

In the Gospel of today's Liturgy we see Jesus react somewhat unusually: He is indignant. And what is most surprising is that his indignation is not caused by the Pharisees who put him to the test with questions about the lawfulness of divorce, but by his disciples who, to protect him from the crowd of people, rebuke some children who had been brought to Jesus. In other words, the Lord is not angry with those who argue with him, but with those who, in order to relieve him of his burden, distance the children from him. Why? It is a good question: why does the Lord do this?

Let us remember — it was the Gospel reading of two Sundays ago — that while performing the gesture of embracing a child, Jesus had identified himself with the little ones: he had taught that it is indeed the little ones, namely, those who depend on others, who are in need and cannot reciprocate, that should be served first (cf. *Mk 9:35-37*). Those who seek God find him there, in the little ones, in those in need: in need not only of material goods, but of care and comfort, such as the sick, the humiliated, prisoners, immigrants, the incarcerated. He is there: in the little ones. This is why Jesus is indignant: any affront to a little one, a poor person, a child, a defenceless person, is done to him.

Today the Lord picks up this teaching again and completes it. In fact, he adds: "Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it" (*Mk 10:15*). Here is what is new: the disciple must not only serve the little ones, but also *acknowledge himself as a little one*. And does each of us recognise ourselves as being little before God? Let us think about this, it will help us. Awareness of being little, awareness of being in need of salvation is indispensable in welcoming the Lord. It is the first step in opening ourselves up to him. Often, however, we forget about this. In prosperity, in well-being, we have the illusion of being self-sufficient, that we suffice to ourselves, that we do not need God. Brothers and sisters, this is a deception, because each one of us is a person in need, a little one. We must seek out our own smallness and recognise it. And there, we will find Jesus.

In life, recognising oneself as little, is a starting point for growing. If we think about it, we grow, not so much on the basis of our successes and the things we have, but above all in difficult and fragile moments. There, in our need, we mature; there we open our hearts to God, to others, to the meaning of life. Let us open our eyes to others. Let us open our eyes, when we are little, to the true meaning of life. When we feel small in the face of a problem, small in front of a cross, an illness, when we experience fatigue and loneliness, let us not be discouraged. The mask of superficiality is falling away and our radical fragility is re-emerging: it is our common ground, our treasure, because *with God frailty is not an obstacle but an opportunity*. This would be a beautiful prayer: "Lord, look at my frailties..." and list them before him. This is a good attitude before God.

Indeed, it is precisely in our frailty that we discover how much God takes care of us. The Gospel today says that Jesus is very tender with the little ones: "he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them" (v. 16). The difficulties and situations that reveal our frailties are privileged opportunities to experience his love. Those who pray with perseverance know this well: in dark or lonely moments, God's tenderness towards us makes itself, so to speak, even more present. When we are little, we feel God's tenderness more. This tenderness gives us peace; this tenderness makes us grow, because God draws close to us in his way, which is nearness, compassion and tenderness. And, when we feel we are little, small, for whatever reason, the Lord comes closer, we feel he is closer. He gives us peace; he makes us grow. In prayer the Lord draws us close to him, like a father with his child. This is how we grow: not in the illusory pretence of our self-sufficiency — this makes no one grow — but in the strength of placing all our hope in the Father, just like the little ones do; they do this.

Today let us ask the Virgin Mary for a huge grace, that of littleness: to be children who trust the Father, certain that he will not fail to take care of us.

Our Lady of Divine Providence

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THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



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

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters,

This past Friday, 17 children received the **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** for the **first time**. These children will continue approaching this beautiful sacrament for one year before their First Communion or Holy Eucharist. Let us pray for them that persevering with their parents, they may approach the Table of the Lord to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist.



This Sunday we celebrate in the Islands of TCI the Solemnity of "Corpus Christi", the Body and Blood of Christ. Every year during this Feast, the children that have been prepared (receiving the sacrament of reconciliation during last year), will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

This is will be First Communion, but not be the only one, nor the last one. They will continue receiving the Communion at least once a week. "The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood will have eternal life and I will resurrect him on the last day", says the Lord.

Therefore, if we attend the Mass and have been gifted with the knowledge of faith, then as soon as the consecration of the bread and wine take place, we will cry out interiorly, "My Lord and my God!" We will know that God the Son is present before us in a veiled way.

Our eyes do not perceive, nor do any of our senses reveal to us the great reality before us. We cannot rationally deduce what just took place. Instead, we come to know and believe that the Son of God, the Savior of the World, is now present before us in His fullness, under the veil of mere bread and wine.

Congratulations and God bless you all,

Fr. Orlando.

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 pawasal 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. Fr. Orlando.

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. This can also be a good preparation for the daily mass at 5:30pm.

Parish Events June 19-26

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 Fraternite, 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

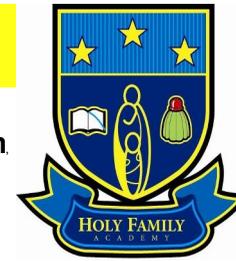
Tuesday 05:30pm D. Mass, Chapel,
St. Aloysius 07:00pm 1st English. Red Room
Gonzaga 07:00pm 2nd English Maria Goretti
07:00pm 1st Spanish. Blue Chapel
07:00pm 2nd Spanish. B. Sacrament

Wednesday: 05:30pm Mass Church
07:00pm 1st Creole, Red Room.
St.s John 07:00pm 3rd English, Maria Goretti
Fisher and 07:00pm 2nd Creole, B. Sacrament
Thomas More 07:00pm 4th English Blue Chapel

Thursday: 05:30pm D. Mass Chapel.
06:00pm Creole Choir Practice
Nativity of Parish Hall.
John the Baptist

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

Saturday: Immaculate Heart of Mary
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05:30pm Mass, Church
07:00pm NCW Eucharist



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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 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