

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

The Gospel passage of today's liturgy opens with a phrase of Jesus that leaves us astonished: "The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven" (Mk 13:24-25). But what now, even the Lord was a doomsdayer? No, this is certainly not His intention. He wants us to understand that sooner or later everything in this world passes. Even the sun, the moon and the stars that make up the "firmament" - a word that indicates "firmness", "stability" - are destined to pass away. In the end, though, Jesus says what does not fall: "Heaven and earth will pass away", He says, "but my words will not pass away" (v. 31). The Lord's words will not pass away. He makes a distinction between the penultimate things, which pass, and the ultimate things, that remain. It is a message for us, to guide us in our important decisions in life, to guide us on what it is worth investing our life. In something transitory, or in the words of the Lord that remain forever? Obviously on these. But it is not easy. Indeed, the things that come before our senses and give us immediate satisfaction attract us, while the words of the Lord, although beautiful, go beyond the immediate and require patience. We are tempted to cling to what we see and touch and what seems safer to us. It is human, that is temptation. But this is a deception, because "heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away". So, here is the invitation: do not build your life on sand. When someone builds a house, they dig deep and lay a solid foundation. Only a fool would say that money would be wasted on something that cannot be seen. According to Jesus, the faithful disciple is the one who founds his life on the rock, which is his Word (cf. Mt 7:24-27), which does not pass away, on the firmness of the Word of Jesus: this is the foundation of the life that Jesus wants from us, and which will not pass away.

And now we wonder – always, when we read the Word of God, questions arise - what is the centre, what is the beating heart of the Word of God? In short, what is it that gives solidity to life, and will never end? Saint Paul tells us. The very centre, the beating heart, that which gives solidity, is love: "Love never ends" (1 Cor 13:8), says Saint Paul: love. Those who do good, are investing in eternity. When we see a person who is generous and helpful, meek, patient, who is not envious, does not gossip, does not brag, is not puffed-up with pride, does not lack respect (cf. 1 Cor 13:4-7), this is a person who builds Heaven on earth. They may not be noticed or have a career, they will not make the news, and yet, what they do will not be lost because good is never lost, good lasts forever. And we, brothers and sisters, let us ask ourselves: what are we investing our lives in? On things that pass, such as money, success, appearance, physical well-being? We will take away none of these things. Are we attached to earthly things, as if we will live here forever? When we are young and healthy, everything is fine, but when the time comes to depart, we have to leave everything behind. The Word of God warns us today: this world will pass away. And only love will remain. To base one's life on the Word of God, therefore, is not an escape from history, but an immersion into earthly realities in order to make them solid, to transform them with love, imprinting on them the sign of eternity, the sign of God. Here then is some advice for making important choices. When I don't know what to do, how do make a definitive choice, an important decision, a decision that involves Jesus' love, what must I do? Before deciding, let us imagine that we are standing in front of Jesus, as at the end of life, before Him who is love. And imagining ourselves there, in His presence, at the threshold of eternity, we make the decision for today. We must decide in this way: always looking to eternity, looking at Jesus. It may not be the easiest, it may not be the most immediate, but it will be the right one (cf. Saint Ignatius of Loyola, *Spiritual Exercises*, 187), that is sure.

May Our Lady help us to make the important choices in life as she did: according to love, according to God.

# Our Lady of Divine Providence

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### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



#### 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.  
(Except Wednesdays)  
**Fridays:** 05:30pm Blue Chapel.  
06:00pm Adoration Blessed  
Sacrament and Rosary.

#### 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:** Corpus Christi, 2022.  
**Confirmation:** January 16, 2022.

Today is not only the parish feast day but even more importantly it is one of the highest feasts of the Church's calendar. It celebrates Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It means that this man whom we put to death on the cross reigns over the whole universe and therefore over our lives. 'But' , you may think, 'I do not see Him reigning over all the places where there is war, famine or poverty.' This is true, but Jesus Christ when He came to live among us reigned supremely on the cross. Nailed to the cross was the sign 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.' What a place to reign from or for a king to rule from! Yet, this is undoubtedly true. It is very strange that the cross is what most attracts people. Why do so many people follow this man who was put to death on a cross? It is the most humiliating of deaths and shows God's own weakness, if it's possible to say this. Jesus reigned through His weakness, His human fragility and yet He is God. God allowed Himself to die a miserable death. This is almost heretical but this is where Christ reigned. It also means that when you suffer and the cross falls upon you, there, in that place, Jesus Christ reigns. St. Paul writes, 'I make up in my own body what is missing in the cross of Christ.' What is missing in Christ's cross is our participation in it. This means that it is also possible for you, with the grace of the Lord, to reign in your own cross. How? When you are in the midst of suffering but remain in peace, that it does not destroy you and that , instead, you see the good that God is bringing out of it. Let us all pray that no matter what crosses in life we have to carry the Lord will give us , also a share now in His resurrection by being joyful and trusting in Him. Fr. Paul

**The Parish Hall needs to be renovated and we need your help.**

The Parish hall (old church) is finally being fully repaired and renovated. The roof was damaged since hurricane Irma and now is seriously affected by termites as well.

If you would like to help complete this project, the Lord will reward you a hundredfold for any contribution you make.

Donations can be made by check to **Our Lady of Divine Providence** or bank transfer through Scotiabank. Instructions in the link below:

<https://www.catholic.tc/donate.html>

**Holy Family Academy preparing for the parish feast**



**Parish Events Nov.21-28**

**Sunday:** Holy Mass: 09:00am,10:30am Trilingual  
 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:** St. Cecilia  
 05:30pm D. Mass Chapel

**Tuesday:** 05:30pm D. Mass, Chapel, Novena  
 07:00pm 1st English. Church  
 07:00pm 2nd English. School  
**St. Clement**  
**St. Columban** 07:00pm 4th English. B. Sacrament  
**Bl. Miguel Pro** 07:00pm 1st Spanish. Blue Chapel  
 07:00pm 2nd Spanish. Red Room

**Wednesday:** 07:00pm 1st Creole. Red Room.  
**St. Andrew** 07:00pm 2nd Creole B. Sacrament.  
**Dung-Lac** 07:00pm 3rd English. Blue Chapel

**Thursday:** 05:30pm D. Mass Chapel.  
 06:00pm Creole Choir Practice  
**St. Catherine of Alexandria** 06:30pm English Choir Practice, D. Mass Chapel.

**Friday:** 05:30pm Daily Mass, Blue Chapel.  
 06:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.  
 06:00pm Confessions.

**Saturday:** 05:30pm Mass, Church  
**Liturgy of the Eucharist NCW**  
 07:00pm English: Church.



**School Notes**

**Holy Family Academy**  
 Tel: 649-941-7875

**Spirituality**

Holy Family Academy students had a very fun and engaging practice this week preparing for the Parish Feast. The students and teachers worked really hard to prepare for this event. HFA is anticipating the coming of Cardinal Joseph Tobin, who's coming is confirmed for January 16, 2022 for the Confirmation of the students that are prepared and ready for this sacrament.

HFA high school students are preparing for the SAT examination on Dec. 4th being that the exam was canceled last year due to COVID-19.

**For more information visit us at:**  
[www.hfa.catholic.tc](http://www.hfa.catholic.tc)

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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](mailto: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:

- Rechargeable Digital Camera
- Tablets
- Hand Sanitizer / alcohol
- Paper hand towels
- Tonner Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255