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March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent



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Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23: 1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14
Gospel: John 9: 1-41 or 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

MEDITATION

Illuminated by Jesus Christ

Brethren:

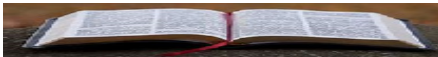
After the Sunday of the living water and the Samaritan woman in Saint John, here is the Sunday of the light and the blind man from birth. To become a disciple of Jesus, to receive Baptism in his name, is to be reborn and become a son of light. The biblical texts of this Sunday would like to help us to see people and events through the eyes of God. The theme of light that recurs in the three texts of this day helps us to understand that man does not see in the same way that God sees and that Christ is the true light that illuminates our lives. On this Sunday, we celebrate the second scrutiny for the catechumens who are candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. The first reading tells us about the succession of King Saul. He does not follow God's guidance on right and justice. He must therefore leave his place because the Lord cannot tolerate this situation which hurts him and his people. To succeed him, he chooses David, the one no one thought of. God does not see as we do. He uses the small and humble to achieve great things. "God does not look like men. Men look at the appearance. God sees the heart. To have the heart of God is to see the qualities and the greatness of the one who is small, weak and despised. It is to recognize that he too is capable of great things. Through this message, God would like to teach us to have the same look as him. In the second reading, Saint Paul speaks to us about spiritual light. Addressing the Christians of Ephesus, he says to them: "You were once darkness. Now in the Lord you have become light. This is a very important message that is in line with the Gospel. It is not enough to receive light; you must become light. Let us remember the words of Jesus to his disciples: "You are the Light of the world." For us Christians, it is not enough to welcome the Light into our lives; we must also manifest it through our behavior. This is what the apostle Paul recommends to us: "Live as children of Light, for light produces all goodness, justice and truth." The apostle also invites us to put off "the works of darkness." "You were in darkness, now you are in light". In saying this, he is referring to that which is done in darkness for fear of being seen. It is important for us to do works that can be seen by others. What should guide us is the light that is in Jesus, it is his love. It is from him that we receive it; he wants to associate us all with his victory over death and sin. This Sunday's gospel also invites us to adjust to God's gaze. In the eyes of everyone, this poor blind man was being punished because of his sins. It was believed that God punished man according to his fault. Many Christians still believe this, but it is not true. God is not the cause of the misfortunes that happen to us. He does not spend his time spying on our weaknesses to punish us. He does not inflict evil on his children. Jesus is absolutely categorical on this point. The Gospel also tells us that God is not indifferent to the tragedies and illnesses that befall humans. He comes to our rescue to save us. He continues to come to bring us true liberation. There are many in our world who go astray on paths of perdition. Many turn away from the true God to be attached to money, riches and small pleasures that cannot really fulfill us.



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MEDITATION (continued)

It is from this blindness that Jesus wants to heal us. Like the beggar in the Gospel, true salvation can only be found in a true encounter with Jesus. Faced with this saved beggar, we see the Pharisees sinking into their blindness. They remain indifferent to his joy and end up driving him away. Their hearts are hard, their justice without love. Jesus would like to invite them to make a journey of faith. But they remain locked up in their certainties. But Christ is there to teach us to reach out to those in need. He wants to help us become aware of the wonders of God in today's world. It is true that this world is still very much marked by unbelief, indifference and all sorts of misfortunes. But the Lord continues to reach us in the heart of our lives. Nothing should prevent us from giving an account of the hope that he places in us. The itinerary of the blind man is the itinerary proposed to the catechumens in these weeks of preparation for the Easter illumination. It must also be ours, an itinerary that is always current, because we need time to fully welcome this light that is given to us. To live Lent is to return to the Lord and welcome the Light that comes from him. This light is the light of faith. Thanks to this light, we will learn to see people and events through the eyes of God. Like the healed blind man, we will become witnesses of Christ. And together we will be able to proclaim our faith with joy and pride: "I believe, Lord, you are the source of life." world, enlighten our hearts with the brightness of your grace, so that all our thoughts may be worthy of you and our love, more and more sincere." (Prayer for this Sunday's communion)
Rev. Fr. Modeste Digwou



DAILY READINGS
FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Monday, March 20, 2023
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
First Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Second Reading: Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22
Gospel: Matthew 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2: 14-51a

Tuesday, March 21, 2023
First Reading: Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12
Gospel: John 5: 1-16

Wednesday, March 22, 2023
First Reading: Isaiah 49: 8-15
Gospel: John 5: 17-30

Thursday, March 23, 2023
Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo
First Reading: Exodus 32: 7-14
Gospel: John 5: 31-47

Friday, March 24, 2023
First: Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22
Gospel: John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 25, 2023
The Annunciation of the Lord
First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12-14
Second Reading: Romans 8: 8-11
Gospel: John 11: 1-45 or 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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Pray without ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.

Amen.
(St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

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PRAYER FOR LENT

Lord my God, give my heart to desire you; in desiring you, to seek you; in seeking you, to find you; in finding you, to love you; and in loving you, to redeem my faults; and once redeemed, to commit them no more. Lord my God, give my heart penance, my mind repentance, my eyes the source of tears, and my hands the largesse of alms. You who are my King, extinguish in me the desires of the flesh, and kindle the fire of your love. You who are my Redeemer, drive out of me the spirit of pride, and grant me the spirit of your humility. You who are my Savior, remove from me the fury of anger, and may your kindness grant me the shield of patience. You who are my Creator, uproot from my soul resentment, and pour into it the sweetness of spirit. Give me, Most Good Father, a solid faith, a sure hope and an unfailing charity. You who lead me, remove from me the vanity of the soul, the fickleness of the mind, the error of the heart, the flattery of the mouth, the pride of the eyes. O God of mercy, I ask you through your beloved Son, give me to live mercy, application to piety, compassion with the afflicted, and sharing with the poor. Amen

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.

PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Palm Sunday, Saturday, April 1, 2023, Vigil Mass
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral 4:15 p.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 2, 2023
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral 6:15 a.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral 8:15 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral 10:15 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral 12:00 p.m.

Chrism Mass, Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral 11:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday, Thursday, April 6, 2023
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral 6:00 p.m. (Mass & Adoration)
Our Lady of Perpetual 6:30 p.m. (Mass & Adoration)

Good Friday, Friday, April 7, 2023 (Lord’s Passion)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Magen’s Bay 6:00 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral – 12:00 p.m. (Children’s Service)
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral – 2:00 p.m.

English Stations of the Cross
Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral – 3:00 p.m.
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 3:00 p.m.
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral – 4:00 p.m.
Spanish Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023, Easter Vigil
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral -7:00 p.m. (Bilingual Mass)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023
Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 5:30 a.m.(Sunrise Mass)
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral – 6:30 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral 8:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 9:00 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral – 10:30 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral - 12:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Divine Mercy Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 16, 2023
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral - 4:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 6:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral – 6:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 6:30 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral – 8: 30 a.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 9:00 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral – 10:30 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral - 12:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Divine Mercy Celebration, Sunday, April 16, 2023
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, St. John, V.I. – 1:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP’S APPEAL:
Your donation to the Bishop’s Appeal 2023 helps to support our mission in evangelization. Your contribution helps us to nourish and spread our faith through the Catholic Islander which is a focus of unity for all the Catholics on our four islands. It also helps to support Catholic media, the formation of our seminarian and the development of our diocesan youth ministries. 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!

BAPTISM:
During the Easter Vigil on April 8, 2023, the adults will be baptized, and on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023, the baptism of babies will take place during the 8:30 a.m. mass.

BAPTISM CLASSES:
Baptism preparation classes will begin on March 22, and 29, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Hospitality Lounge. Anyone interested in having their child baptized, please contact the church office.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS:
Marriage preparation class will take place on March 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Rector’s Office.

CATECHUMENS:
This Sunday, March 19, 2023, at the 8:30 a.m. there will be the second scrutiny for the catechumens.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH:
We would like to say thank you to Group B, who cleaned the church this weekend. Group A will clean the church on March 25, at 8:00 a.m. Anyone interested in volunteering to clean the church, please feel free to join.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
We invite everyone to join us for the Stations of the Cross every day at 6:00 a.m. and on Fridays at 4:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT:
To keep in the spirit of Lent, hymns sung at all masses on the 5th Sunday of Lent, will be sung acapella (without any instrumental accompaniment). We invite everyone to sing aloud with the choirs and soloist at each mass.

SACRAMENTS:
The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated, on June 4th, 2023, and the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday at the 8:30 a.m. mass.

USHER’S MEETING:
On March 25, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. there will be a meeting for all ushers in the Hospitality Lounge. Ushers, please make every effort to attend this meeting.

HOLY FAMILY MISSION:
Holy Family Catholic Church is hosting a **Lenten Mission** on **March 20-24, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** The Mission Theme is **Behold, I am Doing a New Thing**, with guest speaker **Father Brancker John of the Diocese of Rouseau in Dominica**. Father Brancker John is the parish priest of Grand Bay. Everyone is invited to attend.

THANK YOU:
The 250th Jubilee Committee is highly appreciative of the tremendous support which the four Catholic Churches on St. Thomas gave to the Driving Tour of January 29, 2023. Historic Church properties dating back to the 1600’s, which are located in the four quarters of Charlotte Amalia were visited. Interested parties included the Catholic, Dutch Reform, Moravian, and Lutheran Churches. Additionally, several congregation members gave large financial donations which covered all of the event’s operating expenses; thanks to their generosity, the History Committee made a profit which consisted of over \$2,000.00; the money was donated to the Catholic Church. Feedback from the participants is that they found the Historic Church Tour to be highly educational. God’s blessings; many thanks to one and all.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023
7:00 AM- People of the parish
4:30 PM- Ariel Farrington – Rb. Carty, Sturdivant, and Farrington and families

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023
6:30AM- Marcial LaPlace – Rb. Marcial LaPlace
8:30 AM – Father Modeste Digwou - Rb. a parishioner
10:30 AM- Marie T. Bass (de ’Gout)- Rb. Hollie-Ann Bass, Cynthia Smith, and the entire family
Ariel Farrington (Birthday Blessings) – Rb. Marc, Lorelei, Eileen
12:15 PM – Viviana – Rb. a parishioner
Holy Souls in Purgatory- Rb. Denise LaPlace

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023
6:45 AM- Patients at home and their caretakers for strength and perseverance – Rb. the Connell family

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023
6:45 AM – † Deacon Clement Daniel – Rb. Lady Byrd

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023
6:45 AM – Medical personnel who cares for our sick – Rb. the Connell family
12:15 PM- Priest of the Diocese

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023
6:45 AM- Portia Norkaitis – Rb. her family

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023
4:30 PM- Humphrey, Hendricks, and Larsen families – Rb. Pearla Larsen and family

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023
7:00 AM – Maria Jules (Birthday) - Rb. her children
4:30 PM- Maria Jules (Birthday) – Rb. her children

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

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Primera lectura: 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Salmo responsorial: Salmo 23: 1-6
Segunda lectura: Efesios 5:8-14
Evangelio: Juan 9: 1-41 o 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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Illuminados por Jesucristo

Hermanos:

Después del domingo del agua viva y de la mujer samaritana en San Juan, aquí está el domingo de la luz y del ciego de nacimiento. Convertirse en discípulo de Jesús, recibir el Bautismo en su nombre, es renacer y convertirse en un hijo de luz. Los textos bíblicos de este domingo quieren ayudarnos a ver a las personas y los acontecimientos a través de los ojos de Dios. El tema de la luz que se repite en los tres textos de este día nos ayuda a comprender que el hombre no ve de la misma manera que Dios ve y que Cristo es la verdadera luz que ilumina nuestras vidas. En este domingo, celebramos el segundo escrutinio para los catecúmenos que son candidatos al bautismo en la Vigilia Pascual. La primera lectura nos habla de la sucesión del rey Saúl. Él no sigue la guía de Dios sobre el derecho y la justicia. Por lo tanto, debe abandonar su lugar porque el Señor no puede tolerar esta situación que lo hiere a él y a su pueblo. Para sucederlo, elige a David, en quien nadie pensó. Dios no ve como nosotros. Él usa lo pequeño y humilde para lograr grandes cosas. “Dios no se parece a los hombres. Los hombres miran la apariencia. Dios ve el corazón. Tener el corazón de Dios es ver las cualidades y la grandeza de aquel que es pequeño, débil y despreciado. Es reconocer que él también es capaz de grandes cosas. A través de este mensaje, Dios quiere enseñarnos a tener la misma mirada que él. En la segunda lectura, san Pablo nos habla de la luz espiritual. Dirigiéndose a los cristianos de Éfeso, les dice: “Una vez fuisteis tinieblas. Ahora en el Señor te has convertido en luz. Este es un mensaje muy importante que está en línea con el Evangelio. No basta con recibir luz; Debes convertirte en luz. Recordemos las palabras de Jesús a sus discípulos: “Vosotros sois la Luz del mundo”. Para nosotros los cristianos, no es suficiente dar la bienvenida a la Luz en nuestras vidas; También debemos manifestarlo a través de nuestro comportamiento. Esto es lo que el apóstol Pablo nos recomienda: “Vivan como hijos de la Luz, porque la luz produce toda bondad, justicia y verdad”. El apóstol también nos invita a posponer “las obras de las tinieblas”. “Estabas en la oscuridad, ahora estás en la luz”. Al decir esto, se refiere a lo que se hace en la oscuridad por temor a ser visto. Es importante para nosotros hacer obras que puedan ser vistas por otros. Lo que debe guiarnos es la luz que está en Jesús, es su amor. Es de él que lo recibimos; Él quiere asociarnos a todos con Su victoria sobre la muerte y el pecado. El evangelio de este domingo también nos invita a adaptarnos a la mirada de Dios. A los ojos de todos, este pobre ciego estaba siendo castigado por sus pecados. Se creía que Dios castigaba al hombre según su culpa. Muchos cristianos todavía creen esto, pero no es cierto. Dios no es la causa de las desgracias que nos suceden. Él no pasa su tiempo espionando nuestras debilidades para castigarnos. Él no inflige maldad a sus hijos. Jesús es absolutamente categórico en este punto. El Evangelio también nos dice que Dios no es indiferente a las tragedias y enfermedades que sobrevienen a los humanos. El viene a nuestro rescate para salvarnos. . Él continúa viniendo a traernos la verdadera liberación. Hay muchos en nuestro mundo que se extravían por caminos de perdición. Muchos se alejan del Dios verdadero para estar apegados al dinero, las riquezas y los pequeños placeres que realmente no pueden satisfacerlos. Es de esta ceguera que Jesús quiere sanarnos. Como el mendigo en el Evangelio, la verdadera salvación sólo se puede encontrar en un verdadero encuentro con Jesús.

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.

MEDITACIÓN (continuado)

Frente a este mendigo salvado, vemos a los fariseos hundirse en su ceguera. Permanecen indiferentes a su alegría y terminan alejándolo. Sus corazones son duros, su justicia sin amor. Jesús quiere invitarlos a hacer un camino de fe. Pero permanecen encerrados en sus certezas. Pero Cristo está allí para enseñarnos a alcanzar a los necesitados. Él quiere ayudarnos a tomar conciencia de las maravillas de Dios en el mundo de hoy. Es cierto que este mundo todavía está muy marcado por la incredulidad, la indiferencia y todo tipo de desgracias. Pero el Señor continúa alcanzándonos en el corazón de nuestras vidas. Nada debe impedirnos dar cuenta de la esperanza que él pone en nosotros. El itinerario del ciego es el itinerario propuesto a los catecúmenos en estas semanas de preparación para la iluminación pascual. También debe ser nuestro, un itinerario siempre actual, porque necesitamos tiempo para acoger plenamente esta luz que se nos da. Vivir la Cuaresma es volver al Señor y acoger la Luz que viene de él. Esta luz es la luz de la fe. Gracias a esta luz, aprenderemos a ver a las personas y los acontecimientos a través de los ojos de Dios. Al igual que el ciego sanado, seremos testigos de Cristo. Y juntos podremos proclamar nuestra fe con alegría y orgullo: “Creo, Señor, que tú eres la fuente de la vida”. “Dios, que ilumina a todo hombre que viene a este mundo, ilumina nuestros corazones con el resplandor de tu gracia, para que todos nuestros pensamientos sean dignos de ti y nuestro amor, cada vez más sinceros”. (Oración por la comunión de este domingo)

ANUNCIOS

Apelación del obispo:

Su donación a la Campaña del Obispo 2023 ayuda a apoyar nuestra misión en la evangelización. Su contribución nos ayuda a alimentar y difundir nuestra fe a través del isleño católico, que es un foco de unidad para todos los católicos en nuestras cuatro islas. También ayuda a apoyar los medios católicos, la formación de nuestro seminarista y el desarrollo de nuestros ministerios juveniles diocesanos. Para su comodidad, puede optar por hacer una promesa ahora y distribuir sus pagos durante varios meses. Las donaciones 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 Santo Tomás”. Consulte el folleto para obtener más información. ¡Gracias!

Vía Crucis:

Durante el tiempo de Cuaresma, las Estaciones de la Cruz continuarán a las 6:00 a.m. de lunes a jueves y los sábados seguidos de misa matutina.

Viernes Estación de la Cruz:

Los viernes, el Vía Crucis tendrá lugar a las 4:30 p.m. seguido de misa y meditación sobre las siete últimas palabras de Jesús, el programa es el siguiente: Viernes, 24 de marzo de 2023: Padre, en tus manos encomiendo mi espíritu” (Lc 23, 46).

Reunión de Usher:

El 25 de marzo de 2023, a las 9:30 a.m. habrá una reunión para todos los acomodadores en el Hospitality Lounge. Ujieres, por favor, hagan todo lo posible para asistir a esta reunión.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

March 19, 2023 - Catholic Relief Services
March 26, 2023 - Youth Ministry



OFFERTORY / OFERTORIO

Last week's offertory amounted to:
La ofrenda de la semana pasada sumó a:

Thank you
for your
donation!

Gracias
por su
donación.

March 12, 2023

4:30PM	\$ 813.00	\$ 238.00
6:30AM	\$ 921.00	\$ 324.00
8:30AM	\$ 1,113.00	\$ 560.00
10:30AM	\$ 1,593.00	\$ 349.25
12:15PM	\$ 220.00	\$ 151.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,660.00	\$ 1,622.25

Wednesday, March 8, 2023: 6:45 a.m. \$128.00, 12:15 p.m. \$103.00
Friday, March 10, 2023: \$61.82 (English), \$34.00 (Spanish)

KEEP OUR SICK & SHUT-INS IN PRAYER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS:

HOME OR NURSING HOME

LENO ABRAHAM
JENVILLE ANDREWS
ORDETTE ANDREWS
EDWIN ARROYO
MONICA BIRKLEY
EDRIS CALLWOOD
DELITA DELAGARDE
PRISCA DAVIS
RITA DUNCAN
DARIEL EVANS
MICHAEL FARRINGTON
JOKATA GARCÍA
MERCEDES GARCÍA
WILFRED GARDIER
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ESONIA HASSELL
MILDRED HODGE
KEITH JAMES
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BERECIA LEWIS
GRACIELA MILLIN
HUGO MOULON
JOSEPH MORRELL
ARACELY NICHOLSON
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SONIA PIZARRO
WALTON RAVARIERE
PHYLLIS RODNEY
CYRUS SAMPSON
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RUTH WALCOTT

ROY SCHNEIDER HOSPITAL

MARY GRIFFIN

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
JANET BENSON
RENEL BREDY
JOYCE CORREA
CELESTINE DAVIS
PRISCA DAVIS
ALBERTA FOY
LAVERNE FRANCIS
DELTA GEORGE
MAURITZER Y. GUMBS
JOSEPH HODGE
WINIFRED HODGE
RITA KING
STEPHANY LOUZAN
GWYNNETH MOOLEAAR
JOSEPHINE NOCH
FELIX O'NEAL
RAMÓN ORTIZ
MIRIAM GARCIA RIJO
ROSE ROBERTS
VENIA SAKHRANI
CARLOS SÁNCHEZ
CÉSAR JULIO TRADO
LIAN VÁZQUEZ



CATECHESIS

Explain: The Pharisees

The large religious group of Pharisees sought to live their faith convictions to the fullest. They tried to distinguish themselves from their compatriots precisely by their religious fervor, their fidelity to the Law of Moses and the various customs that flowed from it. For this reason, their opponents called them, to mock them, “the separated”. They were Jews living in strict observance of the written Law or Torah (Pentateuch) and of the oral tradition. They were separated from the ruling class, but also from the crowd which they considered ignorant and impure The Pharisees were a religious group that frequently argued with Jesus Christ about his interpretation of the law.

THE PHARISEES IN OUR GOSPEL FOR THIS SUNDAY:

In the first moments, these Pharisees are divided, among themselves and within themselves. They are confused and the blind man will tell them what they have been thinking from the beginning: “How could a sinful man perform such signs? And he gives them the answer to their inner questioning: “God does not hear sinners.” The Pharisees are caught between the reality of Christ’s gesture that they see and the Law that they scrupulously observe, “the letter and the spirit.” But the Law of the Sabbath is stronger in their eyes. Some are still disappointed. So they dare not decide: “Let your yes be a yes. Let your no be a no,” said Christ.

Rev. Fr. Modeste Digwou

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.
4. Consider receiving Holy Communion in the hand.