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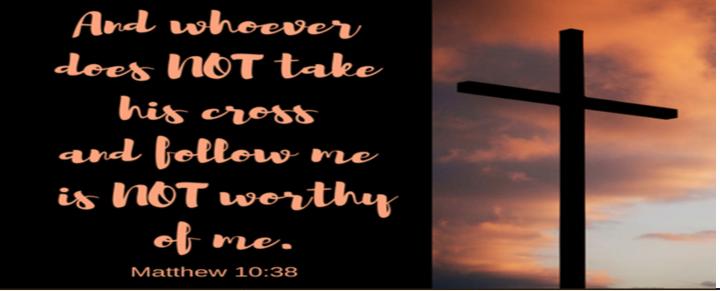
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The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands July 2, 2023



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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 4: 8-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89: 2-3, 16-19 Second Reading: Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42

MEDITATION

By: Rev. Fr. Modeste DIGWOU

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."

This Sunday's Gospel shows Jesus being welcomed by a large crowd. He takes the time to listen to their suffering. He remains available to everyone, individually. He came "so that all men may have life and have it abundantly. Crowds gather around him because, unconsciously, they have found in him the true source of Life. Yet he declares: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."

Is Jesus jealous of the love we have for our parents, our children, and our loved ones? Would he be afraid that this love would turn us away from him and, for this reason, demand from his disciples a love that excludes all other love? No!

Throughout his public ministry, Jesus came up against the hardness of people's hearts. And he was driven by a single desire: to open a breach in hearts that were too often hardened! So that these hardened hearts let themselves be reached and transformed by the Love that is God... Hence these words, which can sometimes seem a little hard to hear: when Jesus says that anyone who loves his father or mother or children more than himself is not worthy of him, he's not telling us not to love them! He is awakening our attention and vigilance to the fact that choosing to follow in his footsteps, to live as Christians, can expose us to real tears within our own families, and more widely in our relationships. Let's not forget, in fact, that Saint Matthew wrote his Gospel at a time when Christians were undergoing violent persecution and, in this context, a brother could hand over his brother to death, a father his child, and children could rise up against their parents and have them condemned to death (cf. Mt. 10:21).

We are willing to follow Jesus, on condition that our habits, our comforts, our points of reference, including on a spiritual level, are not disturbed. But the Apostle Paul: "In the same way, you too should think that you are dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus." In this passage from the letter to the Romans, the death of which the Apostle Paul speaks to us is not biological death, which we will all experience at the end of our journey on this earth! Death here refers to that radical break with evil and sin which Jesus accomplished by giving his life so that we might have life.

Meditation (continued)

So, dear brothers and sisters, Jesus invites us to free ourselves from everything that prevents us from being born to true life, and he shows us the way: the more we cling to him, the more we experience this inner liberation which, far from distancing us from others, enables us to love them as they are, for what they are, even in the face of misunderstanding and rejection. For "he who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me". The more we let Jesus into our lives, the more we place him at the heart of our lives, the more we are freed from our illusory securities and from everything that hinders us from loving God and others. And while it's true that living as a Christian sometimes leads us to make radical choices, there is no radicalism in following Christ, nor any form of exclusion of others, for there is only the truth of the Love that is God, of this Love that is always waiting to be accepted in order to accomplish in us and through us his work of salvation and life, and to enable us to love one another as Jesus has loved us and loves us, more than his own life, more than all the gold in the world.

This is the grace, brothers, and sisters, that we are going to ask for in the Eucharist of this 13th Sunday. The grace of a true inner freedom founded on Jesus Christ, nourished by his word and presence, and dedicated to serving the good of others and our own good... The grace to be witnesses in this world of the freedom to which the Holy Spirit engenders in us!

May the Word of God reach deep within us, so that in the Holy Spirit we can experience the freedom to love of which Jesus is the witness and the inexhaustible source. Seized by Christ, inhabited by the Love that is God, carried by the Spirit to live and bear witness to it, May we repeat with the Apostle Paul: "It is no longer I who live. It is Christ who lives in me. Amen! Alleluia!

Prayer to Saints Peter and Paul

(courtesy catholicreadigs.org)

Oh, Lord our God, Saints Peter and Paul steered the early Church by Your Power and were leaders who modelled and strengthened the faith of the Church. Therefore; I ask Saints Peter and Paul to pray for my faith to grow stronger and stronger every day.

In his second letter to St Timothy, St Paul reminded him to stir into flame the gift of God that he had.

I plead with Saints Peter and Paul to pray for me to become mature spiritually. Wherever I become an infant in my relationship with You, weak and uncertain, help me, O Lord, to increase in faith and trust.

Dear Lord, Enkindle Your fire that flickers inside me and let it become a big flame that brightens other people's lives. Saints Peter and Paul, pray for me. Amen.

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1 Thessalonians 5:17

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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.

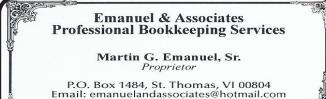
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(St. Alphonsus de Liguori)



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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

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.

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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!

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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 READINGS THIRTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, July 3, 2023

Saint Thomas, Apostle First Reading: Ephesians 2: 19-22 Gospel: John 20: 24-29

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

First Reading: Genesis 19: 15-29 Gospel: Matthew 8: 23-27

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal First Reading: Genesis 21: 5, 8-20a Gospel: Matthew 8: 28-34

Thursday, July 6, 2023

Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr First Reading: Genesis 22: 1b-19 Gospel: Matthew 9: 1-8

Friday, July 7, 2023

First Reading: Genesis 23: 1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67 Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13

Saturday, July 8, 2023

First Reading: Genesis 27: 1-5, 15-29 Gospel: Matthew 9: 14-17



The Tabernacle Light in the Cathedral is Lit for Mauritzer Yvonne Gumbs Requested by Jacqueline Callwood

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BISHOP'S APPEAL 2023:

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250th JUBILEE COMMITTEE:

The 250th Jubilee Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Diocesan picnic on June 19th at Magen's Bay and all those who volunteered their time and donated money, drinks, and food. It was truly a joyous and successful fun-filled event. If you would like to order a 250th Jubilee T-Shirt please contact Lita Daniel at 340-244-2448 by July 12, 2023.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, July 1, 2023

7:00AM Sister Sylverine Fola - Rb. a parishioner Ivan Curtis Casimir - Rb. Mary Casimir 4:30PM + Deceased Lionel Boschulte - Rb. his family

SUNDAY, July 2, 2023 6:30AM Father Modeste - Rb. a parishioner Edris Callwood Birthday Blessing 0-Rb. her children

8:30AM † Deceased Gertrude Thompson - Rb. her daughter 10:30AM † Deceased Olman Connell -

Rb. the Connell and Watlington families † Deceased members of the Carrillo family -

Rb. the Carrillo family 12:15PM acción de gracia por la familia vienen -

Rb. Maritzol Infante

MONDAY, July 3, 2023

6:45AM + Deceased Dale Garee & Ronald S. Lockhart Rb. family and friends

TUESDAY, July 4, 2023

6:45AM † Deceased Keith A. Jennings - Rb. family and friends

WEDNESDAY, July 5, 2023

6:45AM Father Cyprian - Rb. a parishioner 12:15PM † Deceased Dale Garee & Ronald S. Lockhart Rb. family and friends

THURSDAY, July 6, 2023

6:45AM † Deceased Dale Garee & Ronald S. Lockhart Rb. family and friends

FRIDAY, July 7, 2023

6:45AM + Deceased Keith A. Jennings - Rb. family and friends

SATURDAY, July 8, 2023

7:00AM † Deceased Dale Garee & Ronald S. Lockhart Rb. family and friends 4:30PM Maurice Francis Jr. for healing, guidance, & protection Rb. - his aunty

Hurricane Prayer

God, All-powerful Father, Christ, Our Savior, Spirit of Love, You reveal yourself in the depths of our being, drawing us to share in Your life and love. Be near to the people formed in in Your image, close to the world Your love brings to life.

Save us from all harm, draw us ever closer to You as we confidently seek Your protection from the destructive force of all storms which frighten us. Let every hurricane or natural threat of disaster serve only to blow us ever more securely into Your loving, merciful embrace.

We ask this, Father, with the intercession of the Virgin Mother, Mary, Lady of all Nations, through your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Decimotercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Primera lectura: 2 Reyes 4:8-11

Salmo responsorial: Salmo 89: 2-3, 16-19 Segunda lectura: Romanos 6:3-4, 8-11

Evangelio: Mateo 10: 37-42

Meditación

Por: Rev. P. Modeste DIGWOU

"El que ama al padre o a la madre más que a mí no es digno de mí; Quien ama a su hijo o hija más que a mí no es digno de mí".

El Evangelio de este domingo muestra a Jesús siendo recibido por una gran multitud. Se toma el tiempo para escuchar su sufrimiento. Él permanece disponible para todos, individualmente. Él vino "para que todos los hombres tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia. Las multitudes se reúnen a su alrededor porque, inconscientemente, han encontrado en él la verdadera fuente de la Vida. Sin embargo, declara: "El que ama al padre o a la madre más que a mí, no es digno de mí; Quien ama a su hijo o hija más que a mí no es digno de mí". ¿Está Jesús celoso del amor que tenemos por nuestros padres, nuestros hijos y nuestros seres queridos? ¿Tendría miedo de que este amor nos alejara de él y, por esta razón, exigiera de sus discípulos un amor que excluye todo otro amor? ¡No!

A lo largo de su ministerio público, Jesús se enfrentó a la dureza de los corazones de las personas. Y fue impulsado por un solo deseo: ¡abrir una brecha en los corazones que con demasiada frecuencia se endurecieron! Para que esos corazones endurecidos se dejen alcanzar y transformar por el Amor que es Dios. De ahí estas palabras, que a veces pueden parecer un poco difíciles de escuchar: cuando Jesús dice que cualquiera que ama a su padre, a su madre o a sus hijos más que a sí mismo no es digno de él, ¡no nos está diciendo que no los amemos! Él está despertando nuestra atención y vigilancia al hecho de que elegir seguir sus pasos, vivir como cristianos, puede exponernos a lágrimas reales dentro de nuestras propias familias, y más ampliamente en nuestras relaciones. No olvidemos, de hecho, que san Mateo escribió su Evangelio en un momento en que los cristianos sufrían una persecución violenta y, en este contexto, un hermano podía entregar a su hermano a la muerte, un padre a su hijo, y los hijos podían levantarse contra sus padres y condenarlos a muerte (cf. Mt 10, 21).

Estamos dispuestos a seguir a Jesús, a condición de que nuestros hábitos, nuestras comodidades, nuestros puntos de referencia, incluso a nivel espiritual, no sean perturbados. Pero el apóstol Pablo: "De la misma manera, también vosotros pensáis que estáis muertos al pecado, pero vivos para Dios en Cristo Jesús". En este pasaje de la carta a los Romanos, la muerte de la que nos habla el apóstol Pablo no es la muerte biológica, ¡que todos experimentaremos al final de nuestro viaje en esta tierra! La muerte aquí se refiere a esa ruptura radical con el mal y el pecado que Jesús logró al dar su vida para que pudiéramos tener vida.

Por eso, queridos hermanos y hermanas, Jesús nos invita a liberarnos de todo lo que nos impide nacer a la vida verdadera, y nos muestra el camino: cuanto más nos aferramos a Él, más experimentamos esta liberación interior que, lejos de alejarnos de los demás, nos permite amarlos tal como son. por lo que son, incluso frente a la incomprensión y el rechazo. Porque "el que no toma su cruz y me sigue, no es digno de mí".

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Meditación continuado

Cuanto más dejamos entrar a Jesús en nuestras vidas, cuanto más lo colocamos en el centro de nuestras vidas, más nos liberamos de nuestras seguridades ilusorias y de todo lo que nos impide amar a Dios y a los demás. Y si bien es cierto que vivir como cristianos a veces nos lleva a tomar decisiones radicales, no hay radicalismo en seguir a Cristo, ni ninguna forma de exclusión de los demás, porque solo existe la verdad del Amor que es Dios, de este Amor que siempre espera ser aceptado para cumplir en nosotros y a través de nosotros su obra de salvación y vida, y para permitirnos amarnos unos a otros como Jesús nos ha amado y nos ama, más que su propia vida, más que todo el oro del mundo.

Esta es la gracia, hermanos y hermanas, que vamos a pedir en la Eucaristía de este domingo 13. La gracia de una verdadera libertad interior fundada en Jesucristo, alimentada por su palabra y presencia, y dedicada al servicio del bien de los demás y de nuestro propio bien... ¡La gracia de ser testigos en este mundo de la libertad que el Espíritu Santo engendra en nosotros!

Que la Palabra de Dios llegue a lo más profundo de nosotros, para que en el Espíritu Santo podamos experimentar la libertad de amar de la que Jesús es testigo y fuente inagotable. Agarrados por Cristo, habitados por el Amor que es Dios, llevados por el Espíritu para vivirlo y testimoniarlo, Repetimos con el apóstol Pablo: "Ya no soy yo quien vive. Es Cristo quien vive en mí. ¡Amén! ¡Aleluya!

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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!

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CATECHESIS

POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY: FOR A EUCHARISTIC LIFE.

Let us pray that Catholics may place the Eucharist at the center of their lives, a Eucharist that profoundly transforms human relationships and opens us to an encounter with God and with our brothers and sisters.

Read *CCC No 797*.

CCC No 797:* "What our spirit, I mean our soul, is to our members, the Holy Spirit is to the members of Christ, to the Body of Christ, I mean the Church" (S. Augustine, serm. 267, 4: PL 38, 1231D). "It is to the Spirit of Christ, as to a hidden principle, that all the parts of the Body are related, both to each other and to their supreme Head, since he dwells wholly in the Head, wholly in the Body, wholly in each of its members" (Pius XII, Enc. "Mystici Corporis": DS 3808). The Holy Spirit makes the Church "the Temple of the Living God" (2 Cor 6:16; cf. 1 Cor 3:16-17; Eph 2:21):

"It is in the Church itself that the Gift of God has been entrusted (...) It is in the Church that communion with Christ has been deposited, that is, the Holy Spirit, the deposit of incorruptibility, the confirmation of our faith and the ladder of our ascent to God.... For where the Church is, there is also the Spirit of God; and where the Spirit of God there is the Church and all grace".

(S. Irenaeus, hær. 3, 24, 1).

Fr Modeste Digwou

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.

Sanitize your hands.

3. Attempt to maintain a social distance of six feet.

4. Consider receiving Holy Communion in the hand.

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