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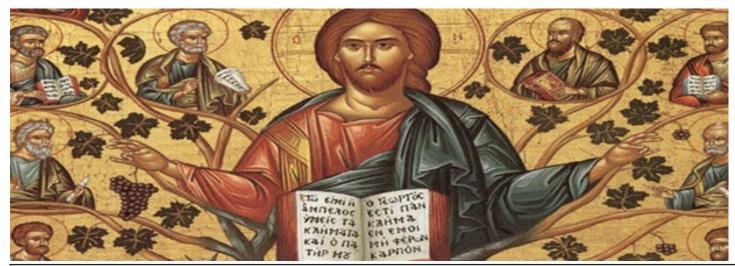
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Most Rev. Jerome Feudijo BISHOP

"Ask for Whatever You Want..." Jn 15:7



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Saturday 11:00 AM - 6:00 p.m.

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Apríl 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter



WEEKENDS Saturday: 7:00AM, 4:30PM (Vigil Mass Sunday: 7:00AM, 8:30AM(Children's Mass), 10:00AM, and 12:15PM (Spanish)

> **WEEKDAYS** Monday to Friday: 7:00AM Wednesday: 12:15PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Wednesday from 7:30AM - 11:45AM

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wednesday before Masses

MISSION STATEMENT *To continue the ministry* of Jesus Christ by:

CONFESSIONS Wednesday: 11:45AM - 12:10PM Saturday: 3:45PM - 4:25PM or by Request **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Every Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

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April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9: 26-31 **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 22: 26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 Second Reading: 1 John 3: 18-24 **Gospel:** John 15: 1-8

REFLECTION

by: Rev. Fr. Joseph Nguele TOKO

"Ask for Whatever You Want..." In 15:7

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

praying, asking God to grant us this or that favour, It is that effort that the Lord blesses in us. but in vain. It is not scarce either to hear many people complain that God has abandoned them because God has not granted their prayers. Others do criticize us the graces we need so that the evil one the Bible saying: "It does not tell the truth. How can it be written in Matthew 7:7 "ask and you will be given" and yet when we pray to ask certain things from God, we are not granted what we have asked." If we only hear these complaints of people, we may be tempted that will last. That is what should constitute to say they are right. Personally, when I listen to them, I usually ask one question: "are you sure that you are Amen! not the one who abandoned God?" Are you sure that you read the Bible well? Are you sure that you have really put into practice God's word, and you did not receive what you wanted when you prayed? In fact, the gospel today helps us to answer such complains.

Jesus did not only say "ask for whatever you want, and it will be done for you" (In 15: 7) or "ask and you will be given". (Mt 7:7) Very often we want to pick and choose what pleases us or what suits us in the Bible. It is to be taken as a whole. In fact, Jesus says clearly in the Gospel today that: "if you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want, and it will be done for you." (In 15:7) It therefore means that the condition for your will to be done is that you remain united to Jesus and that you keep his word, that you put it into practice. If we do look at ourselves like in a mirror, could we really say that we are constantly united to Jesus? or that we are always faithful to the word of God, carrying out his will always?

Reflection(continued)

If we are sincere with ourselves, we will see that we do not deserve that God should answer our prayers. We simply want Him to do our will, to grant us what we request in prayer, but we are not ready to carry out his will even if we say every day in our prayer: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." This shows that we do not deserve anything from God, all that we receive from Him is a gratuitous gift and not because we have been praying Him a lot or for long as we hear some people say. That is why it is said that God loves and grants us the graces we need out of love and simply because He pays attention to us. We need to constantly make an effort to remain united to Him, to Very often we do complain that we have been his word in every circumstance of our life.

Let us pray that He should grant



PRIESTLY ORDINATION

On Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., everyone is invited to the Priestly Ordination of Deacon Ronan Sarmiento at the Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral. Contributions in cash or kind will be greatly appreciated for the organization of this event. Let us keep Deacon Ronan in prayer as he prepares for the priesthood.



April 28, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2024

Let us demonstrate our spirituality of stewardship in our church by being grateful and generous with the gifts we have received from God. Support our Bishop's Appeal and be an active part of our pastoral and evangelization efforts. Take a brochure and enclosed envelope for the offertory basket or mail contributions. Utilize the QR Code or our website for convenient online donations. Thank you for embodying stewardship through your generosity.

FATHER JOSEPH'S ABSCENCE

Father Joseph will be off island from Tuesday, April 30, 2024, for two weeks. If anyone needs to meet with Father Joseph prior to his travel, please contact him or the Church office.

THANK YOU

Not many people came to pray for the repose of the soul of Father George Franklin yesterday morning, We thank those who were present and prayed for him. You can still ask for masses for the repose of his soul.

250th JUBILEE COMMITTEE MEETING

The 250th Jubilee Committee invites all Christians to a general meeting to be held at the Columban Hall at the Holy Family Church, on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

MONTH OF MARY

The month of May is dedicated to Mary. Let us have a special devotion for her throughout the new month and for St. Joseph the worker and patron Saints of workers on Wednesday, 1st of May. Happy Feast to all the Josephs in advance.

UPCOMING CONCERT

Coming to our Cathedral on Sunday, May 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. a Joyous Concert offered by Encore, a vocal group of older adults who perform worldwide. Their performance has been requested by our Bishop Jerome Feudjio, in celebration of the 250 years of our Church's existence. More information will be available shortly with tickets, posters, and inclusion also of a few of our own local artists.

SAINT'S PETER & PAUL CATHEDRAL 250th JUBILEE

Parishioners, please take a patron sheet that is available at the back of the Church in order to support the 250th Jubilee Gala and Dinner Dance. Sponsor sheets are also available. Tickets are on sale for \$150.00 per person and are available from Parish Offices and members of the 250th Jubilee Committee. Thank you for your support.

JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER In preparation for the 250th Anniversary of presence in this territory

Eternal Father, In this, the Jubilee Year of Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, we praise you for all blessings we have received over the past 250 years of our existence. We bless you for the lives of all those who, throughout the centuries, have helped build this vibrant community of love and service. May they rest eternally in Your divine and merciful presence. We give you thanks for all the people who gather in this Cathedral to worship you, striving to turn away from sin and follow the teachings of the faithful disciples of your Son Jesus-Christ. May Your Holy Spirit continue to lead us on the path of faith, hope, and charity, so that in every aspect of our lives, and inspired by the example of our patron Saints Peter and Paul, we may always be joyous witnesses of Jesus Christ in the world. Ämen

PASTORAL SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are generally held on the last Sunday of the month. Requests for a different date and time will be honored to the extent possible. Parents and sponsors who have not yet received the required baptismal instruction are expected to do so by attending our baptismal preparation program. Call the parish office well in advance so that class arrangements can be made.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Anyone wishing to have his or her wedding celebrated at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral must contact the parish office 9-12 months prior to the celebration and talk to a priest for pre-wedding counseling. Please visit our website www.cathedralvi.org or call us at 340-774-0201. The Sacrament of Marriage is generally celebrated on a Saturday between the hours of 11:00AM and 2:00PM. Please contact the parish priest if you would like a different time for your wedding. (Note that Saturday mornings are reserved for cleaning and decorating the cathedral.)

VISITING AND ANNOINTING THE SICK:

If anyone in your family is sick or shut-in, please inform the parish office so that we can pray for them and arrange to visit them. Please note that the hospital does not notify us when Catholics are in the hospital. Please call the parish office to inform us of a Catholic in the hospital who needs to have a priest visit. Thank you! **FUNERAL MASSES:**

Funeral Masses at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral are held on the designated day at 9:30AM. Please make arrangements with the Church office before the funeral home to assure availability of the date requested. The Funeral Program should read "**Christian Burial**" on the cover. If you would like a different time, please contact the parish priest. Viewings will not take place inside the cathedral. Funerals generally are not held on weekends (Saturday or Sunday).Thank you for your cooperation.



DAILY WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday, April 29, 2024 Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church First Reading: Acts 14: 5-18 Gospel: John 14: 21-26

> Tuesday, April 30, 2024 Saint Pius V, Pope First Reading: Acts 14: 19-28 Gospel: John 14: 27-31a

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 Saint Joseph the Worker First Reading: Acts: 15: 1-6 Gospel: John 15: 1-8

Thursday, May 2, 2024 Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church First Reading: Acts 15: 7-21 Gospel: John 15: 9-11

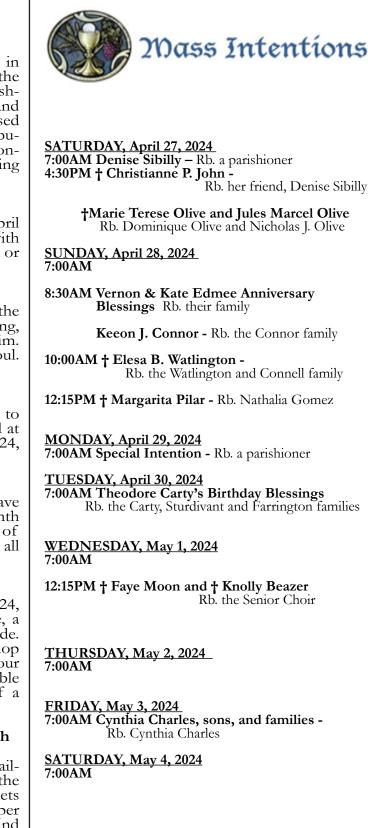
Friday, May 3, 2024 Saints Philip & James, Apostles First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-8 Gospel: John 14: 6-14

Saturday, May 4, 2024 First Reading: Acts 16: 1-10 Gospel: John 15: 18-21

RECOMMENDED PRACTICES FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Please be aware that during the COVID-19 pandemic, we recommend the following practices:
1. Wear a face covering in the cathedral.
2. Sanitize your hands.
3. Attempt to maintain a social distance of six feet.
4. Consider receiving Holy Communion in hand.

April 28, 2024



Quínto domíngo de Pascua

Primera lectura: Hechos 9, 26-31 Salmo responsorial: Salmo 22: 26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 Segunda Lectura: 1 Juan 3: 18-24 Evangelio: Juan 15: 1-8

> REFLEXÍON por: Padre Joseph Nguele TOKO

"Pide lo que quieras..." In 15:7

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Muy a menudo nos quejamos de haber estado orando, pidiendo a Dios que nos conceda tal o cual favor, pero en vano. No es raro tampoco escuchar a muchas personas quejarse de que Dios los ha abandonado porque Dios no ha concedido sus oraciones. Otros sí critican la Biblia diciendo: "No dice la verdad. ¿Cómo puede estar escrito en Mateo 7:7 "pedid y se os dará" y sin embargo cuando oramos para pedir ciertas cosas a Dios, no se nos concede lo que hemos pedido? Si sólo escuchamos estas quejas de la gente, podemos sentirnos tentados a decir que tienen razón. Personalmente, cuando los escucho suelo hacer una pregunta: "¿estás seguro de que no eres tú quien abandonó a Dios?" ¿Estás seguro de que lees bien la Biblia? ¿Estás seguro de que realmente has puesto en práctica la palabra de Dios y no recibiste lo que deseabas cuando oraste? De hecho, el evangelio actual nos ayuda a responder a esas quejas.

Jesús no dijo sólo "pedid lo que queráis y se os hará" (Jn 15, 7) o "pedid y se os dará". (Mt 7:7) Muy a menudo queremos escoger lo que nos agrada o lo que nos conviene en la Biblia. Debe tomarse en su conjunto. De hecho, Jesús dice claramente en el Evangelio de hoy que: "si permanecéis en mí y mis palabras permanecen en vosotros, pedid lo que querais y os será hecho". (Jn 15,7) Significa, por tanto, que la condición para que se haga vuestra voluntad es que permanezcáis unidos a Jesús y que guardéis su palabra, que la pongáis en práctica. Si nos miramos como en un espejo, podríamos realmente decir que estamos constantemente unidos a Jesús? ¿O que seamos siempre fieles a la palabra de Dios, cumpliendo siempre su voluntad? Si somos sinceros con nosotros mismos, veremos que no merecemos que Dios responda nuestras oraciones. Simplemente queremos que Él haga nuestra voluntad, que nos conceda lo que le pedimos en oración, pero no estamos preparados para realizar su voluntad aunque digamos todos los días en nuestra oración: "Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo".

NUESTRA IGLESIA Y NUESTRA **ESCUELA SON AMBIENTES SEGUROS:** Todos estamos comprometidos con la protección

de los niños en nuestras instituciones. Si nota algún comportamiento nocivo hacia nuestros hijos, no dude en ponerse en contacto con nosotros lo antes posible. gracias.

OUR CHURCH AND OUR SCHOOL ARE SAFE ENVIRONMENTS:

We are all committed to the protection of the children in our institutions. If you notice any harmful behavior toward our children, do not hesitate to contact us as soon as possible. Thank you.

OFFERTORY / OFERTORIO LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY AMOUNTED TO: LA OFRENDA DE LA SEMANA PASADA SUMÓ APRIL 21, 2024 4:30PM 7:00AM 472.00 956.00 230.00 275.00 8:30 AM 777.00 334.00 \$ 1494.00 10:00AM 504.00 12:15PM 657.00 316.00 TOTAL \$ 4,356.00 \$ 1,659.00 WEDNEDSAY, APRIL 17: TOTAL \$ 112.00 **E-GIVING:** Please fill out the E-Giving Enrollment Form at the parish office, if you prefer to send your offertory donations using automatic payments from: your Checking/Saving account. * your PayPal account. **KEEP OUR SICK & SHUT-INS IN PRAYER** PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS: **ROY SCHNEIDER** HOME OR NURSING HOME HOSPITAL LENO ABRAHAM ALICIA ALLEN

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RUTH WALCOT'I

WALTON RAVARIERE

PETRONA STANISLAUS

CECILIA HILL-THOMAS

CHARLES VANTERPOOL

GWYNNETH MOOLENAAR

KEITH JAMES ROSE MARIE JOSEPH

May 5 - Music Ministry

SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

May 12 - Catholic Communication Campaign

April 28 - Catholic Home Missions Appeal

The hospital does not notify us when Catholics are in the hospital. Please call the parish office to inform us of a Catholic in the hospital who needs to have a priest visit. Thank you!



OFF-ISLAND

BISHOP HERBERT A. BEVARD FR. SIMON PETER OPIRA FR. JOHN SOLOMON RENEL BREDY JOYCE CORREA **ČELESTINE DAVIS** FITZROY CYRIL EUGENE LAVERNE FRANCIS DELTA GEORGE LOUISE HASSELL ARMSTRONG DR. ALFRED O. HEATH JOSEPH HODGE **WINIFRED HODGE** RITA KING STEPHANY LOUZAN JOSEPHINE NOCH FELIX O'NEAL RAMÓN ORTIZ MIRIAM GARCIA RIJO ROSE ROBERTS VENIA SAKHRANI CARLOS SÁNCHEZ CÉSAR JULIO TIRADO LIAN VÁZQUEZ

" Esto demuestra que no merecemos nada de Dios, todo lo que recibimos de Él es un regalo gratuito y no porque llevemos mucho o mucho tiempo orándole como escuchamos decir a algunas personas. Por eso se dice que Dios nos ama y nos concede las gracias que necesitamos por amor y simplemente porque nos presta atención. Necesitamos hacer un esfuerzo constante para permanecer unidos a Él, a Jesús en la oración y, al mismo tiempo, cumplir su palabra en cada circunstancia de nuestra vida. Es ese esfuerzo el que el Señor bendice en nosotros.

Oremos para que nos conceda las gracias que necesitamos para que el maligno no nos seduzca y nos separe de Aquel sin el cual nada podemos hacer. En verdad, somos los pámpanos que deben permanecer en Cristo la vid para dar frutos duraderos. Esto es lo que debe constituir nuestra intención de oración todos los días de nuestra vida. ¡Amén!

ANUNCIOS

LLAMADO DEL OBISPO 2024

LLAMADO DEL OBISPO 2024 Demostremos nuestra espiritualidad de mayordomía en nuestra iglesia siendo agradecidos y generosos con los dones que hemos recibido de Dios. Apoye la Campaña de nuestro Obispo y sea parte activa de nuestros esfuerzos pastorales y de evangelización. Lleve un folleto y un sobre adjunto para la canasta de ofrendas o envíe las contribuciones por correo. Utilice el código QR o nuestro sitio web para realizar dona-ciones en línea de manera conveniente. Gracias por encarnar la de su generosidad

la administración a través de su generosidad. CATEDRAL DE LOS SANTOS PEDRO Y PABLO 250 **IUBILEO**

Los boletos están a la venta para la cena y baile del Jubileo 250 que se llevará a cabo en el Westin Beach Resort and Spa Hotel el 29 de junio de 2024, celebrando el 250 aniversario Hotel el 29 de junio de 2024, celebrando el 250 aniversario del Jubileo de los Sts. Catedral de Pedro y Pablo. Si alguien desea sentarse en una mesa reservada, llame a la Sra. Gail Shulterbrandt (340-775-7547). Los boletos cuestan \$150.00 por persona y están disponibles en las oficinas parroquiales y en los miembros del Comité del Jubileo 250. Patrocinio y anuncios están disponibles. Los patrocinadores están disponibles por \$10.00. Las hojas informativas se pueden recoger en la oficina de la Iglesia. Gracias por tu apoyo. **PRÓXIMO CONCLERTO** Llegrando a nuestra Catedral el domingo 19 de mayo de

PROXIMO CONCIERTO Llegando a nuestra Catedral el domingo 19 de mayo de 2024, a las 15:00 horas. un Concierto Alegre ofrecido por Encore, un grupo vocal de adultos mayores que se presenta en todo el mundo. Su actuación ha sido solicitada por nuestro obispo Jerónimo Feudjio, en celebración de los 250 años de existencia de nuestra Iglesia. Habrá más información disponible en breve con entradas, carteles e inclusión también de algunos de puestros ertistas locales de nuestros ártistas locales.

Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral

REFLEXÍON continuada

28 de abril de 2024

Santo Tomas en Islas Virgenes



for your donation! Gracias

Thank

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Regina Caeli

Queen of Heaven

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia. V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia. R. Pray for us to God, alleluia. V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Regina Caeli is said in place of the Angelus, during Eastertide (Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday)