

Pope Leo Audience 6 May 2026

The Church journeys through this earthly history always looking towards her final destination, which is the heavenly homeland. This is an essential dimension which we often overlook or downplay, because we are too focused on what is immediately visible and on the more concrete dynamics of the life of the Christian community. The Church is God's people journeying through history, which has the Kingdom of God as the purpose of all her action (cf. LG, 9). Jesus initiated the Church precisely by proclaiming this Kingdom of love, justice and peace (cf. LG, 5). We are therefore called to consider the community and cosmic dimension of salvation in Christ and to turn our eyes to this final horizon, to measure and evaluate everything from this perspective. The Church lives in history in the service of the coming of the Kingdom of God in the world. She proclaims the words of this promise to all and always; she receives a pledge of it in the celebration of the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist; she puts its logic into practice and experiences it in relationships of love and service. Furthermore, she knows that she is the place and the means where union with Christ is realized "more closely" (LG, 48), whilst at the same time recognizing that salvation can be bestowed by God in the Holy Spirit even beyond her visible boundaries. In this regard, the Constitution Lumen gentium makes an important statement: the Church is the "universal sacrament of salvation" (LG, 48), that is, the sign and instrument of that fullness of life and peace promoted by God. This means that she does not identify perfectly with the Kingdom of God, but is its seed and beginning, for its fulfilment will be granted to humanity and the cosmos only at the end. Believers in Christ, therefore, walk through this earthly history, marked by the maturation of good but also by injustices and sufferings, without being either deluded or despairing; they live guided by the promise received from the One who will "make all things new" (Rev 21:5). Therefore, the Church realizes her mission between the "already" of the beginning of the Kingdom of God in Jesus, and the "not yet" of the promised and anticipated fulfilment. As the guardian of a hope that enlightens the path, she is also invested with the mission of speaking clearly to reject everything that mortifies life and prevents its development, and to take a position in favour of the poor, the exploited, the victims of violence and war, and all those who suffer in body and in spirit. As the sign and sacrament of the Kingdom, the Church is the pilgrim people of God on earth who, drawing precisely on the final promise, reads and interprets the dynamics of history through the Gospel, denouncing evil in all its forms and proclaiming, in word and deed, the salvation that Christ wishes to bring about for all humanity and His Kingdom of justice, love and peace. The Church, therefore, does not proclaim herself; on the contrary, everything within her must point to salvation in Christ. From this perspective, the Church is called to recognize humbly the human fragility and transience of her own institutions who, despite being at the service of the Kingdom of God, bear the fleeting image of this world (cf. LG, 48). No ecclesial institution can be treated as absolute; indeed, since they exist within history and time, they are called to continual conversion, to the renewal of forms and the reform of structures, to the continual regeneration of relationships, so that they may truly fulfil their mission. Within the horizon of the Kingdom of God, we must also understand the relationship between the Christians who are carrying out their mission today, and those who have already completed their earthly existence and are in a state of purification or beatitude. Lumen gentium, in fact, affirms that all Christians form a single Church, that there is communion and sharing of spiritual goods founded on the union with Christ of all believers, a *fraterna sollicitudo* between the earthly Church and the heavenly Church: that communion of saints that is experienced in particular in the liturgy. By praying for the departed and following in the footsteps of those who have already lived as disciples of Jesus, we too are sustained on our journey and strengthen our worship of God: marked by the one Spirit and united in the one liturgy, together with those who have gone before us in faith, we praise and give glory to the Most Holy Trinity.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters,

Christ is Risen!!!!!!!, today we are celebrating the Solemnity of Pentecost, marking the conclusion of 50 days of joy with an ancient Jewish feast that commemorates the covenant God made with His People on Mount Sinai. This feast has also become a Christian celebration due to the significant events that occurred 50 days after Jesus' Pasch (Easter).

In the Gospel of John, we see that the disciples were in a safe place, filled with fear, until the Lord called them out of their safety. He breathed on them, giving them life, just as His Father breathed life into the first man-Adam.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we read that the disciples were gathered in the Upper Room, praying together when the Holy Spirit descended upon them powerfully, as wind and fire. Following this, they began to proclaim the Good News of Christ's Resurrection in many tongues. The Acts of the Apostles present Pentecost as the fulfillment of this promise and as the culmination of Jesus' entire mission. After His Resurrection, Jesus instructed the disciples to remain in Jerusalem.

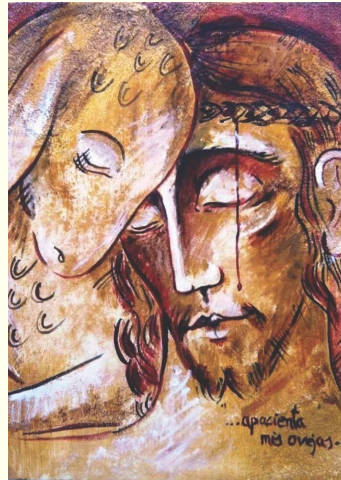
Thus, Pentecost is a special occasion marking the Baptism of the Church, which embarks on its universal mission, starting from the streets of Jerusalem to Turks and Caicos with miraculous preaching in various languages. In this Baptism of the Holy Spirit, the personal dimension of the "I" of the disciple and the communal dimension of the "we" of the Church are inseparable. The Holy Spirit consecrates the individual while simultaneously making them a living member of the Mystical Body of Christ, sharing in the mission of witnessing to His love. Because God is Love, and He loves us.

God Bless,

Fr. Orlando

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS IN CREOLE

**W'ap chèche konprann lavi w?
W fatigüé 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 pawaswal la a
07:00 pm.
Lendi, Jen 15, 2026

WORLD YOUTH DAY

The Next World youth day will be in South Korea in 2027. The youth of the parish are already starting to prepare for it. Any help you can give will be rewarded by the Lord a hundred fold, not only spiritually but also materially.

Parish Events May 24-31

**Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 10:30am
Creole, 12:30pm Spanish**
Coeur de Marie Children's group.

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

Monday Mary Mother of the Church

09:00am –12 Creole Charismatic group
5:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room

Tuesday St. Philip Neri

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

Wednesday St. Augustine of Canterbury

05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm 3rd English, SMG Upper Room
07:00pm 4th English Red Room
07:00pm 5th English Blue Chapel
07:00pm Creole Bl. Sacrament Chapel

Thursday St. Paul VI

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

Friday Pope St. Paul VI

05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG Upper Room

Saturday

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



School Notes

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May 19, 2026

This week, we were excited to welcome back the students who traveled to Arizona to witness a science fair exhibition. The experience provided our students with a wonderful opportunity to learn, grow, and gain inspiration as they prepare for their own presentations and projects next year. We are proud of their enthusiasm and look forward to seeing how this experience will influence their future work.



We are also beginning preparations for our upcoming Night of the Arts. Students will showcase a variety of creative and literary expressions connected to their curriculum, including poems, short stories, dances, dramatic skits, and other artistic performances.

A reminder that Bazaar Day will be held this Friday, along with Jean Day. We hope students enjoy these exciting activities while continuing to demonstrate school spirit and community involvement.

As the end of the school year approaches, our students remain focused and hardworking in their studies. We are proud of our students for remaining focused and dedicated as they continue working hard to finish the school year successfully.

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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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