation of God's wonders, the contemplation of God's face, of the Lord's face, must move us to the service of others.

We can ask ourselves: Do we know how to recognize the light of God's love in our lives? Do we recognize it with joy and gratitude on the faces of the people who love us? Do we look around us for the signs of this light that fills our hearts and open them to love and service? Or do we prefer the straw fires of idols that alienate us and close us in on ourselves? The great light of the Lord and the false, artificial light of idols. Which do I prefer?

May Mary, who kept the light of her Son in her heart even in the darkness of Calvary, accompany us always on the way of love

# Our Lady of Divine Providence

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### THIRD 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.**

I hope that like the Samaritan woman in Gospel you would like to have this 'living water'. It means that you recognize that you are missing something. There is an emptiness in you, something that is unfulfilled and you struggle with going on in life, and that Jesus is the only one who can give it to you. If you get this 'living water', which is the Holy Spirit you will have a sense of meaning and fulfillment. This does not mean that you will not have sufferings and problems or that things won't work out as you planned or wanted them to but that somehow you will be enlightened about your life and why things are going the way they are. This leads to the second point, which is the word "worship". What does it mean? It is not just doing something external. To worship in spirit and truth means it must be the whole heart with nothing coming in between. To love the Lord above everything else. Basically, this is impossible but nothing is impossible for the Lord. The obstacles are money, comfort, family, work, sports, internet, social media, in effect anything that you really love. Those things, which are good things, cannot give you eternal life.

Let us all ask the Lord to give us the grace to put all these 'good things' in their proper perspective so that we can begin to truly worship him with our spirit so that our lives can have this fulfillment and not the need to be constantly running after things to gratify our desires. Fr. Paul

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

### MORNING PRAYER

Monday to Friday at 6:20am  
Blue Chapel

### STATION OF THE CROSS AND CONFESSIONS

Every Friday of Lent from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the church

### HOLY HOUR FRIDAYS 4:00PM—5:00pm

### PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION MARCH 22nd 7:00pm



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!

## Parish Events Feb. Mar.12-19

**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  
07:00pm Catechesis SMG  
07:30pm AA Parish Hall.

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel  
07:00pm First Creole, Red Room  
07:00pm Second Creole. Bl. Sac. Chapel  
07:00pm Third English SMG  
07:00pm Fourth English, Blue Chapel  
07:00pm Second English, Church

### Thursday

05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel  
07:00pm Catechesis SMG

### Friday St. Patrick

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

### Saturday St. Cyril of Jerusalem

05:30 pm Mass, Church  
07:00pm NCW Eucharist



## School Notes

Holy Family Academy  
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HFA began Education Week cheering for the elementary students in the Elementary Science Quizbee and High school students that passed to the second round of the Fortis National High School Science debate.

HFA continually encourages all students to serve the other as Christ, which is why this week our high school students served the lower elementary classes by presenting the psalms for their mass.

[www.hfa.catholic.tc](http://www.hfa.catholic.tc)

### 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:

- Automatic hand dryers
- Microwave x 3
- Walkie-Talkie Radios
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Sound / Speaker System
- Ping Pong table.
- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255