

Pope Leo Audience 11 March 2026

God, who created the world and humanity, and who wishes to save every man, carries out his work of salvation in history, choosing a real people and dwelling among them. For this reason, He calls Abraham and promises him descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore (cf. *Gen 22:17-18*). With Abraham's children, after freeing them from slavery, God makes a covenant with them, accompanies them, cares for them, and gathers them together whenever they stray. Therefore, the identity of this people is given by God's action and by faith in Him. They are called to become a light for other nations, like a beacon that will draw all peoples, the whole of humanity, to itself. The Council affirms that "All these things, however, were done by way of preparation and as a figure of that new and perfect covenant, which was to be ratified in Christ, and of that fuller revelation which was to be given through the Word of God Himself made flesh" (*LG*, 9). Indeed, it is Christ who, in giving His Body and His Blood, unites this people in Himself and in a definitive way. It is a people now made up of members of every nation; it is united by faith in Him, by adherence to Him, by living the same life as Him, animated by the Spirit of the Risen One. This is the Church: the people of God who draw their existence from the body of Christ [1] and who are themselves the body of Christ; [2] not a people like any other, but the People of God, called together by Him and made up of women and men from all the peoples of the earth. Its unifying principle is not a language, a culture, an ethnicity, but faith in Christ: the Church is therefore – according to a splendid expression of the Council – the assembly of "all those who in faith look upon Jesus" (*LG*, 9). It is a messianic people, precisely because it has Christ, the Messiah, as its head. Those who belong to it do not pride themselves on merits or titles, but only on the gift of being, in Christ and through Him, daughters and sons of God. Above any task or function, therefore, what really matters in the Church is to be grafted onto Christ, to be children of God by grace. This is also the only honorary title we should seek as Christians. We are in the Church in order to receive life from the Father unceasingly and to live as His children and brothers and sisters among ourselves. Consequently, the law that animates relationships in the Church is love, as we receive and experience it in Jesus; and her goal is the Kingdom of God, towards which she walks together with all humanity.

Unified in Christ, Lord and Saviour of every man and woman, the Church can never turn inwards on herself, but is open to everyone and is for everyone. If believers in Christ belong to it, the Council reminds us that "All men are called to belong to the new people of God. Wherefore this people, remaining one and unique, must extend to the whole world and to all ages, so that the intention of God's will may be fulfilled, who in the beginning created human nature as one and wants to gather together his children who were scattered" (*LG*, 13). Even those who have not yet received the Gospel are therefore, in some way, oriented towards the people of God, and the Church, cooperating in Christ's mission, is called upon to spread the Gospel everywhere and to everyone (cf. *LG* 17), so that every person may enter into contact with Christ. This means that in the Church there is, and there must be, a place for everyone, and that every Christian is called to proclaim the Gospel and bear witness in every environment in which he or she lives and works. Thus, this people shows its catholicity, welcoming the wealth and resources of different cultures and, at the same time, offering them the newness of the Gospel to purify them and to raise them up (cf. *LG*, 13).

In this regard, the Church is one but includes everyone. A great theologian described it thus: "The unique Ark of Salvation must welcome all human diversity into its vast nave. The only banquet hall, the food it distributes is drawn from all of creation. The seamless garment of Christ, it is also – and it is the same thing – the garment of Joseph, with its many colours". [3]



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2026

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.

Thursdays: 04:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.

NEW LOCATION

Saturdays: 04:00 pm English
St. Joseph's Church
Long Bay.

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.

1st Confession: June 4, 2026
1st Communions: June 7, 2026

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.



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

(Matthew 11:28)

In today’s Gospel about Lazarus we hear Mary, his sister, that the dead man will rise and she answers that he will rise on the last day. To which Jesus proclaims, “I am the resurrection.” Why does the Church give us this Gospel 2 weeks before we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection and still in the middle of Lent? Obviously to encourage you, as, hopefully, you have begun to see your sins more clearly and the danger is to lose hope. Jesus is the resurrection and this can be experienced anytime, not just after you die or on the last day. There are situations in everyone’s life that can be called our daily deaths. When things go haywire or suffering comes or just the daily routine which can be overwhelming. We are called to remember that Jesus brings life out of death and that can be experienced here and now and to really see that Jesus has conquered death. Fr. Paul



HOLY HOUR THURSDAY

4:00 pm—5:00 pm.

Holy Rosary in three languages, readings reflection, and meditation on the Holy Eucharist. Upper Room St. Maria Goretti.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MORNING PRAYER: Monday to Friday, 6:20am. SMG upper room

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 6:00pm Fridays in the Church

PALM SUNDAY

March 28: 05:30pm English.

March 29: 09:00am English

***10am gather at Treasury carpark for Solemn Procession to the Church 11:00am Multilingual Mass**

HOLY THURSDAY, April 2 06:30pm. Mass of the Lord’s supper. Multilingual.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3 03:00pm. The passion of the Lord, Multilingual
04:15pm Live Stations of the Cross, by HFA Students.

SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL April 4, 10:30pm. (No 5:30 pm Mass this Saturday.)

EASTER SUNDAY April 5 09:00am English 11:00am Multilingual

Parish Events March 22-29

Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 10:30 am Creole, 12:30 pm Spanish

04:00 pm Coeur de Marie Children’s group.
05:00 pm Fraternite, Red Room.
05:00 pm Creole Youth Choir practice.
05:30 pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
06:00 pm Choeur D’hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday St. Turibius

05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm Catechesis for Adults SMG

Tuesday

05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm Second English SMG
07:00pm Sixth English, Blue Chapel
07:00pm Spanish community St. Joseph Room

Wednesday Annunciation of the Lord Daily Mass, SMG, upper room

05:30 pm
07:00pm 3rd English, SMG Upper Room
07:00pm 4th English Red Room
07:00pm 5th English Blue Chapel
07:00pm Creole Blessed Sacrament chapel

Thursday

04:00pm Adoration SMG upstairs
05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG Upper Room

Friday

05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG upstairs

Saturday

05:30 pm Mass in Church
07:00 pm Eucharist NCW



School Notes

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As we continue through Lent, students are actively preparing Stations of the Cross plays. The elementary students will present for the school, while the high school students will perform for the church. Lenten lessons and reflections are ongoing across all grades, and Palm Sunday practices will begin this week.



We congratulate our Science Fair participants, who received certificates for their excellent work. Our 11th grade students also encouraged their peers to participate, reminding them that the experience is challenging but rewarding. Community service projects have concluded, and presentations will take place soon. Students are also preparing for upcoming assessments as we approach the end of term before Easter break.

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.

- Picnic Tables (Amazon List)
- Sport supplies
- Asthma Inhalers & AED
- Projectors and projector screens

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