

## Pope Francis Angelus 26th January 2025

This Sunday, the Evangelist Luke presents Jesus to us in the synagogue in Nazareth, the town where He grew up. He reads the passage from the prophet Isaiah announcing the Messiah's evangelizing and liberating mission. He then says, in the general silence: 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled' (cf. *Lk 4:21*).

Let us Imagine the surprise and dismay of Jesus' fellow citizens, who knew Him as the carpenter Joseph's son and would never have imagined that He could present himself as the Messiah. It was bewildering. Yet this is precisely how it was: Jesus proclaims that, by His presence, 'a year acceptable to the Lord' (v. 19) has come. It is the glad tidings for all and in a special way for the poor, for the captives, for the blind, for the oppressed (cf. v. 18).

That day, in Nazareth, Jesus confronted His interlocutors with a choice about His identity and mission. No one in the synagogue could help but wonder: is He only the carpenter's son who arrogates to Himself a role that does not belong to Him, or is He truly the Messiah, sent by God to save the people from sin and all evil?

The Evangelist tells us that the Nazarenes failed to recognize the Lord's anointed one in Jesus. They thought they knew Him too well, and this, instead of facilitating the opening of their minds and hearts, prevented them from doing so, like a veil obscuring the light.

Sisters and brothers, this event, with the due analogies, also happens for us today. We too are challenged by the presence and words of Jesus; we too are called to recognize in Him the Son of God, our Saviour. But it may happen to us, as it did to His countrymen, to think that we already know Him, that we already know everything about Him, that we have grown up with Him, in school, in the parish, in catechism, in a country with a Catholic culture... And so, for us too, He is a Person who is close, indeed perhaps even 'too' close.

But let us try to ask ourselves: do we sense the unique authority with which Jesus of Nazareth speaks? Do we recognize that He is the bearer of a proclamation of salvation that no one else can give us? And I, do I feel in need of this salvation? Do I feel that I too am in some way poor, imprisoned, blind, oppressed? Then, only then, 'the year of grace' will be for me!

Let us turn confidently to Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, to help us recognize Jesus.

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## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



### 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: To be confirmed.**

**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 the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. Mary had to be purified and Jesus redeemed as he was the first born son. The prophet Simeon, however, takes Jesus in his arms and proclaims the baby as a "light for the nations". What does this mean? Well, the pagans were living lives that had no direction and were ignorant of their sins. You and I are just like them. Jesus comes to enlighten you. Last Sunday Jesus asked you "What are you a captive to and what is your blindness?" Hopefully you have begun to see a little bit that you are not the best person in the world. It is necessary for your salvation to know yourself and just what you are capable of. I know myself, about 40 years ago before I was in the seminary, I was cutting the vegetables and a neighbouring young woman came and started criticizing me strongly and I became livid with rage and could have done some serious damage to her. Thank the Lord that He enabled me to just walk outside and cool off. In the end it was a good experience to show me of what I am capable. Also, to begin to know yourself involves coming to understand why things happened in your life. Even if they were not good things then "Why then did the Lord allow them?" Because sufferings in life can make you doubt the love of God. Hence it is very important to ask the Lord for this enlightenment, otherwise you remain without understanding your life and who you really are. This then leads to a kind of paganism where you turn to all the things of the world and not staying focused on the Lord

Let us ask the Lord for His grace to be enlightened about why we are the way we are and why did those things happen in my life which I have never understood. As a good and gracious Father He will surely grant us all this grace if we persistently ask for it.

Fr. Paul



*"Come to me, all who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."*

(Matthew 11:28)

**Are you suffering and don't know why?  
Worried about the future?  
Do you feel alone ?**

**Come and Listen  
God Loves You!**

**Catechesis for Youth and Adults**  
(13 years old and up)  
**Starting February 10th, 2025**  
**Mondays and Thursdays**  
**at 7:00pm**  
(Free babysitting available)

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**JUBILEE -WORLD YOUTH DAY**  
**PLEASE HELP US GET THERE**

(around 50 young & adults \$3,000 e/a)



Any help God will reward you a hundred fold, not only spiritually but materially as well.

## Parish Events Feb 2-9

**Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm.**  
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. Blasé, Bishop, Martyr**  
05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room

**Tuesday**  
05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room  
07:00pm First English, Blue Chapel  
07:00pm Second English, St. Joseph's Room  
07:00pm Spanish, St. Maria Goretti

**Wednesday St. Agatha, Virgin , Martyr**  
05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room  
07:00pm Third English, SMG, Upper Room  
07:00pm Fourth English, St. Joseph Room  
07:00pm Fifth English, Blue Chapel  
07:00pm Creole Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Thursday St. Paul Miki and Companions**  
05:30 pm Daily Mass SMG, Upper Room

**Friday**  
04:00 pm Adoration, SMG upstairs  
05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG upstairs

**Saturday St. Bakhita**  
05:30 pm Mass in Church  
07:00 pm Eucharist NCW



## School Notes

Holy Family Academy  
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Elementary students learned the importance of doing the will of God as they were reminded this week in the Gospel where Jesus told the apostles: "Anyone who does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."



Preschool students started learning about the life cycle of plants and grew their own beans over the last two weeks in their classroom!

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### SPONSORS / BENEFACTORS

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- Projector stands
- Art Supplies
- Printing Paper
- Sport supplies
- Asthma Inhalers & AED

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