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June 2, 2024

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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

First Reading: Exodus 24: 3-8
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116: 12-13, 15-18
Second Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-15
Gospel: Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

MEDITATION

By: Rev. Fr. Joseph Nguete Toko

Jesus offers Himself in His Body and in His Blood for the Salvation of the World

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In communion with the whole Church, we celebrate today the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ commonly called "Corpus Christi". In fact, it is the feast of Jesus who gives Himself as food and drink for the salvation of all the world.

For true, man has always been an angry hungry and thirsty man. We remember that in the desert the people of Israel became wild towards Moses because they were hungry and thirsty. God had to intervene after Moses' prayer and offered them food and drink. Sometimes, that is how we too do behave. When we are hungry or thirsty, we become wild and no longer listen. In the case of the people of Israel, they listened to God's word and answered with one voice: "we will do everything that the Lord has told us." They thus made a covenant with God, just as we do make covenants with Him too. Let us remember the number of promises we have already made to God since our baptism and our first holy communion. What is interesting to realize is that when the people of Israel made the promise to carry out God's will, God blessed them through Moses with the blood of sacrifice that he sprinkled on them. God blesses us too. But do we on our own part keep our promises to God?

In every culture, people offered sacrifices to God in one way or another with the blood of an animal to seek God's blessings. With the coming of Christ, it is no more Man who goes to God with an animal as sacrificial offering, but God who comes to Man through Christ. Jesus offers himself once and for all in his body and in his blood as sacrificial offering for the salvation of the world. On Holy Thursday, he asked his disciples to continue to offer this sacrifice for the salvation of the world in the eucharist in memory of Him. It is this unbloody sacrifice which, as the Author of the letter to the Hebrews puts it, "cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God" and which leads us to eternal life. (Heb.9:13-15) (Mark 14:22-26)

Meditation (continued)

In fact salvation is already acquired by Christ for all, but we still have to earn it individually. Jesus is offering himself to us, true enough! But we still have to fulfill some conditions in order to receive him with the graces and the salvation he offers us. We may ask ourselves what are those conditions?

We do attend mass every day or every Sunday. We come for communion very often in imitation of those who have prepared themselves to receive Holy communion. Do we ask ourselves whether we are well prepared to receive Holy Communion? It is not enough to receive communion, to eat and drink the body and blood of Christ. We should be in a state of grace for it to produce the fruits that we want. That is why we were told in catechism that we should prepare ourselves before mass by examining our conscience to see whether we have a sin that prevents us from receiving Holy communion or not. If yes, then we should go to confession to be one with God and with the Church before receiving Holy communion during holy mass. It is only under this condition that the Body and Blood of Christ that we receive can give us the graces we need or life eternal.

Let us tell God that we are sorry for the many times that we have received Holy Communion in a state of sin and not in a state of grace. May He grant us the grace to always prepare ourselves before mass to receive communion in a state that will bear fruits in our lives, fruits that will last. In that way, we will deserve to share God's glory in heaven for ever and ever.



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.

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The Catholic Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands invites you to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral with a Jubilee Dinner Dance on **Saturday, June 29th, 2024, at the Westin Hotel and Spa at Frenchman's Reef.**

The gala begins at 6:00 pm with a Cocktail Reception and Photo Opportunities, followed by a Buffet Dinner, Bishop's Keynote Address, and Dancing with live music provided by Lady Ena and Friends. **Special Dignitaries in attendance include the Papal Nuncio, (the Pope's Ambassador to the United States), and several other visiting Catholic Bishops, and Cardinals traveling from abroad and the mainland to celebrate the Cathedral's 250th Anniversary with us.**

Formal or cocktail attire is required. Shuttle Service will be provided to the Westin from the Main Gate at West Indian Company Dock. **Tickets are \$150.00 and can be purchased from Parish Offices and members of the Jubilee Committee.** To reserve and pre-pay a table, please contact Gail Shulterbrandt at (340)775-7547.

So, come join the celebration at the Cathedral's 250th Anniversary Jubilee Dinner Dance at the Westin Hotel and Spa on June 29, 2024.

Pray without ceasing

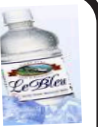
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In preparation for the 250th Anniversary of presence in this territory

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.

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, June 3, 2024

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

First Reading: 2 Peter 1: 2-7

Gospel: Mark 12: 1-12

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

First Reading: 2 Peter 3: 12-15a, 17-18

Gospel: Mark 12: 13-17

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

First Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 1-3, 6-12

Gospel: Mark 12: 18-27

Thursday, June 6, 2024

Saint Norbert, Bishop

First Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

Friday, June 7, 2024

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

First Reading: Hosea 11: 1, 3-4, 8c-9

(Psalm) Isaiah 12: 2-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 8-12, 14-19

Gospel: John 19: 31-37

Saturday, June 8, 2024

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 1-8

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-51

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

250th JUBILEE COMMITTEE

The 250th Jubilee Committee invites all Christians to a general meeting to be held at the Hospitality Lounge on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

250th ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE DINNER

Anyone who would like to attend the 250th Anniversary Jubilee Gala and Dinner Dance on June 29, and have not yet purchased your ticket, please do so now. Tickets are on sale for \$150.00 and can be purchased from all parish offices and members of the 250th Jubilee Committee.

ALTAR SERVERS' REHEARSAL

Parents please be advised that there is a rehearsal for all altar servers on **Tuesday, June 4, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Cathedral.

MASS SCHEDULE

On **Wednesday, June 5th**, there will be no 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. masses, due to the Priestly Ordination of Deacon Ronan Sarmiento. Also, there will be no 7:00 a.m. mass on **Thursday, June 6**, as Rev. Fr. Ronan Sarmiento will celebrate his first mass at 8:00 a.m.

CONDOLENCES

We would like to offer our condolences to Bernadine Barnes and Maria Daniel on the passing of their mother, Maria Jules aka "teacher Maria". The mass of Christian Burial for Ms. Jules will take place on June 14, 2024, at St. Patrick Church in Grand Bay, Dominica. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and keep the family in prayer.

HURRICANE PRAYER

As we enter into the 2024 Hurricane Season, let us pray that God protects us from all storms and natural disasters, by praying the Hurricane Prayer daily. Also, let us pray for the souls of all those who recently lost their lives as the result of natural disasters and their families.

MASS INTENTIONS

If any parishioner would like to offer a mass intention for relatives, friends, special occasions, special intentions, or deceased loved ones, please know that you can still go into the Church office to request your intention.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, June 1, 2024

7:00AM

4:30PM Marie Magras for healing - rb. family & friends

SUNDAY, June 2, 2024

7:00AM

8:30AM Terressa C. Liburd's Birthday -

rb. her mother, Murtle Thomas

10:00AM † Arthur Beazer -

rb. Dominic Beazer & his aunt, Doreen Beazer Petrus

12:15PM

MONDAY, June 3, 2024

7:00AM † Pete Ledee - rb. Marie Pascale Duplan

TUESDAY, June 4, 2024

7:00AM

WEDNESDAY, June 5, 2024

11:00 AM Priestly Ordination Deacon Ronan Sarmiento

THURSDAY, June 6, 2024

8:00AM Rev. Fr. Ronan Sarmiento's First Mass

FRIDAY, June 7, 2024

7:00AM Cynthia Charles, sons, and brothers for protection and deliverance - rb. Cynthia Charles

Ilma St. Louis Gumbs for Thanksgiving -

rb. her husband and children

SATURDAY, June 8, 2024

7:00AM

4:30PM † Knolly Beazer -

rb. his wife & his niece, Velma Beazer

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

La Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo (Corpus Christi)

Primera lectura: Éxodo 24, 3-8
Salmo responsorial: Salmo 116: 12-13, 15-18
Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 9: 11-15
Evangelio: Marcos 14: 12-16, 22-26

Meditación

por: Padre Joseph Nguete Toko

Jesús se ofrece en su Cuerpo y en Su Sangre para la Salvación del Mundo

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

En comunión con toda la Iglesia, celebramos hoy la solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo comúnmente llamado "Corpus Christi". De hecho, es la fiesta de Jesús que se da a sí mismo como alimento y bebida para la salvación de todo el mundo.

En verdad, el hombre siempre ha sido un hombre enojado, hambriento y sediento. Recordamos que en el desierto el pueblo de Israel se volvió salvaje hacia Moisés porque tenía hambre y sed. Dios tuvo que intervenir después de la oración de Moisés y ofrecerles comida y bebida. A veces, así es como nos comportamos nosotros también. Cuando tenemos hambre o sed, nos volvemos salvajes y ya no escuchamos. En el caso del pueblo de Israel, escucharon la palabra de Dios y respondieron a una sola voz: "haremos todo lo que el Señor nos ha dicho". De esta manera hicieron un pacto con Dios, tal como nosotros también hacemos pactos con Él. Recordemos la cantidad de promesas que ya le hemos hecho a Dios desde nuestro bautismo y nuestra primera comunión. Lo que es interesante darse cuenta es que cuando el pueblo de Israel hizo la promesa de llevar a cabo la voluntad de Dios, Dios los bendijo a través de Moisés con la sangre del sacrificio que roció sobre ellos. Dios nos bendiga a nosotros también. Pero, ¿cumplimos nosotros por nuestra parte nuestras promesas a Dios?

En todas las culturas, la gente ofrecía sacrificios a Dios de una forma u otra con la sangre de un animal para buscar las bendiciones de Dios. Con la venida de Cristo, ya no es el Hombre el que va a Dios con un animal como ofrenda de sacrificio, sino Dios quien viene al Hombre a través de Cristo. Jesús se ofrece a sí mismo una vez por todas en su cuerpo y en su sangre como ofrenda de sacrificio por la salvación del mundo. El Jueves Santo pidió a sus discípulos que siguieran ofreciendo este sacrificio por la salvación del mundo en la eucaristía en memoria de Él. Es este sacrificio incurso el que, como dice el autor de la carta a los Hebreos, "limpia nuestra conciencia de obras muertas para adorar al Dios vivo" y el que nos conduce a la vida eterna. (Heb.9:13-15) (Marcos 14:22-26) De hecho, Cristo ya ha adquirido la salvación para todos, pero todavía tenemos que ganárnosla individualmente. Jesús se ofrece a nosotros, ¿es cierto! Pero todavía tenemos que cumplir algunas condiciones para poder recibirlo con las gracias y la salvación que nos ofrece. Podemos preguntarnos ¿cuáles son esas condiciones?

Asistimos a misa todos los días o todos los domingos. Venimos a comulgar muy a menudo a imitación de aquellos que se han preparado para recibir la Sagrada Comunión. ¿Nos preguntamos si estamos bien preparados para recibir la Sagrada Comunión?

Meditación continuada

No basta con recibir la comunión, comer y beber el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo. Debemos estar en estado de gracia para que produzca los frutos que queremos. Por eso nos decían en el catecismo que debemos prepararnos antes de misa haciendo un examen de conciencia para ver si tenemos algún pecado que nos impida recibir la Sagrada Comunión o no. En caso afirmativo, entonces debemos confesarnos para ser uno con Dios y con la Iglesia antes de recibir la Sagrada Comunión durante la santa misa. Sólo bajo esta condición el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo que recibimos pueden darnos las gracias que necesitamos o la vida eterna.

Digamos a Dios que lamentamos las muchas veces que hemos recibido la Sagrada Comunión en estado de pecado y no en estado de gracia. Que Él nos conceda la gracia de prepararnos siempre antes de misa para recibir la comunión en un estado que dé frutos en nuestra vida, frutos que perduren. De esa manera, mereceremos compartir la gloria de Dios en el cielo por los siglos de los siglos.

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CENA DEL JUBILEO DEL 250 ANIVERSARIO

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JUNE 2024
Upcoming Events & Feast Days

June 1
St. Justin, Martyr Feast Day

June 2
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

June 3
St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

June 5
Ordination of Deacon Ronan Sarmiento

June 6
First Mass Rev. Fr. Ronan Sarmiento

June 7
Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 8
Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June 19
St. Romuald, Abbot Juneteenth

June 21
St. Aloysius Gonzaga

June 22
St. Paulinus of Nola, Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More

June 24
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 27
St. Cyril of Alexandria

June 28
St. Irenaeus

June 29
Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul

250th Jubilee Anniversary Dinner and Gala Dance