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March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Liturgical Year B

"Let us really acclaim the Lord Jesus"



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*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Liturgical Year B*

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11
Gospel: Mark 14: 1—15: 47 or 15: 1-39

REFLECTION

by: Rev. Fr. Joseph Nguele TOKO

“Let us really acclaim the Lord Jesus”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Palm Sunday, we celebrate the beginning of Holy Week, a week marked by many instances of God’s love for us. In the past, the people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus triumphantly with the palms in their hands as we are doing today. They knew him well; they benefited from his graces and acknowledged him to be Lord. The kingly welcome they gave him was a sign of gratitude and an expression of their recognition of his Lordship. But at the same time, the same crowd that is cheering him is the one asking for his condemnation to death. This is a true sign of contradiction and of infidelity, one would say.

In fact, in the gospel that is read before the procession with palms, Jesus is triumphantly acclaimed as King. He is given glory by men, the type of glory we sometimes seek, but which never endures and which very often bears the seed of imperfection, of infidelity and betrayal. In the gospel of the mass today, we read the Passion of the Lord Jesus which vividly brings out his condemnation to death requested by the same people who were acclaiming Him as King with branches and palms in the beginning. Beyond the contradiction that appears in the celebration of the two events in the same feast, we see the reality of Jesus’ love and the reality of man’s unfaithfulness through the crowd and the other characters of the Gospel. In short, the gospel helps us to understand who is God and who man is.

In the Gospel, God’s love is made manifest through his saving acts. All the words and actions of Jesus are meant to give life, to sustain it, to help man in his miserable condition. That is why people were after him and wanted him to be their king. Although he humbles himself, he is humiliated, condemned to death, asked to carry his cross and put to death.

Reflection(continued)

Despite everything, He still shows love and does not reject anyone; he is patient, he forgives man, and gives life to the repentant thief. On the other hand, we can see that the behavior of the crowd and other characters of the gospel (the disciples, the friends and enemies of Jesus) reveals their positioning before the mystery of the person of Jesus. When we read this gospel and see the attitude of those characters, we can ask ourselves questions about our own attitudes. To whom do we look like? Or rather, is our life not a mixture of the attitudes of those different characters?

Sometimes we too do welcome Christ and his gospel with joy, and at other times we fear to affirm our faith, to say in public that we are disciples of Christ. We thus deny him in one way or another like Peter and those who ran away and abandoned him when they saw trouble coming. Sometimes we stay awake with Him in prayer in order not to fall into temptation; but at other times, we abandon Him who is the source of life and prefer to shout with the crowd and mock Him. The diversity of characters in their words and actions should be a source of meditation and inspiration for us. They should help us see how we too are sometimes unfaithful to God, how we betray Jesus, how we deny Him in one way or another, ...

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are invited to look at what is happening to Jesus with the eyes of faith in order to go beyond what appears to be a contrast between the real dignity of Jesus in his kingly signs or appearance, and his humiliating passion. We should go beyond what is visible to see that the way of the cross is the royal way to salvation. It is not easy, as there is no glory without the cross. That is why we should pray that the Lord should grant us the graces we need in order to be faithful to God in every circumstance, when difficulties come our way or when we have some crosses to carry in order for follow Christ.

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JUNE 29, 2024**

Tickets are now available for 250th Jubilee Dinner Dance at the Westin Beach Resort and Spa Hotel Grand Ballroom on June 29, 2024 celebrating the 250th Jubilee Anniversary of Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

The 250th Jubilee Dinner Dance begins with a Cocktail Reception and Photo Opportunity followed by an Opening Ceremony, Dinner Buffet, Bishop’s Keynote Address, Live Entertainment and Dancing. Formal Attire is required.

Tickets are \$150.00 per person and are available from Parish Offices and members of the 250th Jubilee Committee. To sit at a reserved table, please call Ms. Gail Shulterbrandt (340) 775-7547. Sponsorship opportunities for the 250th Jubilee Dinner Dance and Ads and Patrons for the 250th Jubilee Dinner Dance Commemorative Booklet are available. For more information, please call Lita Daniel, (340) 244-2448.

So, get your tickets now for the 250th Jubilee Dinner Dance on June 29, 2024 at the Westin Beach Resort and Spa Hotel. We are looking forward to celebrating the 250th Jubilee Anniversary with you.

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1 Thessalonians 5:17

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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.

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, March 25, 2024

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-7
Gospel: John 12: 1-11

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

First Reading: Isaiah 49: 1-6
Gospel: John 13: 21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Gospel: Matthew 26: 14-25

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Holy Thursday

First Reading: Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14
Psalm: 116: 12-13, 15-16c, 17-18
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26
Gospel: John 13: 1-15

Friday, March 29, 2024

Good Friday

First Reading: Isaiah 52: 13—53: 12
Psalm: 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25
Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9
Gospel: John 18: 1—19: 42

Saturday, March 30, 2024

Holy Saturday

First Reading: Genesis 1: 1—2: 2
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35
Second Reading: Exodus 14: 15—15:1
Resp. Psalm: Exodus 15: 1-6, 17-18
Third: Ezekiel 36: 16-17a, 18-28 Psalm: 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
Fourth Reading: Romans 6: 3-11
Gospel: Mark 16: 1-7

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

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CHRISM MASS

On March 26, 2024, the priests will not be available, as they will be celebrating the Chrism Mass on St. Croix.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

On Wednesday, March 27, at 5:00 pm. there will be a Penitential Service. Let us come and purify our souls for Easter!

HOLY THURSDAY

All those who are participating in the washing of the feet please come to the Cathedral at least 15 minutes prior to the start of mass which begins at 6:00 pm. This day will also be the Feast of the Priesthood, pray for them on this feast day and continue to keep them in prayer.

ADORATION

A reminder that after mass on Holy Thursday there will be adoration, keeping watch with Christian prayer and singing. We invite all parishioners to participate and feel comfortable to spend time as there will be security presence.

MASS SCHEDULE

On Friday, March 29, and Saturday, March 30, there will be no 7:00 a.m. masses. Please see the Holy Week Schedule for the times of service and masses on dates mentioned.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL CATHEDRAL 250th JUBILEE

Tickets are on sale for the 250th Jubilee Dinner Dance to be held at the Westin Beach Resort and Spa Hotel on June 29, 2024, celebrating the 250th Jubilee Anniversary, of Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral. If anyone would like to sit at a reserved table, please call Ms. Gail Shulterbrandt (340-775-7547) Tickets are \$150.00 per person and are available from Parish Offices and members of the 250th Jubilee Committee. Sponsorship and ads are available. Patrons are available for \$10.00. The information sheets can be picked up from the Church office. Thank you for your support.



On June 5th, 2024 Deacon Ronan Sarmiento will be ordained to the priesthood at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Please save the date as additional information will be provided at a later time. Please keep Deacon Ronan in your prayers as he prepares for the priesthood.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 23, 2024

7:00AM Father Marcel Gham - Rb. a parishioner
4:30PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, March 24, 2024 (Palm Sunday, Palms Blessed 15 minutes prior to mass time)

7:00AM People of the Parish
8:30AM Alix Bellange Birthday - Rb. Christianie Edwards
Okeem K. Prosper Birthday - Rb. his grandmother
10:00AM Marva Viran - Rb. Julie
12:15PM † Floro Rodriguez - Rb. Kenia
Por el descanso eterno difunto Juan Carlos García-solicitada por Luz Martinez Sánchez

MONDAY, March 25 2024

7:00AM Maria Jules - Rb. her children

TUESDAY, March 26, 2024

7:00AM † Theodore Boschulte - Rb. his family

WEDNESDAY, March 27, 2024

7:00AM Innocent Joseph - Rb himself

12:15PM Father Joseph Toko Blessings and Protection - Rb. Betty Tallman & Nancy McFarlane

5:00PM Penitential Service

THURSDAY, March 28, 2024 (Holy Thursday)

7:00AM † Teddy Larsen - Rb. Pearla Larsen & family
6:00PM People of the Parish

FRIDAY, March 29, 2024 (Good Friday, Passion of the Lord)

12:00PM People of the Parish
3:00PM People of the Parish
5:00PM People of the Parish

SATURDAY, March 30, 2024 (Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil)

7:00PM People of the Parish

*Domíngo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor
Año Litúrgico B*

Primera lectura: Isaías 50, 4-7
Salmo responsorial: Salmo 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 2: 6-11
Evangelio: Marcos 14:1—15:47 o 15:1-39

REFLEXIÓN

por: Padre Joseph Nguete TOKO

“Aclamemos realmente al Señor Jesús”

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

El Domingo de Ramos celebramos el inicio de la Semana Santa, una semana marcada por muchos ejemplos del amor de Dios por nosotros. En el pasado, el pueblo de Jerusalén acogió triunfalmente a Jesús con las palmas en las manos, como lo hacemos hoy. Lo conocían bien; se beneficiaron de sus gracias y lo reconocieron como Señor. La regia bienvenida que le dieron fue señal de agradecimiento y expresión de reconocimiento a su Señoría. Pero al mismo tiempo, la misma multitud que lo vitorea es la que pide su condena a muerte. Este es un verdadero signo de contradicción y de infidelidad, se diría.

De hecho, en el evangelio que se lee antes de la procesión con palmas, Jesús es aclamado triunfalmente como Rey. Los hombres le dan la gloria, la gloria que a veces buscamos, pero que nunca dura y que muchas veces lleva el germen de la imperfección, de la infidelidad y de la traición. En el evangelio de la misa de hoy leemos la Pasión del Señor Jesús que resalta vívidamente su condena a muerte solicitada por el mismo pueblo que al principio lo aclamaba como Rey con ramos y palmas. Más allá de la contradicción que aparece en la celebración de los dos acontecimientos en una misma fiesta, vemos la realidad del amor de Jesús y la realidad de la infidelidad del hombre a través de la multitud y de los demás personajes del Evangelio. En resumen, el evangelio nos ayuda a comprender quién es Dios y quién es el hombre.

En el Evangelio, el amor de Dios se manifiesta a través de sus actos salvadores. Todas las palabras y acciones de Jesús están destinadas a dar vida, sostenerla, ayudar al hombre en su condición miserable. Por eso la gente lo perseguía y quería que fuera su rey. Aunque se humilla, es humillado, condenado a muerte, le piden que lleve su cruz y lo ejecutan. A pesar de todo, El sigue mostrando amor y no rechaza a nadie; es paciente, perdona al hombre y da vida al ladrón arrepentido. Por otro lado, podemos ver que el comportamiento de la multitud y de otros personajes del evangelio (los discípulos, los amigos y enemigos de Jesús) revela su posicionamiento ante el misterio de la persona de Jesús. Cuando leemos este evangelio y vemos la actitud de esos personajes, podemos hacernos preguntas sobre nuestras propias actitudes. ¿A quién nos parecemos? O mejor dicho, ¿no es nuestra vida una mezcla de las actitudes de esos diferentes personajes?

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REFLEXIÓN continuada

A veces también nosotros acogemos con alegría a Cristo y su evangelio, y otras veces tememos afirmar nuestra fe, decir en público que somos discípulos de Cristo. Así lo negamos de una forma u otra como Pedro y aquellos que huyeron y lo abandonaron cuando vieron venir problemas. A veces permanecemos despiertos con Él en oración para no caer en tentación; pero otras veces abandonamos a Aquel que es fuente de vida y preferimos gritar con la multitud y burlarnos de Él. La diversidad de personajes en sus palabras y acciones debe ser para nosotros fuente de meditación e inspiración. Deberían ayudarnos a ver cómo nosotros también a veces somos infieles a Dios, cómo traicionamos a Jesús, cómo lo negamos de una forma u otra,...

Hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, estamos invitados a mirar lo que le sucede a Jesús con los ojos de la fe para ir más allá de lo que parece ser un contraste entre la verdadera dignidad de Jesús en sus signos o apariencias reales, y su pasión humillante. Debemos ir más allá de lo visible para ver que el camino de la cruz es el camino real hacia la salvación. No es fácil, ya que no hay gloria sin la cruz. Por eso debemos orar para que el Señor nos conceda las gracias que necesitamos para ser fieles a Dios en cualquier circunstancia, cuando se presenten dificultades o cuando tengamos que llevar algunas cruces para seguir a Cristo.

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- ULRICA VIALET
- RUTH WALCOTT

ROY SCHNEIDER 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!



OFF-ISLAND

- BISHOP HERBERT A. BEVARD
- FR. SIMON PETER OPIRA
- FR. JOHN SOLOMON
- RENEL BREDY
- CELESTINE DAVIS
- FITZROY CYRIL EUGENE
- LAVERNE FRANCIS
- DELTA GEORGE
- LOUISE HASSELL ARMSTRONG
- DR. ALFRED O. HEATH
- JOSEPH HODGE
- WINIFRED HODGE
- RITA KING
- STEPHANY LOUZAN
- JOSEPHINE NOCH
- FELIX O'NEAL
- RAMÓN ORTIZ
- MIRIAM GARCÍA RIJO
- ROSE ROBERTS
- VENIA SAKHRANI
- CARLOS SÁNCHEZ
- CÉSAR JULIO TIRADO
- LIAN VÁZQUEZ



HOLY WEEK 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

(The Blessing of the Palms will take place 15 minutes before Mass)

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

4:30 PM Vigil Mass (4:15 PM Blessing of Palms)

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

7:00AM Mass (6:45 AM Blessing of Palms)
8:30 AM (8:15AM Blessing of Palms)
10:00AM Mass (9:45 AM Blessing of Palms)
12:15PM Misa en español (12:00PM Bendición de los ramos)

****CHRISM MASS, TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024 ****

**St. Anne's Barren Spot, St. Croix, VI
11:00 AM**

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024

5:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

6:00 PM Mass & Adoration Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual/Bilingue)

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

12:00 PM Passion of the Lord Children's Service (English)
2:00 PM Stations of the Cross (English)
3:00 PM Service (English)
5:00 PM Celebración de la Pasión (Español)
(3:00 P.M. viacrucis en vivo desde la funeraria « Hurley Funeral Home » hasta la catedral)

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024

7:00PM Easter Vigil (Bilingual/Bilingue)
(Blessing of the Fire, in the yard between the church and the school)

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, MARCH 31, 2024

7:00 AM Mass
8:30 AM Mass
10:00 AM Mass
12:15 PM Misa en español