

“The Christian response to the pandemic and to the consequent socio-economic crisis is based on *love*, above all, love of God who always precedes us .”

The coronavirus is showing us that each person's true good is a common good, not only individual, and, *vice versa*, the common good is a true good for the person. (see CCC, 1905-1906). If a person only seeks his or her own good, that person is egotistical. Instead, the person is kinder, nobler, when his or her own good is open to everyone when it is shared. Health, in addition to being an individual good, is also a public good. A healthy society is one that takes care of everyone's health, of all.

A virus that does not recognize barriers, borders, or cultural or political distinctions must be faced with a *love* without barriers, borders, or distinctions. This love can generate social structures that encourage us to share rather than to compete, which allow us to include the most vulnerable and not to cast them aside, which help us to express the best in our human nature and not the worst. True love does not know the throw-away culture, it does not know what it is. In fact, when we love and generate creativity, when we generate trust and solidarity, it is then that concrete initiatives emerge for the common good.^[2] And this is valid at both the level of the smallest and largest communities, as well as at the international level. What is done in the family, what is done in the neighborhood, what is done in the village, what is done in the large cities and internationally is the same, it is the same seed that grows, grows, grows, and bears fruit. If you in your family, in your neighborhood start out with envy, with battles, there will be war in the end. Instead, if you start out with love, to share love, forgiveness, there will be love and forgiveness for everyone.

Conversely, if the solutions for the pandemic bear the imprint of egoism, whether it be by persons, businesses, or nations, we may perhaps emerge from the coronavirus crisis, but certainly not from the human and social crisis that the virus has brought to light and accentuated. Therefore, be careful not to build on sand (see *Mt* 7:21-27)! To build a healthy, inclusive, just, and peaceful society we must do so on the rock of the common good.^[3] The common good is a rock. And this is everyone's task, not only that of a few specialists. Saint Thomas Aquinas used to say that the promotion of the common good is a duty of justice that falls on each citizen. Every citizen is responsible for the common good. And for Christians, it is also a mission. As Saint Ignatius of Loyola taught, to direct our daily efforts toward the common good is a way of receiving and spreading God's glory.

Unfortunately, politics does not often have a good reputation, and we know why. This is not to say that all politicians are bad, no, I do not want to say this. I am only saying that unfortunately, politics do not often have a good reputation. Why? But it does not have to resign itself to this negative vision, but instead react to it by showing in deeds that good politics is possible, or rather that politics^[4] that puts the human person and the common good at the center is a duty. If you read the history of humanity you will find many holy politicians who trod this path. It is possible insofar as every citizen, and especially those who assume social and political commitments and positions, roots what they do in ethical principles and nurtures it with social and political love. Christians, in a particular way the laity, are called to give good examples of this and can do it thanks to the virtue of charity, cultivating its intrinsic social dimension.

It is therefore time to improve our social love – I want to highlight this: our social love – with everyone's contribution, starting from our littleness. The common good requires everyone's participation. If everyone contributes his or her part, and if no one is left out, we can regenerate good relationships on the communitarian, national, and international levels and even in harmony with the environment (see LS, 236). Thus, through our gestures, even the most humble ones, something of the image of God we bear within us will be made visible, because God is the Trinity, God is love, God is love. This is the most beautiful definition of God that is in the Bible. The Apostle John, who loved Jesus so much, gives it to us. With His help, we can heal the world working, yes, all together for the common good, for everyone's common good. Thank you.

Our Lady of Divine Providence

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XXV 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.

From the pastor's desk:

Dear brothers and sisters.

The gospel this week is another parable. It is about a landowner who hires workers at daybreak, 9am, noon, 3pm and finally at the eleventh hour, 5pm. At the end of the day they all receive the same pay. The first ones grumbled about this, as they had worked for 12 hours in the heat and got the same pay as the ones who worked only one hour.

We, perhaps are the ones who have been in the Church all or most of our lives, but we get the same reward as those who repent on their deathbeds! This is not unfair, but shows the immense generosity of the Lord. He is always willing to forgive, even up until the last moment. So there is hope for everyone, even the most hardened sinner.

Secondly, those who worked all or most of the day, that is, were in the Church all their lives or most of them, provided salvation for the late-comers. If they were not "toiling in all the heat" there would be no church and therefore no possibility of salvation for those who came at the end of the day, that is, at their last moment.

The Lord is immensely merciful and generous with the sinner, so let us not grumble about coming to Church, which is "toiling in all the heat" but bless the Lord that people are being saved just by the fact that we are in the Church.

OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

We are happy to announce the names of those who received the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** past Friday:

Jasmine Ajith, Chenae Brown, Jordan Ganness, Ezekiel Martin, Rachel Phanord, Jose Joaquin Rojas, Ely Victoria Butler, Gabriella Vivienne Butler, and Malakai Zephire Victor.

First Communions 2020
Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020.
02:00 p.m.

In order to follow the government regulations, each candidate is allowed to be accompanied by **ONLY TWO** guests. Masks and physical distances are mandatory.

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:

**Our Lady of Divine Providence
Roman Catholic Church**

<https://qr.go.page.link/U6mGg>

Parish Events Sep 20—Sep 27

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 Fraternité, Red Room.
05:00pm Creole Youth Choir Practice
05:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday: 05:30pm Mass, Church.

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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.

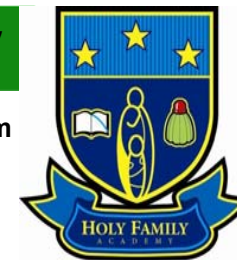
Thursday: 05:30pm D. Mass Church.
06:00pm Creole Choir Practice Parish Hall.
06:30pm English Choir Practice, D. Mass Chapel.

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

05:00pm 2nd English: SM. Goretti.
06:45pm 1 & 3 English Church.
6:45pm Creole: Blue Chapel.
7:00pm Spanish: S.M. Goretti.



School Notes

Holy Family Academy

Tel: 649-941-7875

HFA is getting ready for the hybrid model for learning, which will start at the beginning of October. For the safety of the students and staff, we are installing hand washing stations, stocking up on cleaning supplies and thermometers, and taking care of the arrival and dismissal procedures to be in place.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep. 25. National Youth Day
School closed.

For more information visit:

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 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:

- Scholarships
- Tablets
- Hand Sanitizer / alcohol
- Toner or ink refill for Canon ImageRunner ADVANCE C5255

Thank you!