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April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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Palm Sunday of the Passion
of the Lord

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: Matthew 26: 14-27: 66 or 27: 11-54

MEDITATION

PASSION SUNDAY REFLECTION
(PALM SUNDAY) 2023

By Fr. Dominic Ukagba

First Gospel-Matt. 21: 1-11

1st Reading, Isaiah 50: 4-7

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-24, 2

2nd Reading Philippians 2: 6-11

Matt. 26: 14-27, or

Matt. 27: 11-54

Today, the Catholic Church all over the world proclaims the passion of Christ. Today, we learn a new the story of the Lord's suffering and death. The Church recalls in a very solemn way the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem, in order to accomplish his Paschal Mystery in fulfilment of the old Testament prophesy that identified Jesus Christ as the saving King, who reigns eternally. During his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the crowds, praised and celebrated as we do this day shouting, 'Hosanna is the one who comes in the name of the Lord'. The liturgy of today started differently with short Gospel that will be read outside as people gathered outside for the blessing of the palms which stands for peace. Even the Jews laid their garments on the way, so the horse carrying Jesus will walk on it as a sign of honor and respect. And it is desirable that the solemn before Mass be repeated before other Masses, where possible.

In the first Gospel outside the Church (Mtt.21:1-11), Jesus sent his two disciples to a stranger and get a colt from a stranger which he was to use for his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In the first reading, (Is.50:4-7), the Prophet presented Jesus as a humble servant persecuted and struck by his own whom he serves. He was spit upon and beaten, but by enduring his sufferings, he was atoning for the sins of his people, who thought of him as been abandoned by God. In the second reading (Philippians 2:1-11), Saint Paul encourages us to imitate the humility of Christ. Who, in spite of His Majesty and Divinity, never counted equality with God, but humble Humbled Himself to the ignominious shameful death on the cross for those whom he loved. In the Passion narrative, Matthew portrays the passion and death of Jesus Christ. Jesus first gave His disciples the gift of His body and blood to assure them of ever presence, and love, and everyone who eats of it in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist will always remain one with him to everlasting life.



Rev. Fr. Modeste Digwou
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MEDITATION (continued)

He was betrayed by Judas one of His disciples, and was arrested, falsely accused, denied by even Peter by the people and their authorities, suffered agony in the garden of Gethsemane, appeared before Pilate, was flogged, and made to stand naked, crowned with thorns, walked on the way to Calvary carrying His Cross which is the burden of our sins, and was finally crucified on the Cross for our sake. Christ suffering and death is meant to teach that He did all those to save us, and we are bound to amend our bad ways and try to live out our baptismal promises, in order to be saved. Humility conquers every situation of distress, not violence, logic, or injustice. Let us recognize the presence of God in our midst, and not to act as if God does not exist. Our Constance sin, keeps crucifying Jesus anew. It's not enough to shed tears today the passion narrative, it's better to make effort and change for better.



DAILY READINGS
HOLY WEEK

Monday, April 3, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-7

Gospel: John 12: 1-11

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 49: 1-6

Gospel: John 13: 21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Gospel: Matthew 26: 14-25

Thursday, April 6, 2023

The Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

First Reading: Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116: 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Gospel: John 13: 1-15

Friday, April 7, 2023

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

First: Isaiah 52: 13-53:12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25

Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9

Gospel: John 18: 1-19: 42

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1 Thessalonians 5:17

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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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Lord my God, give my heart to desire you; in desiring you, to seek you; in seeking you, to find you; in finding you, to love you; and in loving you, to redeem my faults; and once redeemed, to commit them no more. Lord my God, give my heart penance, my mind repentance, my eyes the source of tears, and my hands the largesse of alms. You who are my King, extinguish in me the desires of the flesh, and kindle the fire of your love. You who are my Redeemer, drive out of me the spirit of pride, and grant me the spirit of your humility. You who are my Savior, remove from me the fury of anger, and may your kindness grant me the shield of patience. You who are my Creator, uproot from my soul resentment, and pour into it the sweetness of spirit. Give me, Most Good Father, a solid faith, a sure hope, and an unfailing charity. You who lead me, remove from me the vanity of the soul, the fickleness of the mind, the error of the heart, the flattery of the mouth, the pride of the eyes. O God of mercy, I ask you through your beloved Son, give me to live mercy, application to piety, compassion with the afflicted, and sharing with the poor. 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.

PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Saturday, April 1, 2023

Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral 4:15 p.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Sunday, April 2, 2023

Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral 6:15 a.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help 6:30 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral 8:15 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral 10:15 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral 12:00 p.m.

Chrism Mass, Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral 11:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday of the Lord’s Supper, April 6, 2023

Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral 6:00 p.m. (Mass & Adoration)
Our Lady of Perpetual 6:30 p.m. (Mass & Adoration)

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) April 7, 2023

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 6:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross at Magen’s Bay
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral – 12:00 p.m. (Children’s Service)
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral – 2:00 p.m.
English Stations of the Cross
Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral – 3:00 p.m.
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 3:00 p.m.
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral – 4:00 p.m. Spanish
Living Stations of the Cross Procession will begin at Hurley Funeral Home to Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral

Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023, Easter Vigil

Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral -7:00 p.m. (Bilingual Mass)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 5:30 a.m.(Sunrise Mass)
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral – 6:30 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral 8:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 9:00 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral – 10:30 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral - 12:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Divine Mercy Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 16, 2023

Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral - 4:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 6:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023

Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral – 6:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 6:30 a.m.
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Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 9:00 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral – 10:30 a.m.
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral - 12:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Divine Mercy Celebration, Sunday, April 16, 2023

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, St. John, V.I. – 3:00 p.m. beginning with the Chaplet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP’S APPEAL

Please pray for the success of the Bishop’s Appeal 2023. The Appeal wants to make a difference in the Virgin Islands through Catholic education, Catholic Charities and Catholic evangelization. Please give a generous gift so that we can continue to improve on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in our diocese. For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your payments over several months. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check, credit card or direct online payments. Please fill out the form in the brochure and make your checks payable to “Diocese of St. Thomas”. Please see the brochure for further information. Thank You!

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our Easter confession will take place on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Many priests will be available to hear your confessions.

ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a training for all altar servers on Wednesday, April, 5, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY LUNCHEON:

St. Joseph Workers and Holy Family Catholic Church will be having a Easter Sunday Luncheon honoring Mr. Allen Harrigan on Sunday, April 9, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Columban Hall. Tickets are on sale for \$50.00, Children under 12 years of age \$25.00 at the door. Tickets are on sale at the church office.

SACRAMENTS:

The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated, on June 4th, 2023, and the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday at the 8:30 a.m. mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023

7:00AM - †Dorothy Elskoe - Rb her family
4:30PM- Holy Souls in Purgatory - Rb. Marcial LaPlace

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

6:30AM - People of the Parish
8:30AM – People of the Parish
10:30AM- People of the Parish
12:15PM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023

6:45AM- † Gerald W. Jules - Rb. his children

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023

6:45AM – Deacons of the Diocese
11:00AM - Priests of the Diocese (Chrism Mass)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023

6:45AM - Fr. Ronald Holder - Rb. Bernadine
12:15PM- People of the Parish

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 (HOLY THURSDAY)

6:00PM - People of the Parish

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023 (GOOD FRIDAY)

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023

7:00AM- Priests of the Diocese
7:00PM - People of the Parish

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

Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor
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: Mateo 26: 14-27: 66 o 27: 11-54

MEDITACIÓN

REFLEXIÓN DEL DOMINGO DE PASIÓN (DOMINGO DE RAMOS), 2023
By P. Dominic Ukagba.

Primer Evangelio-Mateo 21:1-11
1ªlectura, Isaías 50:4-7
Salmo 22:8-9,17-24,2
2ªLectura Filipenses 2:6-11
Mateo 2 6:14-27, o Mateo 27:11-54

Hoy, la Iglesia Católica en todo el mundo proclama la pasión de Cristo. Hoy, aprendemos de nuevo la historia del sufrimiento y la muerte del Señor. La Iglesia recuerda de manera muy solemne la entrada de Cristo en Jerusalén, para cumplir su misterio pascual en cumplimiento de la profecía del Antiguo Testamento que identificaba a Jesucristo como el Rey salvador, que reina eternamente. Durante su entrada triunfal en Jerusalén, las multitudes, alabadas y celebradas como lo hacemos este día, gritando: “Hosanna es la que viene en el nombre del Señor”. La liturgia de hoy comenzó de manera diferente con un breve Evangelio que se leerá afuera cuando la gente se reúna afuera para la bendición de las palmas que representa la paz. Incluso los judíos pusieron sus vestiduras en el camino, por lo que el Jesús que lleva caballos caminará sobre él como un signo de honor y respeto. Y es deseable que la Misa solemne antes se repita antes de otras Misas, siempre que sea posible.

En el primer Evangelio fuera de la Iglesia (Mtt.21:1-11), Jesús envió a sus dos discípulos a un extraño y obtuvo un pollino de un extraño que debía usar para su entrada triunfal en Jerusalén. En la primera lectura (Is 50:4-7), el Profeta presentó a Jesús como un humilde siervo perseguido y golpeado por los suyos a quienes sirve. Fue escupido y golpeado, pero al soportar sus sufrimientos, fue expiado por los pecados de su pueblo, que pensaba que había sido abandonado por Dios. En la segunda lectura (Filipenses 2,1-11), san Pablo nos anima a imitar la humildad de Cristo. Quien, a pesar de Su Majestad y Divinidad, nunca contó la igualdad con Dios, sino que se humilló a sí mismo a la ignominiosa muerte vergonzosa en la cruz por aquellos a quienes amaba. En la narración de la Pasión, Mateo retrata la pasión y muerte de Jesucristo.

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MEDITACIÓN (continuado)
Jesús primero dio a sus discípulos el don de su cuerpo y sangre para asegurarles la presencia y el amor eternos, y todos los que comen de él en el sacramento de la Sagrada Eucaristía siempre permanecerán uno con él para la vida eterna. Fue traicionado por Judas, uno de sus discípulos, y fue arrestado, acusado falsamente, negado incluso por Pedro por el pueblo y sus autoridades, sufrió agonía en el jardín de Getsemaní, apareció ante Pilato, fue azotado y obligado a permanecer desnudo, coronado de rasgados, caminó por el camino al Calvario llevando Su Cruz que es la carga de nuestros pecados, y finalmente fue crucificado en la Cruz por nuestro bien. El sufrimiento y la muerte de Cristo están destinados a enseñar que Él hizo todo eso para salvarnos, y estamos obligados a enmendar nuestros malos caminos y tratar de vivir nuestras promesas bautismales, para ser salvos. La humildad vence toda situación de angustia, no la violencia, la lógica o la injusticia. Reconozcamos la presencia de Dios en medio de nosotros, y no actuemos como si Dios no existiera. Nuestro pecado de Constanza, sigue crucificando a Jesús de nuevo. No basta con derramar lágrimas hoy la narrativa de la pasión, es mejor esforzarse y cambiar para mejor.

ANUNCIOS

APELACIÓN DEL OBISPO
Por favor, oren por el éxito de la Campaña del Obispo 2023. La Campaña quiere hacer una diferencia en las Islas Virgenes a través de la educación católica, Caridades Católicas y la evangelización católica. Por favor, haga un regalo generoso para que podamos continuar mejorando las obras de misericordia corporales y espirituales en nuestra diócesis. Para su comodidad, puede optar por hacer una promesa ahora y distribuir sus pagos durante varios meses. Las donaciones pueden hacerse en forma de efectivo, cheque, tarjeta de crédito o pagos directos en línea. Por favor llene el formulario en el folleto y haga sus cheques pagaderos a “Diócesis de St. Thomas”. Consulte el folleto para obtener más información. ¡Gracias!

ALMUERZO DEL DOMINGO DE PASCUA
Los trabajadores de St. Joseph y la Iglesia Católica Holy Family tendrán un almuerzo del Domingo de Pascua en honor al Sr. Allen Harrigan el domingo 9 de abril de 2023 a la 1:00 p.m. en el Columban Hall. Los boletos están a la venta por \$ 50.00, los niños menores de 12 años \$ 25.00 en la puerta. Los boletos están a la venta en la oficina de la iglesia.

SERVICIO PENITENCIAL
Nuestra confesión de Pascua tendrá lugar el miércoles 5 de abril de 2023 a las 5:30 p.m. Muchos sacerdotes estarán disponibles para escuchar sus confesiones.

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WILL BE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

April 2, 2023 - Cathedral Maintenance & Enhancement
April 7, 2023 (Good Friday) - Holy Land
April 9, 2023 - Catholic Education

OFFERTORY / OFERTORIO			
Last week's offertory amounted to: La ofrenda de la semana pasada sumó a: <i>Thank you for your donation!</i>			
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Wednesday, March 22, 2023: 6:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. \$ 139.00
Friday, March 24, 2023: 5:30 p.m. \$36.00and 6:30 p.m. \$34.35

Month of February Expenses

Income		Expenses	
Collection	\$13,144.00	Parish Life	\$13,144.00
Other collection	\$ 3580.50	Utilities(Wapa etc)	
Donation	\$ 915.00		\$2864.70
	\$17,639.50		\$30,759.96

Income - Expense - (13, 120.16)

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
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

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

What is the meaning of Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday celebrates the entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem and marks the beginning of Holy Week. Jesus, after having fasted and prayed for 40 days, returns to Jerusalem and prepares to face great suffering. Thus, this feast is marked by the joy of seeing Jesus arrive, but also by the sadness of the trials that await Christ. These branches are blessed by the priest, distributed and held in the hands of the faithful who set out in procession: the march towards Easter of the people of God following Christ.

Palm Sunday is a Christian moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four canonical Gospels.

Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week. For adherents of mainstream Christianity, it is the last week of the Christian solemn season of lent that precedes the arrival of Eastertide.

It is called Palm Sunday because Jesus was welcomed by the people waving palm leaves as he passed by. The priests, depending on the culture, wear green vestments to remind them of the palms and bless the palms, then distribute the leaves to the Christians.

In most liturgical churches, Palm Sunday is celebrated by the blessing and distribution of palm branches (or the branches of other native trees), representing the palm branches which the crowd scattered in front of Christ as he rode into Jerusalem; these palms are sometimes woven into crosses.

The palms blessed this Sunday are collected and burned and the ashes are collected for Ash Wednesday.

By Reverend Father Modeste Digwou

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.