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Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104: 1, 24, 29-31, 34
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20: 19-23

MEDITATION

By: Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio

My Dear People of God, Blessed Feast of the Paraclete!

“Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth!”

The feast of Pentecost will be celebrated this weekend. In fact nine days ago, many parishes in our diocese spiritually began the novena leading to the Solemnity of Pentecost. This feast is a commemoration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. An event that propelled the apostles into action following the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus-Christ.
... This weekend’s reading from Acts gives us an account of what truly happened on Pentecost and its consequences.

First, the disciples began to speak in other tongues. This has been interpreted in two ways. One is that the disciples were empowered to speak in foreign languages, of which they had no prior knowledge. The other is that they engaged in ecstatic utterances. Whichever it was, the important thing is that communication took place.

Second, the disciples were given a new sense of boldness. They had lived in fear of the authorities and met in secrecy. Now they were out in the streets, openly proclaiming Jesus to be God’s Messiah, seemingly unconcerned about possible danger. Also, the disciples became more open to non-Jews, or Gentiles, and began to work with a world vision and a universal concern.

The Spirit is indispensable to the life of the Christian and to the Church. Engines need fuel. Computers need power. Without the proper power source engines and computers are useless. We human beings are much the same. At creation we received the breath of God, giving us life. Today we cannot live our lives fully and freely without the power of God’s Spirit within us.

What will be for us the signs of God’s Spirit in our lives? Consider three possibilities.

-. The first sign of the Spirit’s presence in our lives will be the overcoming of fear. The most dramatic change in the disciples was that they were not afraid any more. This was not because the danger was gone. Their lives were still at risk. Their new boldness came from the awareness that God’s Spirit was with them, and that, whatever happened, they would be able to handle it.

Meditation (continued)

Today we have the same assurance of the Spirit’s presence. It can provide the same result. With God’s Spirit, we can achieve a lot if we unleash the power that it comes with. But, often times, we stifle the spirit within us and become lukewarm. Don’t be afraid, let the Spirit of God propel you to action.

- The second sign of the Spirit’s presence in our lives will be improved communication. One of the miracles of Pentecost was that people understood each other. This means that they both talked and listened. Let’s not suppose that on this significant day the disciples did all the talking, one by one, one after another. There was only one sermon at Pentecost. Peter was the preacher. What did the others do? They were talking with the people - - not to them or at them, but with them. Someone among the disciples had to be listening because part of what the people said is written in the record. True communication is always a two-way street. The Spirit’s gift of communication is not always a monologue, but is more often a conversation between two people. When people value each other, and open up to each other, and share with each other, communication takes place. It may have nothing to do with religion, as such, but surely God delights in nothing more than for us to understand each other. May the Spirit-paraclete inspire us to engage in meaningful and enriching dialogue with each other.

-The third sign of the Spirit’s presence in our lives will be the attitude of a servant. As Paul wrote to the church at Corinth: “To each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” In other words, the reason God gives us power is that we might do something good for each other. It is not that we might get rich, or appear smart, or indulge ourselves in some kind of spiritual ecstasy. All of that leads to self-centeredness. It has nothing to do with the Spirit of God.

Do we possess and reflect the attitude of a servant? These are the sure signs of the Spirit’s presence in our lives.

Some two thousand year ago, Jesus walked this earth, teaching, forgiving sins, extending his mercy and love, training his apostles, offering words of comfort, peace, joy and hope. Today, Jesus still walks this earth, he is still involved in extending love and mercy, in accomplishing works of mercy through you and me. We are his hands, his heart, his feet in the world today. The power of the Holy Spirit still operates today because we have seen how a friendly smile, a gentle touch or a willingness to forgive can heal a broken spirit, and how the challenging words of a parent, a teacher or a friend can quicken the mind and heart.

Beloved Parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral and Friends, Let us not stifle the gifts of the Holy Spirit infused in us. Instead let us firmly resolve to allow the Holy Spirit to fill our whole beings and animate our actions. That way, led by the Paraclete, we will accomplish the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in and beyond our Virgin Islands community, caring for the needy and showing mercy, forgiveness, and compassion to all we meet daily. This is what it means **to be transformed and renewed by the Holy Spirit**. *Grant to us o Lord a heart renewed, recreate in us your own Spirit Lord.*



The candle will be lit for the
Most Rev. Jerome Feudjio



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1 Thessalonians 5:17

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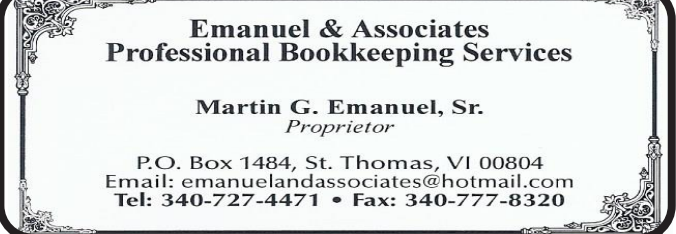
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in all things and desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You in the Sacrament, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not permit me ever to be separated from You.
Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori)



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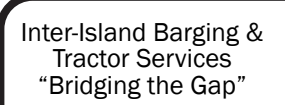


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JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER
In preparation for the 250th Anniversary
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Eternal Father, In this, the Jubilee Year of Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, we praise you for all blessings we have received over the 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 READINGS

Monday, May 29, 2023

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1: 12-14
Gospel: John 19: 25-34

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

First Reading: Sirach 35: 1-12
Gospel: Mark 10: 28-31

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
First Reading: Zephaniah 3; 14-18a or Romans 12: 9-16
Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Saint Justin, Martyr
First Reading: Sirach 42: 15-25
Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-19

Friday, June 2, 2023

Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
First Reading : Sirach 44: 1, 9-13
Gospel: Mark 11: 11-26

Saturday, June 3, 2023

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
First Reading: Sirach 51: 12cd-20
Gospel: Mark 11: 27-33

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

“O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul. I adore you. Enlighten, guide and console me. Tell me what I must do; give me your orders. I promise to subject myself to all that you desire of me and to accept all that you permit to happen to me. Let me only know your will.” Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL DAY:

The Office will be Closed in Observance of Memorial Day as we remember and pray of our soldiers who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. We also remember their families and friends.

MONTH OF MARY:

In this month of Mary, we are all invited to emphasize the prayer of the rosary. This can be done in the community, family, or individually.

We invite you to join us in praying the rosary every day before 6:45 am mass.

We encourage the faithful to offer their prayer intentions to the Virgin Mary and to light candles for her. Candles are available at the church office for \$5 and small candles inside of the church for \$1. Place all your written prayer intentions at the feet of the virgin and we will collect them.

The closing of the Month of Mary will take place on May 31 at all masses: 6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in the Virgin Islands will host their first Convention, ‘An Afternoon with the Bishop and the Board’. All women and women’s organizations are invited to attend. Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral, on Sunday June 4, 2023 from 3pm - 5pm. Please contact the Chancery at (340) 774 3166 ext. 104 or email usviccw@gmail.com for further information.

CONFIRMATION:

On June 3, 2023, Confirmation practice will begin with the 7:00am Morning Mass at Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral. Parents and Sponsors are invited to be present.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On May 31, 2023, at 3:00pm all candidates and parents are invited to a meeting at the Cathedral. On Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 7:00am Retreat, Confession and Practice will take place. Parents are invited to be present.

OFFETORY ENVELOPES:

The offertory envelopes can be picked up in the Hospitality Lounge after each mass. Please check with the Church office if you need offertory envelopes. Thank you for your continued support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY: June 4:** Confirmations are scheduled at SPPC for all St. Thomas parishes.

June 4, from 3pm - 5pm: All women and women’s organizations are invited to attend An Afternoon with the Bishop and the Board.

2. **CORPUS CHRISTI: June 11:** First Communion at SPPCathedral at 8:30AM and the procession with the Blessed Sacrament from the Hurley Funeral Home to the cathedral at 4:30PM under police escort.

3. **DIOCESAN FAMILY PICNIC June 19** at Magen’s Bay starting from 12:00pm - 4:00pm Shed #4. This will be an afternoon of family fun, games and camaraderie. Additional details to follow in the near future about the picnic. All parishes are invited.

BISHOP APPEAL 2023:

The public phase of our Bishop’s Appeal 2023 will conclude this weekend. As of May 23, 2023, the parishes have raised **\$83,578.55**. We are grateful to all those who have donated to the Bishop’s Appeal. Our schools, Catholic Charities and Evangelization efforts still need everyone’s support! Your gift helps feed the hungry and gives safe shelter to mothers and children in desperate need. For your convenience, you can still make a pledge and pay it in installments. The Bishop’s Appeal 2023 will formally end on **December 31, 2023**, so you have ample time to fulfill your pledge. For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your donation over the next 6 months. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check, or credit card. Checks should be made payable to “Diocese of St. Thomas”. Please see the brochure for further information.

WOMAN’S RETREAT:

On June 17, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00noon at Saints Anne’s Church in Frenchtown. All are invited to spend some time in prayer.

CONDOLENCES:

Our condolences go out to the families and friends of Doreen Pierre Louis and Israel Pierre Louis who pass away. Israel Pierre Louis funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 10:00am at Holy Family Church. Please pray for the families and the repose of the souls of the faithful departed.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023

7:00AM Young Adults of the Diocese
4:30PM † Peter Carty - Rb. Carty, Farrington, & Sturdivant families
† Charles Bernes & family - Rb. Dominique Olive

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

6:30AM Priest of the Diocese
8:30AM People of the Parish
10:30AM Beth Salido Birthday - Rb. Edwin & Aurea Olive
12:15PM Por Gracia de Petieion Consedida - Rb. Ramona Rivera
Williand Demetree - Rb. Miledy Ovalles

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

6:45AM Lee-Troy Barnes Birthday -Rb. his mother

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023

6:45AM † Lou Ellen Brown - Rb. the Cathedral family

WEDNESDAY, May 31, 2023

6:45AM Sara Connell -Rb. the Cathedral family
12:15PM Daphne Peters - Rb. Mary Pemberton
5:30PM People of the

THURSDAY, June 1, 2023

6:45AM † Carmen Grant -Rb the Cathedral family

FRIDAY, June 2, 2023

6:45AM Bernadine Barnes - Rb. her family

SATURDAY, June 3, 2023

7:00AM Elmirah Ferdinand - Rb. her family
4:30PM † Lionel Boschulte - Rb. his family
Sara Nagi & family - Rb. Dominique Olive

Domíngo de Pentecostés

Primera lectura: Hechos 2:1-11
Salmo responsorial: Salmo 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34
Segunda lectura: 1 Corintios 12: 3b-7, 12-13
Evangelio: Juan 20:19-23

Meditación

Por: Reverendísimo Jerome Feudjio

Mi querido pueblo de Dios, ¡bendita fiesta del Paráclito!

“¡Señor, envía tu Espíritu y renueva la faz de la Tierra!”

La fiesta de Pentecostés se celebrará este fin de semana. De hecho, hace nueve días, muchas parroquias de nuestra diócesis comenzaron espiritualmente la novena que conduce a la solemnidad de Pentecostés. Esta fiesta es una conmemoración del derramamiento del Espíritu Santo sobre los Apóstoles. Un evento que impulsó a los apóstoles a la acción después de la resurrección de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

... La lectura de este fin de semana de Hechos nos da un relato de lo que realmente sucedió en Pentecostés y sus consecuencias. **Primero**, los discípulos comenzaron a hablar en otras lenguas. Esto se ha interpretado de dos maneras. Una es que los discípulos estaban facultados para hablar en idiomas extranjeros, de los cuales no tenían conocimiento previo. La otra es que se involucraron en expresiones extáticas. Sea lo que sea, lo importante es que la comunicación tuvo lugar.

Segundo, a los discípulos se les dio un nuevo sentido de audacia. Habían vivido con miedo a las autoridades y se reunían en secreto. Ahora estaban en las calles, proclamando abiertamente que Jesús era el Mesías de Dios, aparentemente sin preocuparse por el posible peligro. Además, los discípulos se volvieron más abiertos a los no judíos, o gentiles, y comenzaron a trabajar con una visión del mundo y una preocupación universal.

El Espíritu es indispensable para la vida del cristiano y para la Iglesia. Los motores necesitan combustible. Las computadoras necesitan energía. Sin la fuente de alimentación adecuada, los motores y las computadoras son inútiles. Los seres humanos somos muy parecidos. En la creación recibimos el aliento de Dios, dándonos vida. Hoy no podemos vivir nuestras vidas plena y libremente sin el poder del Espíritu de Dios dentro de nosotros. ¿Cuáles serán para nosotros las señales del Espíritu de Dios en nuestras vidas? Considere tres posibilidades.

-. La primera señal de la presencia del Espíritu en nuestras vidas será la superación del miedo. El cambio más dramático en los discípulos fue que ya no tenían miedo. Esto no fue porque el peligro se hubiera ido. Sus vidas seguían en peligro. Su nueva audacia vino de la conciencia de que el Espíritu de Dios estaba con ellos, y que, pasara lo que pasara, serían capaces de manejarlo. Hoy tenemos la misma seguridad de la presencia del Espíritu. Puede proporcionar lo mismo resultado. Con el Espíritu de Dios, podemos lograr mucho si liberamos el poder con el que viene. Pero, muchas veces, sofocamos el espíritu dentro de nosotros y nos volvemos tibios. No tengas miedo, deja que el Espíritu de Dios te impulse a la acción.

- El segundo signo de la presencia del Espíritu en nuestras vidas será una mejor comunicación. Uno de los milagros de Pentecostés fue que la gente se entendía entre sí. Esto significa que ambos hablaron y escucharon. No supongamos que en este día significativo los discípulos hablaron todo uno, uno por uno, uno tras otro. Sólo hubo un sermón en Pentecostés. Pedro era el predicador.

¿Qué hicieron los demás? Estaban hablando con la gente, no con ellos o con ellos, sino con ellos. Alguien entre los discípulos tenía que estar escuchando porque parte de lo que la gente decía está escrito en el registro. La verdadera comunicación es siempre una calle de doble sentido. El don de comunicación del Espíritu no siempre es un monólogo, sino más a menudo una conversación entre dos personas. Cuando las personas se valoran mutuamente, se abren entre sí y comparten entre sí, se produce comunicación.

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Si nota algún comportamiento nocivo hacia nuestros hijos, no dude en ponerse en contacto con nosotros lo antes posible. Gracias.

Puede que no tenga nada que ver con la religión, como tal, pero seguramente Dios se deleita en nada más que en que nos entendamos unos a otros. Que el Espíritu-paráclito nos inspire para entablar un diálogo significativo y enriquecedor entre sí. El tercer signo de la presencia del Espíritu en nuestras vidas será la actitud de un siervo. Como Pablo escribió a la iglesia en Corinto: “A cada persona se le da la manifestación del Espíritu para el bien común”. En otras palabras, la razón por la que Dios nos da poder es para que podamos hacer algo bueno el uno por el otro. No es que podamos hacernos ricos, o parecer inteligentes, o entregarnos a algún tipo de éxtasis espiritual. Todo eso conduce al egocentrismo. No tiene nada que ver con el Espíritu de Dios.

¿Poseemos y reflejamos la actitud de un siervo? Estas son las señales seguras de la presencia del Espíritu en nuestras vidas. Hace unos dos mil años, Jesús caminó por esta tierra, enseñando, perdonando pecados, extendiendo su misericordia y amor, entrenando a sus apóstoles, ofreciendo palabras de consuelo, paz, alegría y esperanza. Hoy, Jesús todavía camina por esta tierra, todavía está involucrado en extender el amor y la misericordia, en realizar obras de misericordia a través de ti y de mí. Somos sus manos, su corazón, sus pies en el mundo de hoy. El poder del Espíritu Santo todavía opera hoy porque hemos visto cómo una sonrisa amistosa, un toque suave o la voluntad de perdonar pueden sanar un espíritu quebrantado, y cómo las palabras desafiantes de un padre, un maestro o un amigo pueden acelerar la mente y el corazón. Amados feligreses de la Catedral de San Pedro y San Pablo y amigos, No sofocemos los dones del Espíritu Santo infundidos en nosotros. En cambio, resolvamos firmemente permitir que el Espíritu Santo llene todo nuestro ser y anime nuestras acciones. De esa manera, guiados por el Paráclito, lograremos las obras de misericordia corporales y espirituales dentro y fuera de nuestra comunidad de las Islas Virgenes, cuidando a los necesitados y mostrando misericordia, perdón y compasión a todos los que encontramos diariamente. Esto es lo que significa ser transformado y renovado por el Espíritu Santo. *Concédenos, Señor, un corazón renovado, recrea en nosotros tu propio Espíritu Señor.*

ANUNCIOS

TRIDUO DE MISIÓN PENTECOSTÉS

Comenzará del jueves 25 de mayo al viernes 26 de mayo de 5:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. El sábado 27 de mayo de 2023 a partir de las 3:00 p.m., seguido de la Misa de vigilia de las 4:30 p.m. Todos son animados a hacer este viaje del Espíritu Santo.

SOBRES OFFETORY:

Los sobres del ofertorio se pueden recoger en el Hospitality Lounge después de cada misa. Por favor, consulte con la oficina de la Iglesia si necesita sobres de ofertorio. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

APELACIÓN DEL OBISPO 2023:

La fase pública de nuestra Campaña del Obispo 2023 concluirá este fin de semana. A partir del 23 de mayo de 2023, las parroquias han recaudado \$ 83,578.55. Estamos agradecidos a todos aquellos que han donado a la Campaña del Obispo. ¡Nuestras escuelas, Caridades Católicas y esfuerzos de evangelización todavía necesitan el apoyo de todos! Su donación ayuda a alimentar a los hambrientos y brinda refugio seguro a madres y niños que lo necesitan desesperadamente. Para su comodidad, aún puede hacer una promesa y pagarla en cuotas. La Apelación del Obispo 2023 terminará formalmente el 31 de diciembre de 2023, por lo que tiene tiempo suficiente para cumplir su promesa. Para su comodidad, puede optar por hacer una promesa ahora y distribuir su donación durante los próximos 6 meses. Las donaciones pueden hacerse en efectivo, cheque o tarjeta de crédito. Los cheques deben hacerse a nombre de “Diócesis de Santo Tomás”. Consulte el folleto para obtener más información.

VISITAS Y BENDICIONES DE LOS HOGARES CRISTIANOS

Los sacerdotes están disponibles para visitar a las familias y bendecir su casa en este mes de mayo y junio. Llame a la oficina al 340-774-0201 o envíe un correo electrónico cathedralvi@gmail.com. Gracias y la bendición de Dios.

CONFIRMACIÓN

El retiro para nuestros candidatos será el 27 de mayo de 2023 de 8:00 a.m. a 12 del mediodía en Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro (OLPH). El 3 de junio de 2023, la práctica comenzará con la Misa de las 7:00 am en la Catedral de San Pedro y San Pablo.

OUR CHURCH AND OUR SCHOOL ARE SAFE ENVIRONMENTS:

We are all committed to the protection of the children in our institutions. If you notice any harmful behavior toward our children, do not hesitate to contact us as soon as possible.

Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

May 28, - Cathedral Maintenance & Enhancement
June 4 - Priests’ Retirement



OFFERTORY / OFERTORIO
LAST WEEK’S OFFERTORY AMOUNTED TO:
LA OFRENDA DE LA SEMANA PASADA SUMÓ
MAY 21, 2023

4:30PM	\$ 439.75	\$ 100.00
6:30AM	\$ 1,041.00	\$ 335.00
8:30AM	\$ 1,217.00	\$ 443.00
10:30AM	\$ 1,044.00	\$ 321.00
12:15PM	\$ 289.18	\$ 170.05
TOTAL	\$ 4,030.93	\$ 1,369.05

Thank
you
for your
donation!

Gracias

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023: 6:45AM \$72.00 12:15 PM \$51.00

E-GIVING:

Please fill out the E-Giving Enrollment Form at the parish office, if you prefer to send your offertory donations using automatic payments from:

- * your Checking/Saving account. * your PayPal account.
- * your Credit or Debit card. * a Bank-to-Bank transfer.

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 the hand.

KEEP OUR SICK & SHUT-INS IN PRAYER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS:

HOME OR NURSING HOME

LENO ABRAHAM
JENVILLE ANDREWS
ORDETTE ANDREWS
EDWIN ARROYO
MONICA BIRKLEY
EDRIS CALLWOOD
DELITA DELAGARDE
PRISCA DAVIS
RITA DUNCAN
DARIEL EVANS
MICHAEL FARRINGTON
JOKATA GARCÍA
MERCEDES GARCÍA
WILFRED GARDIER
ALFREDO GASKIN
ETLA V. GASKIN
ERIC GRAF
MARIA GRIFFIN
ESONIA HASSELL
MILDRED HODGE
KEITH JAMES
ROSE MARIE JOSEPH
EDITH LEBLANC
BERECIA LEWIS
GRACIELA MILLIN
HUGO MOULON
JOSEPH MORRELL
ARACELY NICHOLSON
LEIDA PIZARRO
SONIA PIZARRO
WALTON RAVARIERE
PHYLLIS RODNEY
CYRUS SAMPSON
RAFAELA SANES
PETRONA STANISLAUS
CECILIA HILL-THOMAS
LESTEL TURBE
JOHN H. VENZEN
ULRICA VIALET
RUTH WALCOTT

ROY SCHNEIDER HOSPITAL

KENNETH DE’GOUT
DAPHNE ILLIS

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
JANET BENSON
RENEL BREDY
JOYCE CORREA
CELESTINE DAVIS
PRISCA DAVIS
ALBERTA FOY
LAVERNE FRANCIS
DELTA GEORGE
MAURITZER Y. GUMBS
JOSEPH HODGE
WINIFRED HODGE
RITA KING
STEPHANY LOUZAN
GWYNNETH MOOLEAAR
JOSEPHINE NOCH
FELIX O’NEAL
RAMÓN ORTIZ
MIRIAM GARCIA RIJO
ROSE ROBERTS
VENIA SAKHRANI
CARLOS SÁNCHEZ
CÉSAR JULIO TIRADO
LIAN VÁZQUEZ



CATECHESIS

The Holy Spirit and the Sacrament of Confirmation

by: Father Modeste Digwou

“Nothing in the Church is done without the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit sheds a special light on the whole life and activity of the Church, the Body of Christ, and of each of its members. The Prayer, the sacraments, the love of charity, the proclamation of the Good News, reveal and realize this intense and constant action of the Holy Spirit. But it is up to us to consider essentially the sacrament of Confirmation. At the heart of the paschal mystery. The sacraments of Christian initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are independent and their unity must be safeguarded at the heart of the Paschal Mystery. These sacraments were celebrated together during the first centuries of the Church. They are still being celebrated together, in the East for all, and in the West, for adults. At the end of the long Easter night, at the dawn, the one mystery was celebrated, that of the death and resurrection of Christ and that of the gift of the Spirit. On the morning of the fiftieth day after the Passover, (Pentecost) the Spirit who raised Jesus is poured out on the Apostles, strengthening them for the testimony to be given to the Lord Jesus “in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

Becoming conformed to the risen Christ...

Confirmation is the Pentecost of those who have entered the Passover of Christ through baptism. Without adding anything to it, Confirmation confirms Baptism in the same way that the mystery of Pentecost confirms the mystery of the death-resurrection of Jesus, within the same mystery of Easter. Placed under the sign of Easter, baptism is the sacrament of birth in Christ and confirmation is the sacrament of growth in the Spirit. It is the same mystery, a mystery of birth and growth.

All the sacraments are part of the logic of the first gift of the Holy Spirit at baptism and confirmation.

-He is given for the remission of sins during the celebration of penance, he who is like the principle of conversion and reconciliation: “The Holy Spirit sent for the remission of sins.

-In the Anointing of the Sick, the Spirit unites the sick, the elderly, the dying to Christ on the cross: “Grant him the help of your Holy Spirit, make him grow in the life of Jesus Christ which he received at his baptism.”

- It is the same Spirit who conforms to Christ, during ordination, the bishops, priests and deacons chosen and called for pastoral and diaconal ministry: “Pour out on the one you have chosen the strength that comes from you, the sovereign Spirit that you gave to your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the Spirit that he himself communicated to the holy Apostles...”

-Already consecrated by baptism, those who commit themselves to marriage become a sign of the presence of God’s love for each other, for the Church and for the world: “We ask you to bless N. and N.... and to put the power of your Holy Spirit in them.”

-Source and summit of the sacraments, the Eucharist resounds with two epiclesis: thanks to the Spirit, the bread and the wine, fruits of the earth and of the work of men, are consecrated, and all the members of the Church become one people, Temple of the Spirit.

- The fruits of the Holy Spirit are twelve according to the letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians : love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control.

- The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are seven: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, strength, counsel, godliness and fear.