

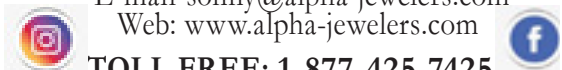
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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33: 4-6, 18-20, 22
Second Reading: Romans 8: 14-17
Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

MEDITATION

By: Rev. Fr. Joseph Nguete Toko

Let Us Live In Communion and Love Like The Trinity

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

We celebrate today in communion with the whole Church, the feast of the Holy Trinity, that is the feast of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In fact, we believe in one God who is in these three persons. He is the one whom we call whenever we make the sign of the cross at the beginning of our prayer. We mean to say that the one whom we want to address now is the God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and not any other one. In the world, people believe in different gods. When we talk about God in the world, we do not always refer to the same person. That is why we have to be careful and begin our prayer with the sign of the cross to clearly express the God whom we are calling and to whom we want to talk. If you call God He will come to you; if you call other gods or Satan or the Devil, they too will come to you. We have to be careful.

The feast of today reveals to us who God is. We do discover that He is essentially relation and communion. The Father is in relation with the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All three are in relation with one another and at the same time in communion with one another, that is, in union with one another. They are essentially relational and live in perfect unity. That is what characterizes our God, and which should also characterize us as we are made in the image and likeness of God.

As image of God, we come into the world in a trinitarian relation: the father, the mother, and the child. All three are supposed to live always in relation with one another in order to really be in the image and likeness of the Trinity who created us. In the same way, all three are supposed to live in communion, that is in unity with one another in order to resemble the Trinity. But can we really say that we are in the image of the Trinity? When we look at our various families, we see that sometimes, we do not even reflect the Trinity in its relational nature because the father and the mother are not in relation with each other, or some children are not in relation with the parents.

Meditation (continued)

When things are this way, we cannot say that we are in the image and likeness of God. In the same way, when we are not in communion or in union with one another, we cannot say that we are in the image and likeness of God. It is when we look back at our lives that we notice that we are not really in the image and likeness of God and that we still have to make some effort in order to be in his image and likeness.

Beyond the relational and communion aspects that characterize the Trinity, there is LOVE. For true, what is more important to keep in mind about the Trinity, is the love that unites all the three persons. The Father loves the Son and the Holy Spirit and vice versa. As image of God, we are also to love one another in order to reflect God. Here again we are found wanting because as Saint Paul said to the Romans 8:14, we are sons of God if we “are led by the Spirit of God”, but unfortunately, we do not usually allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit of God every day and in every circumstance. We want to rely on ourselves, on our intelligence, on our means, and on our relations, to decide by ourselves and do things by ourselves. Yet if we allow the Spirit of God to lead us, we will think and act out of love, we will do things out of love in order to be in the likeness of God.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, on this day of the Trinity, let us try to be in the image and likeness of our God - Trinity who is essentially relational, communion and LOVE. May we also be good relational people who live in communion with others and manifest God’s love to others. In this way, we would 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 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.

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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.

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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 27, 2024

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

First Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Gospel: Mark 10: 17-27

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

First Reading: 1 Peter 1: 10-16

Gospel: Mark 10: 28-31

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

Saint Paul VI, Pope

First Reading: 1 Peter 1: 18-25

Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45

Thursday, May 30, 2024

First Reading: 1 Peter 2: 2-5, 9-12

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

Friday, May 31, 2024

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-18a or Romans 12: 9-16

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56

Saturday, June 1, 2024

Saint Justin, Martyr

First Reading: Jude 17, 20b-25

Gospel: Mark 11: 27-33

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, May 28, 2024, at 5:30 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.

CATHEDRAL CLEANUP

In preparation for Deacon Ronan Sarmiento's Ordination on June 5th and for the Jubilee Dinner Dance Gala event on June 29th, we need your assistance in helping to clean up and do some minor repairs in the Cathedral on Saturday, June 1 at 9:00AM. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated for these special events. Contact Deacon Dan (340) 244-1885 if you have any questions.

MEMORIAL DAY

On Monday, May 27, we observe Memorial Day, as we pay homage and honor all those who lost their lives in military service. Let us offer a mass or say a special prayer for them and their families on this day.

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 submit your intention.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 25, 2024

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

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

SUNDAY, May 26, 2024

7:00AM

8:30AM Murtle Thomas Birthday - Rb. Murtle Thomas

10:00AM Michael Benjamin & Jalen Joseph Birthday Blessings - Rb. the Benjamin Family

12:15PM

MONDAY, May 27, 2024

7:00AM † Pete Ledee - Rb. his wife Becky Ledee
† Jusies Giraud - Rb. Philomene Giraud

TUESDAY, May 28, 2024

7:00AM

WEDNESDAY, May 29, 2024

7:00AM Kobe Barnes - Rb. his mother

12:15PM † Peter Carty - Rb. the Carty, Sturdivant, and Farrington families
† James M. Sibilly - Rb. his mother family

THURSDAY, May 30, 2024

7:00AM

FRIDAY, May 31, 2024

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

SATURDAY, June 1, 2024

7:00AM

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



Last Weekend's Altar Flowers were donated by Lisa Kearney and Gail Lomma.



This week's Tabernacle Light is lit for Birthday Blessings for Michael Benjamin & Jalen Joseph. Requested by the Benjamin Family

Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad

Primera lectura: Deuteronomio 4, 32-34, 39-40
Salmo responsorial: Salmo 33: 4-6, 18-20, 22
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8: 14-17
Evangelio: Mateo 28: 16-20

Meditación

por: Padre Joseph Nguete Toko

Vivamos en comunión y amemos como la Trinidad

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, Celebramos hoy en comunión con toda la Iglesia, la fiesta de la Santísima Trinidad, es decir, la fiesta de Dios Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo. De hecho, creemos en un solo Dios que está en estas tres personas. Él es a quien llamamos cada vez que hacemos la señal de la cruz al comienzo de nuestra oración. Queremos decir que a quien queremos dirigirnos ahora es al Dios que es Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, y no a ningún otro. En el mundo la gente cree en diferentes dioses. Cuando hablamos de Dios en el mundo, no siempre nos referimos a la misma persona. Por eso tenemos que tener cuidado y comenzar nuestra oración con la señal de la cruz para expresar claramente al Dios a quien llamamos y con quien queremos hablar. Si llamas a Dios, él vendrá a ti; Si llamas a otros dioses o a Satán o al Diablo, ellos también vendrán a ti. Tenemos que ser cuidadosos.

La fiesta de hoy nos revela quién es Dios. Descubrimos que Él es esencialmente relación y comunión. El Padre está en relación con el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo. Los tres están en relación unos con otros y al mismo tiempo en comunión unos con otros, es decir, en unión unos con otros. Son esencialmente relacionales y viven en perfecta unidad. Eso es lo que caracteriza a nuestro Dios, y que también debe caracterizarnos a nosotros, ya que estamos hechos a imagen y semejanza de Dios.

Como imagen de Dios, venimos al mundo en una relación trinitaria: el padre, la madre y el hijo. Los tres deben vivir siempre en relación unos con otros para ser realmente imagen y semejanza de la Trinidad que nos creó. De la misma manera, los tres deben vivir en comunión, es decir, en unidad unos con otros para parecerse a la Trinidad. Pero ¿podemos realmente decir que somos a imagen de la Trinidad? Cuando miramos a nuestras diversas familias, vemos que a veces ni siquiera reflejamos la Trinidad en su naturaleza relacional porque el padre y la madre no están en relación entre sí, o algunos hijos no están en relación con los padres. Cuando las cosas son así, no podemos decir que somos imagen y semejanza de Dios. De la misma manera, cuando no estamos en comunión o unión unos con otros, no podemos decir que somos imagen y semejanza de Dios. Es cuando miramos atrás en nuestras vidas que notamos que realmente no somos a imagen y semejanza de Dios y que todavía tenemos que hacer algún esfuerzo para poder ser a su imagen y semejanza.

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Meditación continuada

Más allá de los aspectos relacionales y de comunión que caracterizan a la Trinidad, está el AMOR. En verdad, lo más importante a tener presente acerca de la Trinidad, es el amor que une a las tres personas. El Padre ama al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo y viceversa. Como imagen de Dios, también debemos amarnos unos a otros para reflejar a Dios. Aquí nuevamente nos encontramos faltos porque como decía San Pablo a Romanos 8:14, somos hijos de Dios si “somos guiados por el Espíritu de Dios”, pero lamentablemente no solemos dejarnos llevar por el Espíritu de Dios cada día y en toda circunstancia. Queremos confiar en nosotros mismos, en nuestra inteligencia, en nuestros medios y en nuestras relaciones, para decidir por nosotros mismos y hacer las cosas por nosotros mismos. Sin embargo, si permitimos que el Espíritu de Dios nos guíe, pensaremos y actuaremos por amor, haremos las cosas por amor para ser a semejanza de Dios.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, en este día de la Trinidad, tratemos de ser a imagen y semejanza de nuestro Dios - Trinidad que es esencialmente relacional, comunión y AMOR. Que seamos también buenas personas relacionales que vivan en comunión con los demás y manifiesten el amor de Dios a los demás. De esta manera, mereceríamos compartir la gloria de Dios en el cielo por los siglos de los siglos.

ANUNCIOS

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Realizaremos una kermé el domingo 9 de junio de 2024 para apoyar a nuestra hermana Andrea que está en una grave situación crítica de salud. No se necesita hacer grandes cosas para cambiar el mundo, los pequeños detalles hacen la diferencia. Por ello, contamos con su apoyo y su solidaridad. La kermé estará a cargo de Argentina Perez, Claribel Sanchez, Mercedes Merejo y Angela Padilla.

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 28 de mayo de 2024 a las 5:30 p.m.

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LIMPIEZA DE LA CATEDRAL

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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.



Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School
Upcoming Events

May 29: Senior Graduation at 10:00 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral.

May 30: 8th grade promotional exercise 9:00 a.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral

May 31: Kindergarten Promotion at 10:00 a.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School.

Everyone is invited to celebrate these events with us!

Last Day of School May 31, 2024!