

## World Mission Sunday 2020, Pope Francis

The missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: "Here am I, send me" (6:8). This is the ever new response to the Lord's question: "Whom shall I send?" (ibid.). This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole in the current world crisis. "Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying 'We are perishing' (v. 38), so we too have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this" (*Meditation in Saint Peter's Square*, 27 March 2020). We are indeed frightened, disoriented and afraid. Pain and death make us experience our human frailty, but at the same time remind us of our deep desire for life and liberation from evil. In this context, the call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer. The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realization that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others.

In the sacrifice of the cross, where the mission of Jesus is fully accomplished (cf. *Jn 19:28-30*), God shows us that his love is for each and every one of us (cf. *Jn 19:26-27*). He asks us to be personally willing to be sent, because he himself is Love, love that is always "on mission", always reaching out in order to give life. Out of his love for us, God the Father sent his Son Jesus (cf. *Jn 3:16*). Jesus is the Father's Missionary: his life and ministry reveal his total obedience to the Father's will (cf. *Jn 4:34; 6:38; 8:12-30; Heb 10:5-10*). Jesus, crucified and risen for us, draws us in turn into his mission of love, and with his Spirit which enlivens the Church, he makes us his disciples and sends us on a mission to the world and to its peoples.

"The mission, the 'Church on the move', is not a programme, an enterprise to be carried out by sheer force of will. It is Christ who makes the Church go out of herself. In the mission of evangelization, you move because the Holy Spirit pushes you, and carries you" (*Senza di Lui non possiamo fare nulla: Essere missionari oggi nel mondo. Una conversazione con Gianni Valente*, Libreria Editrice Vaticana: San Paolo, 2019, 16-17). God always loves us first and with this love comes to us and calls us. Our personal vocation comes from the fact that we are sons and daughters of God in the Church, his family, brothers and sisters in that love that Jesus has shown us. All, however, have a human dignity founded on the divine invitation to be children of God and to become, in the sacrament of Baptism and in the freedom of faith, what they have always been in the heart of God.

Life itself, as a gift freely received, is implicitly an invitation to this gift of self: it is a seed which, in the baptized, will blossom as a response of love in marriage or in virginity for the kingdom of God. Human life is born of the love of God, grows in love and tends towards love. No one is excluded from the love of God, and in the holy sacrifice of Jesus his Son on the cross, God conquered sin and death (cf. *Rom 8:31-39*). For God, evil – even sin – becomes a challenge to respond with even greater love (cf. *Mt 5:38-48; Lk 22:33-34*). In the Paschal Mystery, divine mercy heals our wounded humanity and is poured out upon the whole universe. The Church, the universal sacrament of God's love for the world, continues the mission of Jesus in history and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness of faith and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and in this way touch and transform hearts, minds, bodies, societies and cultures in every place and time.

Mission is a free and conscious response to God's call. Yet we discern this call only when we have a personal relationship of love with Jesus present in his Church. Let us ask ourselves: are we prepared to welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to listen to the call to mission, whether in our life as married couples or as consecrated persons or those called to the ordained ministry, and in all the everyday events of life? Are we willing to be sent forth at any time or place to witness to our faith in God the merciful Father, to proclaim the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ, to share the divine life of the Holy Spirit by building up the Church? Are we, like Mary, the Mother of Jesus, ready to be completely at the service of God's will (cf. *Lk 1:38*)? This interior openness is essential if we are to say to God: "Here am I, Lord, send me" (cf. *Is 6:8*). And this, not in the abstract, but in this chapter of the life of the Church and of history.

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## XXX SUNDAY 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: 13 June, 2025.**  
**1st Communions: 22 June, 2025.**

**Confirmations: November 10, 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 is World Mission Sunday. Every year the Society of the propagation of the Faith makes a collection, in order to help the missionary activity of the Church, worldwide.

In today's Gospel the blind man shouts out insistently "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." He had heard all about Jesus and His mission and healings and so forth. This caused him to seek salvation in Jesus. Also, by calling Jesus, "Son of David", meant that he was calling Jesus the Messiah or Saviour, and he gets what he wants. He is cured physically but more importantly, spiritually. He begins to follow Jesus.

Well, how can anyone call on Jesus unless they get to hear about Him and how can they experience His salvation without someone telling them about Him?

This is why today's collection for World mission Sunday is so important. Who knows whether because of your generosity someone will experience Jesus' saving power and this will help in your own salvation.

The Church is always missionary. We are all called to proclaim what the Lord has done in our lives and we can help others in the Church to do the same.

Today there are special envelopes in the church for the only collection that will be made. Please place your donation in them. As always there will be only one collection.

May the Lord bless you for your generosity.

Fr. Paul

### HOLY HOUR FRIDAYS



4:00 pm—5:00pm.  
Holy Rosary in three languages, readings reflection, and meditation on the Holy Eucharist.  
In the Upper Room St. Maria Goretti.

### World Mission Sunday.

Only one collection will be taken up. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith has destined these funds for a common fund of solidarity distributed in the Holy Father's name among the missions of the world. Today, special envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. Please take home an envelope and bring it along with you Sunday 27th with your generous offering towards this worthy cause.

### HOLY DOOR

#### JUBILEE OF THE CATHOLIC MISSION IN TCI.

In order to get a Plenary Indulgence, which is a full remission of Purgatory, for either yourself or for the soul of someone who has died, the following conditions are needed. sacramental confession within a few days before or after.

1. Passing through the Holy Door
2. Praying the creed, the Our Father, a Hail Mary for Pope Francis' intentions.
3. Attending Mass in this Church and receiving Holy Communion.

It is also possible to get a partial indulgence if one or other of the above conditions are not met.

### Parish Events October 27-Nov 3

**Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 10:30am and 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. Simon & Jude, Apostles

05:00pm Confession near Holy Door  
05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room

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**Thursday All Hallows Eve**  
05:00pm Confessions near Holy Door  
05:30pm Vigil of All Saints  
07:00pm Vigil of All Saints, communities

**Friday All Saints Day**  
Adoration, SMG upstairs  
Daily Mass ,SMG upstairs

**Saturday All Souls Day**  
Mass in Church  
Eucharist NCW  
05:30pm  
07:00pm



## School Notes

Holy Family Academy  
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**Holy Family Academy this week stayed in communion with the holy father in participating in the world day of prayer and fasting for peace. Students all prayed the rosary, and they were serious in their fasting.**



**Elementary students began to learn how to read and sing rythm in music class! They enjoy it!**

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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.

Your sponsorship payment can be done through direct deposit or bank transfer or by donating any of the items below.

- Projectors and projector screens
- Projector stands
- Art Supplies
- Printing Paper
- Sport supplies
- Asthma Inhalers & AED

Click on our [Wish List](#) or scan the code to see more!

