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Apríl 14, 2024

# Understanding the Scriptures, Spreading It, and Telling the Truth!



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## Third Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 4: 2, 4, 7-9 Second Reading: 1 John 2: 1-5a **Gospel:** Luke 24: 35-48

# REFLECTION

by: Rev. Fr. Joseph Nguele TOKO

# Understanding the Sriptures, Spreading it, and telling the Truth!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The disciples of Jesus have been reading the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms, but they never understood that what they were reading was going to be fulfilled in Jesus. It is after the resurrec-tion that Jesus had to open their minds to understand what was written about Him in the scriptures. With-out Jesus' help they could not understand the scrip-tures. We also do read the Bible today, and very often with pride because we are intellectuals. Because we have been to school, because we have degrees and diplomas, we presume that we are able to understand the scriptures, whereas it is not true! When we were starting our theological studies. I remember that one starting our theological studies, I remember that one become converted, to become new people of our teachers used to tell us that "unlike in Philoso- who preach the word of God and who are phy where we primarily use our minds or reason, here witnesses to the gospel, and who help othin theology, you need to kneel down if you want to ers to be converted. That is our mission; not understand God and His word." In other words, you an easy mission because people would not can understand God and His word or the scriptures always like us to tell them the truth of the only if you refer to God Himself to enlighten you. gospel about God and about them, and also That is why we have to pray so that Jesus should also because we do not always have the courage open our minds to understand the scriptures, no mat- to tell the truth to people. ter the number of degrees we have.

Once we understand scriptures, we know God, and His commandments. In the Biblical sense, age to carry out our mission of spreading knowledge of God and of His word is not just an his word to all people without fear, and the intellectual knowledge; it is more than that. It means grace of conversion like Peter, in order to as St. John puts it in his first letter, "to keep his com-mandments," to keep His word, that is, to put it into lives. practice. That is why St. John says that "those who say, "I know Him", but do not keep His commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them". In fact, when we know the word of God, it operates a change in us, it sets us on a mission. When Jesus opened the minds of His disciples to understand the scriptures, He said to them:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are the witness of these things." We can there-fore understand the attitude of Peter in the Acts of the Apostles. He who denied Jesus, who was coward, is the one who now pro-claims aloud to the people: "and the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked the murderer to be released to you. The author of life you The disciples of Jesus have been reading the put to death, but God raised him from the

Let us ask God to grant us the cour-



April 14, 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.

## **OFFETORY ENVELOPES**

For those parishioners who have not picked up their p ish envelopes, please pick them up from the Church off Thank you for your continued support.

## 250th JUBILEE COMMITTEE MEETING

The 250th Jubilee Committee invites all Christians to a g eral meeting to be held at the Columban Hall at the H Family Church, on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

## EPISCOPAL ANNIVERSARY

His Excellency Jerome Feudjio, Bishop of the Diocese St. Thomas, in the V.I. celebrates his 3rd Episcopal Aniversary, on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Let us contribute to keep our Bishop in prayer as he continues to guide a inspire us.

## WORD OF THANKS

We would like to express a word of thanks to all those wattended the Mass of Christian Burial for Father Geo Frankin on April 13, 2024. May we continue to pray for repose of his soul and to keep his family in prayer.

## **UPCOMING CONCERT**

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

### SAINTS PETER & PAUL CATHEDRAL 250th J BILEE

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

## PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Deacon Ronan Sarmiento will be ordained on Wednesd June 5, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Cat dral. Everyone is invited to attend this solemn celebrati Contributions in cash or kind will be greatly appreciated the organization of this event. Let us keep Deacon Ron in prayer as he prepares for the priesthood.

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 15, 2024** First Reading: Acts 6: 8-15 Gospel: John 6: 22-29

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024** First Reading: Acts 7: 51—8: 1a Gospel: John 6: 30-35

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024** First Reading: Acts: 8: 26-40 Gospel: John 6: 35-40

**Thursday, April 18, 2024** First Reading: Acts 8: 26-40 Gospel: John 6: 44-51

**Friday, April 19, 2024** First Reading: Acts 9: 1-20 Gospel: John 6: 52-59

**Saturday, April 20, 2024** First Reading: Acts 9: 31-42 Gospel: John 6: 60-69

## 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 14, 2024



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	12:15PM † Rafaela Sanes - Rb. Amilda Millin
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#### Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: April 14 - Catholic Education April 21 - Cathedral Maintenance & Enhancement April 28 - Catholic Home Missions Appeal **OFFERTORY / OFERTORIO** Thank LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY AMOUNTED TO: LA OFRENDA DE LA SEMANA PASADA SUMÓ VOU for your APRIL 7, 2024 donation! 4:30PM 7:00AM \$ 1382.00 \$ 1182.00 \$ 524.60 \$ 301.00 Gracias por su 8:30 AM \$ 1191.00 433.00 10:00AM \$ 750.00 \$ 280.00 12:15PM <u>\$ 410.00</u> \$ 181.25 TOTAL \$ 4,915.00 \$ 1,719.85 WEDNEDSAY, APRIL 3: TOTAL \$ 149.00 **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 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! LENO ABRAHAM ALICIA ALLEN JENVILLE ANDREWS EDWIN ARROYO MONICA BERKELEY EDRIS CALLWOOD AUSSELITA DE FREITAS DELITA DELAGARDE PRISCA DAVIS RITA DUNCAN DARIEL EVANS **OFF-ISLAND** MICHAEL FARRINGTON JOKATA GARCÍA MERCEDES GARCÍA BISHOP HERBERT A. BEVARD FR. SIMON PETER OPIRA FR. JOHN SOLOMON RENEL BREDY WILFRED GARDIER ETLA V. GASKIN ERIC GRAF JOYCE CORREA **ČELESTINE DAVIS** MARIA GRIFFIN GIRLIE HEYWOOD MILDRED HODGE FITZROY CYRIL EUGENE LAVERNE FRANCIS DELTA GEORGE KEITH JAMES ROSE MARIE JOSEPH LOUISE HASSELL ARMSTRONG DR. ALFRED O. HEATH EDITH LEBLĂNC JOSEPH HODGE BERECIA LEWIS **WINIFRED HODGE** GRACIELA MILLIN RITA KING GWYNNETH MOOLENAAR STEPHANY LOUZAN HUGO MOULON JOSEPHINE NOCH JOSEPH MORRELL FELIX O'NEAL ARACELY NICHOLSON RAMÓN ORTIZ LEIDA PIZARRO MIRIAM GARCIA RIJO SONIA PIZARRO ROSE ROBERTS WALTON RAVARIERE VENIA SAKHRANI PHYLLIS RODNEY CARLOS SÁNCHEZ CYRUS SAMPSON CÉSAR JULIO TIRADO PETRONA STANISLAUS LIAN VÁZQUEZ CECILIA HILL-THOMAS LESTEL TURBE CHARLES VANTERPOOL IOHN H. VENZEN ULRICA VIALET RUTH WALCOTT

## Tercer domíngo de Pascua

Primera Lectura: Hechos 3: 13-15, 17-19 Salmo responsorial: Salmo 4: 2, 4, 7-9 Segunda Lectura: 1 Juan 2: 1-5a Evangelio: Lucas 24: 35-48

### REFLEXÍON por: Padre Joseph Nguele TOKO

¡Entender las Escrituras, difundirlas, y decir la Verdad!

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Los discípulos de Jesús han estado levendo la Lev de Moisés, los Profetas y los Salmos, pero nunca entendieron que lo que leían se iba a cumplir en Jesús. Es después de la resurrección que Jesús tuvo que abrirles la mente para comprender en las Escrituras lo que estaba escrito sobre Él. Sin la ayuda de Jesús no podrían entender las Escrituras. También leemos la Biblia hoy, y muy a menudo con orgullo porque somos intelectuales. Debido a que hemos asistido a la escuela, a que tenemos títulos y diplomas, suponemos que somos capaces de entender las Escrituras, pero no es cierto! Cuando empezábamos nuestros estudios teológicos, recuerdo que uno de nuestros profesores solía decirnos que "a diferencia de la Filosofía, donde usamos principalmente la mente o la razón, aquí en teología, debes arrodillarte si quieres entender a Dios y Su palabra. ." En otras palabras, puedes entender a Dios y Su palabra o las Escrituras sólo si recurres a Dios mismo para que te ilumine. Por eso tenemos que orar para que Jesús también abra nuestra mente para entender las Escrituras, sin importar la cantidad de grados que tengamos.

Una vez que entendemos las Escrituras, conocemos a Dios, conocemos Sus mandamientos. En el sentido bíblico, el conocimiento de Dios y de su palabra no es sólo un conocimiento intelectual; Es más que eso. Significa, como dice San Juan en su primera carta, "guardar sus mandamien-tos", guardar su palabra, es decir, ponerla en práctica. Por eso dice San Juan que "los que dicen: Yo le conozco, pero no guardan sus mandamientos, son mentirosos y no hay verdad en ellos". De hecho, cuando conocemos la palabra de Dios, ella opera un cambio en nosotros, nos pone en una misión. Cuando Jesús abrió la mente de sus discípulos para comprender las Escrituras, les dijo: "Así está escrito que el Cristo sufriría y resucitaría de entre los muertos al tercer día y que se predicaría el arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados. en su nombre a todas las naciones, comenzando desde Jerusalén. Tú eres testigo de estas cosas". Por tanto, podemos comprender la actitud de Pedro en los Hechos de los Apóstoles. El que negó a Jesús, que fue cobarde, es el que ahora proclama en voz alta al pueblo: "al Dios de Abraham, el Dios de Isaac, el Dios de Jacob, el Dios de nuestros padres, ha glorificado a su siervo Jesús, a quien entregó.

### 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.

**REFLEXÍON** continuada

y negado en presencia de Pilato cuando éste había decidido dejarlo en libertad. Negaste al Santo y Justo y pediste que te entregaran al asesino. Al autor de la vida lo matasteis, pero Dios lo resucitó de entre los muertos; de esto somos testigos. (Hechos 3: 13-15) Vemos que Pedro ya no es el cobarde y temeroso de antaño; es valiente para afirmar su relación con Jesús para predicar la verdad de la palabra de Dios, para desafíar al pueblo en su comportamiento y para afirmar que es testigo de la resurrección de Jesús. Quiere que sus oventes se conviertan. Es una persona totalmente convertida, va no la que negó a Jesús. Cuando conocemos a Dios y su palabra, así también nosotros debemos convertirnos, llegar a ser personas nuevas que predican la palabra de Dios y que son testigos del evangelio, y que ayudan a otros a con-vertirse. Esa es nuestra misión; No es una misión fácil porque a la gente no siempre le gustaría que le digamos la verdad del evangelio sobre Dios y sobre ellos, y también porque no siempre tenemos el coraje de decirle la verdad a la gente.

Pidamos a Dios que nos conceda la valentía para llevar a cabo nuestra misión de difundir su palabra a todas las personas sin miedo, y la gracia de la conversión como Pedro, para permanecer fieles a Jesús todos los días de nuestra vida.

## 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

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 Feudijo, 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 nuestros ártistas locales.

#### **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.



## **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)