

Our Lady of Divine Providence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

As we read the Bible, we continually come across prayers of various types. But we also find a book made up solely of prayers, a book that has become the native land, gymnasium and home of countless men and women of prayer. It is the *Book of Psalms*. There are 150 Psalms to pray.

It forms part of the books of wisdom because it communicates “knowing how to pray” through the experience of dialogue with God. In the Psalms, we find all human sentiments: the joys, the sorrows, the doubts, the hopes, the bitterness that color our lives. The *Catechism* affirms that every Psalm “possesses such direct simplicity that it can be prayed in truth by men of all times and conditions” (CCC, 2588). As we read and reread the Psalms, we learn the language of prayer. God the Father, indeed, with His Spirit, inspired them in the heart of King David and others who prayed, in order to teach every man and woman how to praise Him, how to thank Him and to supplicate; how to invoke Him in joy and in suffering, and how to recount the wonders of His works and of His Law. In short, the Psalms are the word of God that we human beings use to speak with Him.

In this book, we do not encounter ethereal people, abstract people, those who confuse prayer with an aesthetic or alienating experience. The Psalms are not texts created on paper; they are invocations, often dramatic, that spring from lived existence. To pray them it is enough for us to be what we are. We must not forget that to pray well we must pray as we are, without embellishment. One must not embellish the soul to pray. “Lord, I am like this”, and go in front of the Lord as we are, with the good things and also with the bad things that no-one knows about, but that we inwardly know. In the Psalms, we hear the voices of men and women of prayer in flesh and blood, whose life, like that of us all, is fraught with problems, hardships, and uncertainties. The Psalmist does not radically contest this suffering: he knows that it is part of living. In the Psalms, however, suffering is transformed into a *question*. From suffering to questioning.

And among the many questions, there is one that remains suspended, like an incessant cry that runs throughout the entire book from beginning to end. A question that we repeat many times: “*Until when, Lord? Until when?*” Every suffering calls for liberation, every tear calls for consolation, every wound awaits healing, every slander a sentence of absolution. “Until when, Lord, must I suffer this? Listen to me, Lord!” How many times we have prayed like this, with “Until when?”, enough now, Lord!

By constantly asking such questions, the Psalms teach us not to get used to pain, and remind us that life is not saved unless it is healed. The existence of each human being is but a breath, his or her story is fleeting, but the prayerful know that they are precious in the eyes of God, and so *it makes sense to cry out*. And this is important. When we pray, we do so because we know we are precious in God’s eyes. It is the grace of the Holy Spirit that, from within, inspires in us this awareness: of being precious in the eyes of God. And this is why we are moved to pray.

The prayer of the Psalms is the testimony of this cry: a multiple cry, because in life pain takes a thousand forms, and takes the name of sickness, hatred, war, persecution, distrust... Until the supreme “scandal”, that of death. Death appears in the Psalter as man’s most unreasonable enemy: what crime deserves such cruel punishment, which involves annihilation and the end? The prayer of the Psalms asks God to intervene where all human efforts are in vain. That is why prayer, in and of itself, is the way of salvation and the beginning of salvation.

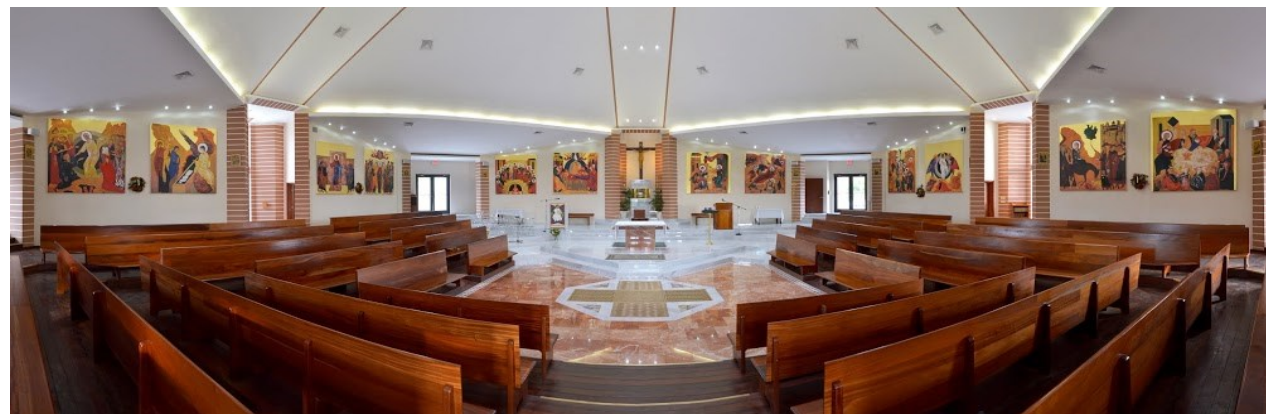
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XXIX SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30pm English, Church.

Sunday: 09:00am English, Church.
10:30am Creole, Church.
12:30pm Spanish, Church.

Weekdays: 05:30pm English, Church.
(*Except Wednesdays*)

Fridays:
05:30pm Church.
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: Sep. 27, 2020 Sunday

Confirmation: Date to be confirmed.

Today's Gospel is about money and its right use. Money is always a difficulty for a Christian. "How do I use my money?" How much is for me? How much for the Lord and how much for the Government". In today's Gospel Jesus affirms that we need to pay our taxes. St. Paul reiterates this by saying we are called as Christians to be 'model' citizens. But as I said above money is a problem. It is not a temptation that we can ever fully conquer. We must face the issue every payday. St. Paul writes that the root of all evil is the love of money. It's hard not to love it, want more of it, and you can even justify your love of it! You want more and more and yet it is never enough. This is one aspect.

Another is that it is not being poor or rich that is involved here. I have met many people who are very poor and have a deep desire for wealth. I have also met a very rich man, who owned an NFL team, and so was probably a billionaire, but he was also very humble and used his resources for the good. So it is not a matter of how much you have or do not have but he spirit with which you use it. Is it just for me or have I been given this money to use for the Lord's purposes? AS Jesus said, you need to pay your taxes but also set apart something for the Lord. This includes the parish but also any charity that helps the poor or those suffering from natural disasters and so forth.

Finally, may let us pray that the Lord can take from our hearts the love of money. That you can become generous. The more you give a way the more it comes back to you.

Fr. Paul

Remember:

- Masks are required **ALL TIME** while being inside and in public covering the nose and mouth. (Attendees, choir and lectors as well.)
- Keep 2mts / 6ft of physical distance.
- Attendees must register at the entrance.
- Sanitize your hands.

If you feel sick or can't attend Mass, you can follow our online Sunday Mass at our **YouTube** channel below:

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Roman Catholic Church**

<https://qrgo.page.link/U6mGg>

**CCD CLASSES
HAVE BEGUN!**



Registration 2020-2021 is open.

If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of Penance, Communion or Confirmation, please contact Holy Family Academy to find out more about the registration process and scheduling.

As young Catholics this, Sacraments are crucial for their Christian formation, so we encourage you to register.

Holy Family Academy at 941-78875.

Parish Events Oct 18—Oct 25

Sunday: Holy Mass: 09:00am, 10:30am and 12:30pm
04:00pm Coeur de Marie: Children's group.
05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
05:00pm Fraternity, Red Room.
05:00pm Creole Youth Choir Practice
05:00pm Coeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday: 05:30pm Mass, Church.

Tuesday: 05:30pm Mass, Church.

Liturgy of the Word, NCW.

06:30pm 2nd English: Blue Chapel.
07:00pm Spanish: S.M. Goretti.
07:00pm 2nd Spanish BS Chapel:

Wednesday: 6:30pm Creole: Parish Hall
06:30pm 3rd English: Blue Chapel
06:30pm 1st English: S. M. Goretti.

Thursday: 05:30pm D. Mass Church.
06:00pm Creole Choir Practice Parish Hall.
06:30pm English Choir Practice, D. Mass Chapel.

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

Saturday: 05:30pm Mass, Church.

Liturgy of the Eucharist NCW

04:30pm 2nd English: SM. Goretti.
06:00pm 1st, 2nd Spanish SM. Goretti.
6:10pm 1st, 3rd English, Creole.Church.



School Notes

Holy Family Academy

Tel: 649-941-7875

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 22: Progress Reports Distribution

Oct. 26: Parent-teacher Conferences

11:30 a.m. dismissal

Oct. 30: Mass @ OLDP at 8:00 a.m.

All Saints' Day Celebration

Contact us at 941-7875 from 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m. or send an email to holyfamilytc@gmail.com.

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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 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:

- Scholarships
- Tablets
- Hand Sanitizer / alcohol
- Paper hand towels
- Printing paper
- Toner or ink refill for Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255

Thank you!