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May 19, 2024

Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

The Church Is Catholic With A Variety Of Gifts



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Wednesday: 12:15PM

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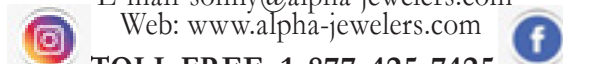


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(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)

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Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104 ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31,34
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20: 19-23 or John 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15

MEDITATION

By: Rev. Fr. Joseph Nguete Toko

The Church Is Catholic With A Variety Of Gifts

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We celebrate today the feast of Pentecost which reminds us of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples, making everyone listen to the word of God in his own language. What a miracle. This is the real beginning of the church. This is when the church became "Catholic" in the true sense of the terms, that is, universal, open to everyone. The Jews thought that the church was their private property, and that all the others who were non-Jews were strangers and did not have the same rights in the church. The Pentecost event which conferred the Holy Spirit to everyone made each person understand the word in his own language showed that the church was for all and that all people have equal rights in the church. It was difficult for the Jews of the time to understand this. It is the event of Pentecost which makes them see that the church is UNIVERSAL, CATHOLIC, OPEN TO EVERYBODY.

In our world today, the church is established in many parts of the world; but some people think that it is their property because it is in their village or in their region, or in their country. They are not open to accepting strangers nor other languages in the church. They think they should be the ones to decide everything in the church because it belongs to them. The Feast of Pentecost helps us to understand that we are all God's children and each of us is important and has a place in His church. He wants all men and women to be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth. We are all called to be one in the Church, despite the diversity of our origins, languages, and cultures, and even graces.

The Pentecost-event makes us also realize that there is a diversity of graces that God grants to people. We do not all have the same rights. As St. Paul mentions in the first letter to the Corinthians. There are different kinds of gifts, but they are granted by the same spirit not only for us, but for the benefit of all.

Meditation (continued)

We are meant to be complimentary. God does not give everything to one person; He gives a bit to each one of us so that we should use them for ourselves and for the good of the community. We should therefore not be egotistic with our gifts but put them at the service of all. That is what St. Paul means to say when he writes to the Corinthians: "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ." We constitute many parts of the one Body, the Church. Though many we are one and the harmony of the one Body depends on all the parts that we are. That is why it is important to help one another and to live in complementarity with our various gifts. But are even aware of our own gifts so as to thank God for them and make use of them for the church or for others? If we are aware of our gifts, do we use them as we ought to do, for our good and for the good of others? If we are honest with ourselves, we should acknowledge that we are stingy with our gifts, that we do not always use them for the good of others or of those who seek our help. On the other hand, we do not always acknowledge the gifts of others so as to use them or allow them to make use of them for the good of the community.

Let us beg God to forgive us for not always being open to those who come to our church and for not using our gift for those who need our help. May He grant us the grace to be open to others in the church and to work hand in hand with others in a spirit of complementarity.



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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250th Jubilee Gala & Dinner Dance

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 who are traveling from the mainland and elsewhere 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

1 Thessalonians 5:17

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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, May 20, 2024

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
First Reading: Genesis 3: 9-15 or Acts: 1: 12-14
Gospel: John 19: 25-34

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companion, Martyrs
First Reading: James 4: 1-10
Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious
First Reading: James 4: 13-17
Gospel: Mark 9: 38-40

Thursday, May 23, 2024

First Reading: James 5: 1-6
Gospel: Mark 9: 41-50

Friday, May 24, 2024

First Reading: James 5: 9-12
Gospel: Mark 10: 13-16

Saturday, May 25, 2024

Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church
First Reading: James 5: 13-20
Gospel: Mark 10: 13-16

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

BISHOP'S APPEAL

The public phase of our Bishop's Appeal 2024 concludes this weekend, with parishes having collected \$98,675.87 as of May 10, 2024 reaching 48% of our goal for the year. We thank all those who have contributed to the Bishop's Appeal. However, our schools, Catholic Charities, and Evangelization initiatives still need everyone's support! You can still pledge and contribute in installments or make a one-time donation. The Appeal will end on December 31, 2024, giving you time to fulfill your commitment. Please pick up a brochure, fill out the form, and send it with your donation. We also accept electronic donations. Thank you for your generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate those who received the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation today. As you move forward in your daily lives, may you always hold Jesus in your heart, as you continue to grow spiritually. May God continue to bless and protect you.

CONCERT

This Sunday, May 19, 2024, beginning at 4:00 p.m., in celebration of the 250th years of our Church's existence, there will be a Joyous Concert offered by Encore, a vocal group of older adults who perform worldwide. With performances also by local artists. Tickets are on sale for \$30.00 and can be purchased from the Church office, and members of the Senior Choir. Please join us for this musical afternoon.

250th JUBILEE COMMITTEE

The 250th Jubilee Committee invites all Christians to a general meeting to be held at the Hospitality Lounge on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

On Saturday, June 1, 2024, there will be a Women's Retreat from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St Anne's Chapel in French Town. It will be a rejuvenating and empowering experience for all attendees.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 18, 2024

7:00AM Rachel & Jun Wedding Anniversary - Rb. Rachel & Jun

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

SUNDAY, May 19, 2024

7:00AM

8:30AM Isha Davidson - Rb. her mother, Ilma Gumbs & family

11:00 AM

MONDAY, May 20, 2024

7:00AM In Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Bernadine Barnes - Rb. herself

TUESDAY, May 21, 2024

7:00AM Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School - Rb. C. Edwards

WEDNESDAY, May 22, 2024

7:00AM Marie Thomas, husband, & son - Rb. Marie Thomas

12:15PM Cynthia Charles, sons, and brothers for protection and deliverance - Rb. Cynthia Charles

THURSDAY, May 23, 2024

7:00AM

FRIDAY, May 24, 2024

7:00AM Cynthia Charles, sons, & brothers, for protection & deliverance - Rb. Cynthia Charles

SATURDAY, May 25, 2024

7:00AM Humphrey, Hendricks, & Larsen families - Rb. Pearla Larsen & family

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



This week's Tabernacle Light is lit for Murtle Thomas & family. Requested by The Thomas Family

Solemnidad del Domingo de Pentecostés

Primera Lectura: Hechos 2: 1-11
Salmo responsorial: Salmo 104 ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31,34
Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 12: 3b-7, 12-13
Evangelio: Juan 20:19-23 o Juan 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Meditación

por: Padre Joseph Nguete Toko

La Iglesia es católica con una variedad de dones

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Celebramos hoy la fiesta de Pentecostés que nos recuerda la venida del Espíritu Santo sobre los discípulos, haciendo que cada uno escuche la palabra de Dios en su propia lengua. Que milagro. Este es el verdadero comienzo de la iglesia. Fue entonces cuando la Iglesia se volvió “católica” en el verdadero sentido del término, es decir, universal, abierta a todos. Los judíos pensaban que la iglesia era su propiedad privada y que todos los demás que no eran judíos eran extraños y no tenían los mismos derechos en la iglesia. El acontecimiento de Pentecostés, que confirmó el Espíritu Santo a todos, hizo que cada uno entendiera la palabra en su propio idioma, mostró que la Iglesia era para todos y que todos tienen los mismos derechos en la Iglesia. A los judíos de la época les resultó difícil entender esto. Es el acontecimiento de Pentecostés el que les hace ver que la Iglesia es UNIVERSAL, CATÓLICA, ABIERTA A TODOS.

En nuestro mundo hoy, la iglesia está establecida en muchas partes del mundo; pero algunas personas piensan que es de su propiedad porque está en su pueblo o en su región o en su país. No están abiertos a aceptar extraños ni otros idiomas en la iglesia. Piensan que deberían ser ellos quienes decidan todo en la iglesia porque les pertenece. La Fiesta de Pentecostés nos ayuda a comprender que todos somos hijos de Dios y que cada uno de nosotros es importante y tiene un lugar en Su iglesia. Él quiere que todos los hombres y mujeres se salven y lleguen al conocimiento de la Verdad. Todos estamos llamados a ser uno en la Iglesia, a pesar de la diversidad de nuestros orígenes, lenguas y culturas, e incluso gracias.

El acontecimiento de Pentecostés nos hace comprender también que hay una diversidad de gracias que Dios concede a las personas. No todos tenemos los mismos derechos. Como menciona San Pablo en la primera carta a los Corintios. Hay diferentes clases de dones, pero son concedidos por el mismo espíritu no sólo para nosotros, sino para beneficio de todos. Estamos destinados a ser elogiosos. Dios no le da todo a una sola persona; Él nos da un poco a cada uno de nosotros para que lo utilicemos para nosotros y para el bien de la comunidad.

NUESTRA IGLESIA Y NUESTRA ESCUELA SON AMBIENTES SEGUROS:

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gracias.

Meditación continuada

Por tanto, no debemos ser egoístas con nuestros dones sino ponerlos al servicio de todos. Esto es lo que San Pablo quiere decir cuando escribe a los Corintios: “Como el cuerpo, aunque tiene muchos miembros, es uno, y todos los miembros del cuerpo, aunque muchos, son un solo cuerpo, así también Cristo”. Constituimos muchas partes de un solo Cuerpo, la Iglesia. Aunque muchos somos uno y la armonía del único Cuerpo depende de todas las partes que somos. Por eso es importante ayudarnos unos a otros y vivir la complementariedad con nuestros diversos dones. Pero, ¿somos siquiera conscientes de nuestros propios dones para agradecer a Dios por ellos y utilizarlos para la Iglesia o para los demás? Si somos conscientes de nuestros dones, ¿los utilizamos como debemos, para nuestro bien y el de los demás? Si somos honestos con nosotros mismos, debemos reconocer que somos tacaños con nuestros dones, que no siempre los utilizamos para el bien de los demás o de quienes buscan nuestra ayuda. Por otra parte, no siempre reconocemos los dones de los demás para utilizarlos o permitirles utilizarlos para el bien de la comunidad.

Roguemos a Dios que nos perdone por no estar siempre abiertos a quienes vienen a nuestra iglesia y por no usar nuestra esencia para quienes necesitan nuestra ayuda. Que Él nos conceda la gracia de estar abiertos a los demás en la Iglesia y de trabajar mano a mano con los demás en un espíritu de complementariedad.

ANUNCIOS

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La fase pública de nuestra Campaña del Obispo 2024 concluye este fin de semana, con las parroquias recaudando \$98,675.87 al 10 de mayo de 2024, alcanzando el 48% de nuestra meta para el año. Agradecemos a todos aquellos que han contribuido a la Campaña del Obispo. Sin embargo, ¡nuestras escuelas, Caridades Católicas y las iniciativas de evangelización todavía necesitan el apoyo de todos! Aún puedes prometer y contribuir en cuotas o hacer una donación única. La Campaña finalizará el 31 de diciembre de 2024, dándole tiempo para cumplir con su compromiso. Por favor recoja un folleto, complete el formulario y envíelo con su donación. También aceptamos donaciones electrónicas. Gracias por tu generosidad.

CONCIERTO

Este domingo 19 de mayo de 2024, a partir de las 4:00 p. m., en celebración de los 250 años de existencia de nuestra Iglesia, habrá un Concierto Gozoso ofrecido por Encore, un grupo vocal de adultos mayores que se presenta en todo el mundo. Con actuaciones también de artistas locales. Los boletos están a la venta por \$30.00 y se pueden comprar en la oficina de la Iglesia y en los miembros del Coro Mayor. Unase a nosotros para esta tarde musical.

250ª REUNIÓN DEL COMITÉ DEL JUBILEO

El Comité del Jubileo 250 invita a todos los cristianos a una reunión general que se llevará a cabo en el Hospitality Lounge el martes 21 de mayo de 2024 a las 6:00 p.m.

RETIRO DE MUJERES

El sábado 1 de junio de 2024 se realizará un Retiro de Mujeres de 10:00 a 12:00 horas. en la Capilla de Santa Ana en French Town. Será una experiencia rejuvenecedora y empoderadora para todos los asistentes.

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 May 26 - Cathedral Maintenance & Enhancement



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MAY 12, 2024

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PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR MAY

O most august and blessed Virgin Mary! Holy Mother of God! glorious Queen of heaven and earth! powerful protectress of those who love thee, and unfailing advocate of all who invoke thee! look down, I beseech thee, from thy throne of glory on thy devoted child; accept the solemn offering I present thee of this month, specially dedicated to thee, and receive my ardent, humble desire, that by my love and fervor I could worthily honor thee, who, next to God, art deserving of all honor. Receive me, O Mother of Mercy, among thy best beloved children; extend to me thy maternal tenderness and solicitude; obtain for me a place in the Heart of Jesus, and a special share in the gifts of His grace. O deign, I beseech thee, to recognize my claims on thy protection, to watch over my spiritual and temporal interests, as well as those of all who are dear to me; to infuse into my soul the spirit of Christ, and to teach me thyself to become meek, humble, charitable, patient, and submissive to the will of God.

May my heart burn with the love of thy Divine Son, and of thee, His blessed Mother, not for a month alone, but for time and eternity; may I thirst for the promotion of His honor and thine, and contribute, as far as I can, to its extension. Receive me, O Mary, the refuge of sinners! Grant me a Mother's blessing and a Mother's care, now, and at the hour of my death. Amen.