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Your Eminence,

I have been pleased to learn of the upcoming 25th anniversary of the Mission in the Turks and Caicos Islands under the care of the Archbishop of Newark, which is to be celebrated within Holy Mass on January 28, 2024 at Our Lady of Divine Providence Church.

As the Holy Father's personal representative to the United States, I assure Your Eminence of the spiritual closeness of Pope Francis to you and to everyone in Turks and Caicos. As the seeds of the Gospel continue to be planted and to grow in that land, I pray that the faithful there may be inspired by the message of the Pope, who said:

"I encourage you to go forth with courage, so that the power of the Spirit may always find in the Church and in the world minds and hearts eager to sow the Word and to bring the joy of the Risen Lord to all, breaking down barriers and fostering the building of a society founded on the Gospel principles of charity, justice, and peace" (ADDRESS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE OF MISSIONARY INSTITUTES IN ITALY, MAY 11, 2023).

Entrusting the people of God in Turks and Caicos to the intercession of Our Lady of Divine Providence, the Holy Father bestows on them his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord.

With my own prayerful best wishes and deepest esteem, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Christophe Pierre
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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: 24 May, 2024.
1st Communions: 02 June, 2024.

Confirmations: TBC(20 October, 2024).

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.

Today's Gospel has many aspects. Let us look at them. Jesus heals Simon Peter's mother-in-law and she immediately responds by getting up to serve. This is because she is grateful and wants to show this in her actions. This is a call to each one to ask for the grace to be grateful, which can only come from seeing how the Lord has acted or is acting, in the events of your life. It's a good question to reflect on, "What has the Lord done in my life? How has He healed my situation?"

Second point. Jesus preaches the good news. This poses two questions which are, "What is the 'Good News?'" And "Have I ever received it?" If you have received the Good News of Jesus Christ what has been its consequences in my life?

Thirdly, Jesus is always moving. He is "Action Man" in Mark's Gospel. Always on the move, always wanting to go and announce the Good News. Are you like that? This is something to reflect upon. Do I have enthusiasm for announcing what the Lord has done in my life?

Fourthly, Jesus silences the devils. Each one of us has their own personal demons. I am not referring to demonic possession, but to the everyday little devils that each one has, such as, bad temper, judgemental character, laziness, selfishness, love of money or affection. There are many others, such as fits of rage or impatience. Has Jesus ever silenced one of your 'pet' demons? Maybe you think you don't have any. If that is the case then ask your close friends and family to tell you what your demons are. If necessary ask a person who will tell you the truth, as many times we are not free to tell each other the truth, for fear of losing their friendship or affection.

May the Lord grant us all the grace to be grateful and to see how He has been acting in our personal lives.

Fr. Paul

Thank you!

How good it was to be together celebrating this 25th anniversary.

Cardinal Tobin and Bishop Peter were impressed by the generosity of all of you preparing the liturgy for this beautiful day and I am also very grateful to all of you for the generosity and organization distributing the food. It was amazing, many thanks to ALL of you, May God reward you hundred-fold.

Also remember this time of grace

Remember that the Holy Door will be open until April 7, 2024. I invite you to take advantage of this time of grace following the three requirements to get indulgences:

- A complete and whole-hearted detachment from all sin of any kind, even venial sin.
- Making a valid [sacramental confession](#).
- Receiving [Holy Communion](#) in the state of grace. Praying for the [intentions of the Pope](#).

The minimum condition for gaining a partial indulgence is to be contrite in heart; on this condition, a Catholic who performs the work or recites the prayer in question is granted, through the church, remission of temporal punishment equal to that obtained by the person's own action.

Parish Events Feb. 4-11

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

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 St. Agatha

05:30pm Mass in English, SMG upstairs

Tuesday St.. Paul Miki & companions

05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG upstairs
07:00pm First English Parish Hall
07:00pm Second English SMG
07:00pm Spanish Red Room

Wednesday

05:30 pm D. Mass ,SMG
Third English, SMG
Fourth English Red Room
Fifth English, Blue chapel

Thursday St. Josephine Bakita

05:30 pm D. Mass , SMG

Friday

04:00pm **Holy Hour:** Rosary in three languages and reflection and meditation on the Holy Eucharist. In the Upper Room St. Maria Goretti.

05:30pm D. Mass SMG

Saturday St. Scholastica

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



School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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The HFA school received the visit of Cardinal Tobin during the 25th anniversary: His Eminence met the students and the teachers and listened to the experience of one of the students and one of the first teachers who was here in the very beginning of the mission.

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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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