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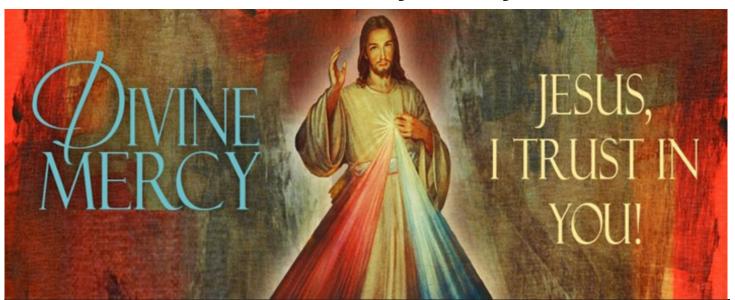
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# Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral

# Apríl 16, 2023

# Divine Mercy Sunday



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

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#### Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands

April 16, 2023

## Dívíne Mercy Sunday

**First Reading:** Acts 2: 42-47 **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 118: 2-4, 13-15-, 22-24 **Second Reading:** 1 Pt. 1: 3-9 **Gospel:** Jn 20: 19-31

# **MEDITATION**

#### A REFLECTION ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY FROM A HOMILY BY POPE JOHN PAUL II

Divine Mercy Sunday was established in the Jubilee Year of 2000 by Pope St. John Paul II who was a major supporter of the Divine Mercy devotion. It occurs on the Second Sunday of Easter which ends the Octave of Easter. The following are excerpts from Pope John Paul II's Divine Mercy Sunday homily in 2001, one year after establishing the feast day and canonizing St. Faustina Kowalska. This homily provides a good basis for spiritual reflection on the importance of Divine Mercy in our lives.

Part 3: "With these sentiments we are celebrating the Second Sunday of Easter, which since last year, the year of the Great Jubilee, is also called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' It is a great joy for me to be able to join all of you, dear pilgrims and faithful who have come from various nations to commemorate, after one year, the canonization of Sr. Faustina Kowalska, witness and messenger of the Lord's merciful love. The elevation to the honors of the altar of this humble religious, a daughter of my land, is not only a gift for Poland but for all humanity. Indeed the message she brought is the appropriate and incisive answer that God wanted to offer to the questions and expectations of human beings in our time, marked by terrible tragedies. Jesus said to Sr. Faustina one day: 'Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy' (Diary, p. 132). Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium."

Part 6: "Jesus, I trust in you.' This prayer, dear to so many of the devout, clearly expresses the attitude with which we too would like to abandon ourselves trustfully in your hands, O Lord, our only Savior."

"You are burning with the desire to be loved and those in tune with the sentiments of your heart learn how to build the new civilization of love. A simple act of abandonment is enough to overcome the barriers of darkness and sorrow, of doubt and desperation. The rays of your divine mercy restore hope, in a special way, to those who feel overwhelmed by the burden of sin."



Rev. Fr. Modeste Digwou Cathedral Administrator (340) 203-0607

#### MEDITATION (continued)

"Mary, Mother of Mercy, help us always to have this trust in your Son, our Redeemer. Help us too, St. Faustina, whom we remember today with special affection. Fixing our weak gaze on the divine Savior's face, we would like to repeat with you: 'Jesus, I trust in you.' Now and forever. Amen."

Pope John Paul II Divine Mercy Sunday Homily April 22, 2001



### DAILY READINGS EASTER WEEKDAYS

**Monday, April 17, 2023** First Reading: Acts 4: 23-31 Gospel: John 3: 1-8

**Tuesday, April 18, 2023** First Reading: Acts 4: 32-37 Gospel: John 3: 7b-15

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 First Reading: Acts 5: 17-26 Gospel: John 3: 16-21

**Thursday, April 20, 2023** First Reading: Acts 5: 27-33 Gospel: John 3: 31-36

Friday, April 21, 2023 Saint Anselm, Bishop, and Doctor of the Church First: Acts 5: 34-42 Gospel: John 6: 1-15

> **Saturday, April 22, 2023** First: Acts 6: 1-7 Gospel: John 6: 16-21



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in all things and desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You in the Sacrament, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not permit me ever to be separated from You.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori)



April 16, 2023

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BISHOP'S APPEAL:**

Please be an active and effective part of our missionary efforts! Have you told anyone about how the Bishop's Appeal helps Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands, our Catholic schools, and our outreach efforts? Is there someone to whom you can give a Bishop's Appeal brochure? Please help us to promote the mission of the Church. For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your payments over several months. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check, credit card or direct online payments. Please fill out the form in the brochure and make your checks payable to "Diocese of St. Thomas." Please see the brochure for further information. Thank You!

#### 250th JUBILEE T-SHIRTS:

The 250th Jubilee Committee would like to thank everyone who purchased a 250th Jubilee T-Shirt. They have arrived from the vendor and have to be sorted for distribution. The T-Shirts will be distributed starting the weekend of April 22/23. Your support of the 250th Jubilee celebration is very much appreciated Please contact Lita Daniel at 340-244-2448 for additional information.

#### **CONDOLENCES:**

We express condolences to Mrs. Sandra Mason and her family on the passing of her father, Kendrick Alfred Thomas. Please pray for the repose of his sou and for Mrs. Mason and her family.

#### 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. Amen

Happy Anniversary Bishop Jerome Feudjio

May you be blessed with more wisdom and spiritually refilled, to continue to shepherd your flocks.

## Congratulations!!

My Lord, may the Almighty God continue to protect, guide and strengthen you as you continue to serve in His vineyard!

#### 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.

#### CATHEDRAL 250th JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE:

Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral will be conducting their 250th Jubilee Pilgrimage on April 22, 2023, begining at 3:00 p.m., followed by the Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. Like all the other parishes that have preceded us, parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend this pilgrimage as part of the jubilee of the cathedral. Let us not lose the grace of indulgences that this pilgrimage will offer us. Below is the information related to the preparation and the development of this pilgrimage.

### WHAT TO DO TO RECEIVE AN INDULGENCE:

To receive an indulgence, one must do all of the following steps:

- Visit the cathedral (3:00 p.m.)

- Enter the cathedral through the central door

- Pray a rosary or pray the Stations of the Cross

- Go to confession

- Recite the Litany to the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul - Pray for the Pope's intentions (one (1) I believe in God, one (1) Our Father, one (1) Hail Mary, one (1) Glory be to the Father)

- Participate to a Eucharistic Celebration (Mass) in the cathedral and receive holy communion. (4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass)

This Jubilee process is an act of faith in the victory of the Lord in us and a new beginning in the grace of our Baptism.

#### **GUIDELINES:**

The pilgrimages of the different parishes of the Diocese of St. Thomas will be scheduled preferably on the last Saturday of the month in the afternoon, under the leadership of the pastor, who will supervise the activities of his Parish's pilgrimage and celebrate the Saturday community Mass together with the pilgrims alongside the Cathedral's parishioners. The Parish organizing the pilgrimage will cancel its regular Saturday night for the occasion. When parishioners arrive at the Cathedral, they gather at the entrance to the college, and proceed in procession to the main door of the church. Then they follow the instructions in point V of the Pilgrim's Guide. The parish priest will take the time to give a brief catechesis to the faithful, about indulgences reminding them that a plenary indulgence as defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church is "a remission before God of the temporal penalty due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven", through confession, communion, and prayer. People who wish to receive the indulgence must intend to avoid sin.

# MASS INTENTIONS

	<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023</b> <b>7:00AM</b> Priests of the Diocese - Rb. C. Overbeek
з- le	4:30PM † Lionel Boschulte - Rb. his family
r- h a	SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023 6:30AM <b>†</b> Bishop E. G. Thomas -Rb. C. Overbeek
e,	8:30AM Bishop Jerome Feudjio - Rb. Bernadine and family
d y	10:30AM † Elesa Watlington - Rb. Edwin and Aurea Olive
e e	12:15PM Holy Souls in Purgatory - Rb. Denise LaPlace Also rb. Luz Martinez Sanchez †Aqueda De La Paz - Rb. Nancy Green
r	MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023 6:45AM Bishop Jerome Feudjio - Rb. The Entire Diocese
y d t- d. i-	<ul><li><u>TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023</u></li><li>6:45AM Priests of the Diocese - Rb. volunteers and staff of the cathedral</li></ul>
	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023 6:45AM Bishop Jerome Feudjio - Rb. the Cathedral family
	12:15PM <b>†</b> Annie Luke - Rb. her twin sister, Ann Luke <b>†</b> Kendrick Alfred Thomas - Rb. friends
.d 1- ul	<u><b>THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023</b></u> 6:45 AM Priests of the Diocese - Rb. all parishioners
	FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023 6:45 AM Humphrey, Hendricks, and Larsen families Rb. Pearla Larsen and family
	SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023 7:00AM Brother Ronan Sarmiento - Rb. the cathedral family
	4:30PM People of the Parish

Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

Primera lectura: Hechos 2:42-47 Salmo responsorial: 118: 2-4, 13-15-, 22-24 Segunda lectura: 1 Pt. 1: 3-9 Evangelio: Jn 20, 19-31

#### MEDITACIÓN

#### UNA REFLEXIÓN SOBRE EL DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA DE UNA HOMILÍA DEL PAPA JUAN PABLO II

El Domingo de la Divina Misericordia fue establecido en el Año Jubilar del año 2000 por el Papa San Juan Pablo II, quien fue un importante partidario de la devoción de la Divina Misericordia. Ocurre el segundo domingo de Pascua

que termina la Octava de Pascua. Los siguientes son extractos de la Divina obra del Papa Juan Pablo II Homilía del Domingo de la Misericordia en 2001, un año después de establecer el día de la fiesta y canonizar a San Faustina Kowalska. Esta homilía proporciona una buena base para la reflexión espiritual sobre la importancia de la Divina Misericordia en nuestras vidas.

Parte 3: "Con estos sentimientos celebramos el segundo domingo de Pascua, que desde el pasado año, el año del Gran Jubileo, también se llama "Domingo de la Divina Misericordia". Es una gran alegría para mí para poder unirme a todos vosotros, queridos peregrinos y fieles que habéis venido de diversas naciones para conmemorar, después de un año, la canonización de Sor Faustina Kowalska, testigo y mensajera del amor misericordioso del Señor. La elevación a los honores del altar de este humilde religioso, un hija de mi tierra, no es sólo un regalo para Polonia sino para toda la humanidad. De hecho, el mensaje que ella traen consigo la respuesta adecuada e incisiva que Dios quiso ofrecer a las preguntas y expectativas de los seres humanos en nuestro tiempo, marcado por terribles tragedias. Jesús le dijo a Sor Faustina un día: "La humanidad nunca encontrará la paz hasta que se vuelva con confianza a la Divina Misericordia" (Diario, p. 132). ¡Divina Misericordia! Este es el don pascual que la Iglesia recibe de Cristo resucitado y ofrendas a la humanidad en los albores del tercer milenio". Parte 6: "Jesús, confío en ti'. Esta oración, querida por muchos de los devotos, expresa claramente la actitud con la que también nosotros quisiéramos abandonarnos confiadamente en tus manos, oh Señor, nuestro solo Salvador".

"Estás ardiendo con el deseo de ser amado y aquellos en sintonía con los sentimientos de tu corazón. Aprende a construir la nueva civilización del amor. Un simple acto de abandono es suficiente para Superar las barreras de la oscuridad y el dolor, de la duda y la desesperación. Los rayos de tu divino La misericordia devuelve la esperanza, de manera especial, a aquellos que se sienten abrumados por la carga del pecado".

#### 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.

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¡Gracias!

PÉSAME:

Camisetasdel 250° Jubileo:

obtener información adicional.

Catedral 250<sup>a</sup> Peregrinación Jubilar:

están invitados y alentados a asistir.

señora Mason y su familia.

Papa Juan Pablo II

22 de abril de 2001

16 de Abril, 2023

MEDITACIÓN (continuado)

"María, Madre de Misericordia, ayúdanos a tener siempre

también, Santa Faustina, a quien recordamos hoy con es-

Rostro divino del Salvador, nos gustaría repetir contigo:

ANUNCIOS

¡Por favor, sea una parte activa y eficaz de nuestros esfuerzos

misionales! ¿Le ha contado a alguien sobre cómo la Campaña

del Obispo ayuda a Caridades Católicas de las Islas Vírgenes,

nuestras escuelas católicas y nuestros esfuerzos de divulgación?

Hay alguien a quien pueda dar un folleto de Apelación del

Obispo? Por favor, ayúdanos a promover la misión de la Igle-

sia. Para su comodidad, puede optar por hacer una promesa

ahora y distribuir sus pagos durante varios meses. Las dona-

ciones pueden hacerse en forma de efectivo, cheque, tarjeta de

crédito o pagos directos en línea. Por favor llene el formulario

en el folleto y haga sus cheques pagaderos a "Diócesis de St.

Thomas". Consulte el folleto para obtener más información.

El Comité del 250° Jubileo desea agradecer a todos los que compraron una camiseta del 250° Jubileo. Han llegado del

proveedor y tienen que ser clasificados para su distribución.

Las camisetas se distribuirán a partir del fin de semana del 22

y 23 de abril. Su apoyo a la celebración del 250° Jubileo es muy

apreciado. Comuníquese con Lita Daniel al 340-244-2448 para

La Parroquia de la Catedral de San Pedro y San Pablo llevará a

cabo su peregrinación jubilar el próximo fin de semana, 22 de

abril de 2023. La peregrinación comenzará a las 3:00 PM en

la Catedral con confesiones planificadas, adoración, himnos y

el rosario, seguido de una misa de vigilia a las 4:30 PM. Todos

Expresamos nuestras condolencias a la Sra. Sandra Mason y

su familia por el fallecimiento de su padre, Kendrick Alfred

Thomas. Por favor, oren por el descanso de su alma y por la

esta confianza en tu Hijo, nuestro Redentor. Ayúdanos

pecial afecto. Fijando nuestra débil mirada en el

Homilía Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

Jesús, confío en ti'. Ahora y siempre.

LLAMAMIENTO DEL OBISPO:

Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral

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#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS:

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**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.



## CATECHESIS

#### Why do Priests Wear White at Easter?

During the Easter season, priests put on white liturgical vestments. A color present in the Bible and filled with strong symbolism.

During Lent, priests wore purple liturgical vestments, symbolizing forgiveness, waiting and penance. Then they wore red, on Passion Sunday (5th Sunday of Lent) and Good Friday, as a sign of the Passion of Christ. During the Easter Vigil, they will finally take on the color white, which they will wear throughout the Easter season.

The Bible records several passages where it speaks of white. In his vision, Daniel sees the "Ancient of Days" who is none other than God himself appearing in extreme whiteness (Dn 7:9). During his transfiguration, the glorified Jesus appears luminous and brilliantly white (Mk 9:2-3). In John's vision, Jesus also appears in a luminous way (Rev 1:14). The angel who speaks to Mary Magdalene after the resurrection of Jesus is also luminous and wears a snow-white garment (Mt 28:3). White is the color that brings all colors together. It symbolizes innocence, purity, and holiness. It is the color of God's light.

#### The Feast Color

In ancient times, white was also considered the color of freedom. This is also the color worn by the baptized. Thus, they manifest that freedom that God gives to the one who recognizes Him. But it is also the color of the party! In the Roman Church, white is used on the feasts of Jesus Christ such as Christmas, the Epiphany, the Áscension, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. But also, to the feasts of the Virgin Mary, All Saints, angels, as well as those of Pontiffs, Doctors, Confessors, Virgins and in general of all the saints who expressed their faith, without giving their lives by martyrdom (and by bloodshed).

During the Easter season, white symbolizes the resurrection, Christ risen in the exultation of the Faith. As Dom Robert Le Gall states in his Dictionnaire de Liturgie (Editions CLD), "white evokes purity, but even more the divine glory and brilliance of everything related to God. It is the color of the resurrection.

#### By Rev. Fr. Modeste

#### **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. your Credit or Debit card. \* a Bank-to-Bank transfer.

#### **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.

Consider receiving Holy Communion in the hand.

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