

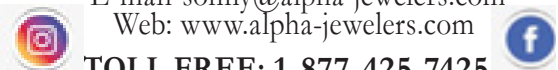


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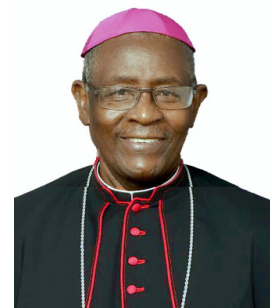
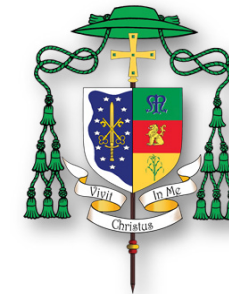
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January 15, 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



John 1, 29-34

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Meditation
 "This is the Lamb of God"

Brethren,

The baptism of Jesus marks the end of the Christmas season. It marks the beginning of a short period of ordinary time before Lent.

The liturgy is intended to help us celebrate the Christian mystery throughout the year. Therefore, "Ordinary Time" is not to be seen as a daily routine or a banality. Rather, it is the time that puts in order the different themes that we have celebrated during the great Christian feasts: Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. The Christian mystery is so vast that it cannot be grasped at a glance. The other thirty-four weeks of the year are therefore intended to seek the presence of this Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ in our daily lives. How could my daily life not be imbued with this radical change! When I realize that the Father loves me to the point of giving the life of his Son so that I may be with him, how can I live if not in this love! Anything that distracts me from this intimacy with the Trinity should be unbearable.

Like John the Baptist, Jesus initiates his public ministry by choosing companions who are his apostles. They are to assist him in his mission of proclaiming the Kingdom. John the Baptist has accomplished his mission and must withdraw and leave the place to Jesus because he was there for him. He refers to Jesus to his disciples as "the Lamb of God". "This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. "One comes after me, who has gone before me, because he existed before me" (John 1:29-30).

The four texts proposed for the beginning of this Ordinary Time of Year A concern a calling to Mission: Mission of the People of God in the book of Isaiah (First Reading) "I will make you a light for the nation..." (Isaiah 49:5-6); Mission of the believer in the Psalm "Here I am, Lord" (Psalm 40:8); Mission of St. Paul in his first epistle to the Corinthians, (Second Reading); and Mission of Jesus in the Gospel of St. John. "Behold the Lamb of God". All of these vocations apply to Christ and all are centered on his role in the salvation offered to humanity. Today, I am called to recognize in Jesus, the Lamb of God, the one sent by God and the Savior of the world, and to be able to show him to the world, to point him out to my neighbor: "Behold the Lamb of God".

But also like Isaiah, I must be able to answer God: "Here I am, I am coming, send me". Today, we Christians, and especially young people, are afraid to say these words; not knowing exactly the mission that the Lord wants to entrust to us, we fear not having the strength and the abilities to carry out a task that seems impossible to us. As with Jesus at the beginning of his ministry, the Holy Spirit descends upon us (cf. the gospel) to enable us to carry out what is asked of us. "I will make you the light of the nations" says the Lord.

(MEDITATION CONTINUED)

With faith, we celebrate here in our cathedral this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. the Requiem Memorial Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, disciple of Christ and successor of St. Peter, living witnesses in our time of a decisive "Here I am" for the Lord.

May this same Spirit of the Lord dwell in us throughout this new liturgical season of the Church and the New Year and remind us, above all, of what we became on the day of our baptism: You are "priest, prophet and king".



DAILY READINGS

- Sunday, January 15, 2023**
First Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-10
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3
Gospel: John 1: 29-34
- Monday, January 16, 2023**
Martin Luther King Birthday
First Reading: Hebrews 5: 1-10
Gospel: Mark 2: 18-22
- Tuesday, January 17, 2023**
Saint Anthony Abbot
First Reading: Hebrews 6: 10-20; Ephesians 6: 10-13
Gospel: Mark 2: 23-28; Matthew 19: 16-26
- Wednesday, January 18, 2023**
First Reading: Hebrews 7: 1-3, 15-17
Gospel: Mark 3: 1-6
- Thursday, January 19, 2023**
First Reading: Hebrews 7: 25-8:6
Gospel: Mark 3: 7-12
- Friday, January 20, 2023**
Saint Fabian & Saint Sebastian
First Reading: Hebrews 8: 6-13
Gospel: Mark 3: 13-19
- Saturday, January 21, 2023**
Saint Agnes
First Reading: Hebrews 9: 2-3; 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31
Gospel: Mark 3: 20-21; Matthew 13: 44-46



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1 Thessalonians 5:17

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(St. Alphonsus de Liguori)



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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.

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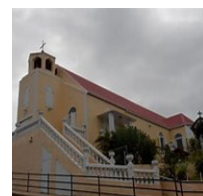
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Weekdays: Wednesday & Friday 6:00PM

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:30PM



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism

The next Sacrament of Baptism is to take place on January 29, 2023. Please contact the church office if you would like to have your child baptized.

Mass Intentions

The mass intentions book is now open, please feel free to go to the Church office to register your intentions. Please be advised that there will be more than one mass intention offered per mass.

250th Jubilee

The Catholic 250th Jubilee is conducting a **driving tour on January 29, 2023, of Historic Catholic, Protestant and Judiac Churches, Parsonages and Convent Properties on Charlotte Amalia, beginning from the 1600's, which will include Government Hill, Synagogue Hill, Frenchman's Hill, Trumpet Hill, Denmark Hill, and Blackbeard's Hill.** Transportation will be hired for the tour which begins at 2:00 p.m. The fee of the tour is **\$40.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased by January 26, 2023,** wear something green and a big hat. Please call 340-775-7547 for more information.

250th Jubilee Man Pot Cook-Off Challenge

The 250th Jubilee Committee is looking for at least 3 male parishioners from each parish (Sts. Peter & Paul, Holy Family, St. Anne, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Mount Carmel) to participate in the Jubilee Man Pot Cook-Off Challenge on Sunday, February 5, 2023, 2:00pm – 5:00pm, in the SPPC School Courtyard. This is a friendly cooking competition in one of the five (5) following categories: Appetizers, Main Dish (Meats, Chicken, Seafood and Vegan), Soups, Side Dishes and Dessert. Participants dishes will be tasted and rated by Man Pot attendees. If you are willing to participate please contact **Lita Daniel 340-244-2448; Debra Gottlieb 340-513-4817; Alrid Lockhart 340-626-4193.**

Condolences

We would like to offer our condolences to Father Serapio on the passing of his brother, Juan De Dios, who passed away in Mexico on January 12, 2023. Please pray for the repose of his soul and keep Father Serapio and his family in prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 14, 2023

7:00 AM - † Teddy Larsen - Rb. Pearla Larsen and family

4:30 PM - Special Intention - Rb. Serge LaPlace

SUNDAY, January 15, 2023

6:30 AM - † Henry Jean- Baptiste- Rb. family and friends

8:30 AM- Luis Thompson-Healing- Rb. Lillia E. King and Claudette Brown-Glover

10:30 AM - † Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI -

Rb. The Diocese of St. Thomas

12:15 PM - People of the parish

MONDAY, January 16, 2023

6:45 AM - † Catherine Hart- Rb. St. Patrick's Manor Nursing Home

TUESDAY, January 17, 2023

6:45 AM - † Deceased family and friends of Marie Pascale - Rb. Marie Pascale

† Anastasie Thomas - Rb. Mary Thomas

WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2023

6:45 AM - † Sister Mary Lawless - Rb. St. Patrick's Manor Nursing Home

12:15 PM- Luis Thompson - Healing - Rb. Lillia E. King and Claudette Brown -Glover

THURSDAY, January 19, 2023

6:45 AM - † Henry Jean- Baptiste - Rb. family and friends

FRIDAY, January 20, 2023

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SATURDAY, January 21, 2023

7:00 AM - † Francis Laville -Rb. family and friends

4:30 PM - Paul and Bonnie Moron -Anniversary Blessings Rb. themselves

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

Meditación

Hermanos, el bautismo de Jesús marca el final de la temporada navideña. Marca el comienzo de un corto periodo de tiempo ordinario antes de la Cuaresma. La liturgia está destinada a ayudarnos a celebrar el misterio cristiano durante todo el año. Por lo tanto, el "Tiempo Ordinario" no debe ser visto como una rutina diaria o una banalidad. Más bien, es el tiempo que pone en orden los diferentes temas que hemos celebrado durante las grandes fiestas cristianas: Adviento, Navidad, Cuaresma y Pascua. El misterio cristiano es tan vasto que no se puede captar de un vistazo. Por lo tanto, las otras treinta y cuatro semanas del año están destinadas a buscar la presencia de esta Buena Nueva de salvación en Jesucristo en nuestra vida diaria. ¿Cómo podría mi vida diaria no estar imbuida de este cambio radical! Cuando me doy cuenta de que el Padre me ama hasta el punto de dar la vida de su Hijo para que yo pueda estar con él, ¿cómo puedo vivir sino en este amor! Cualquier cosa que me distraiga de esta intimidad con la Trinidad debería ser insoportable. Al igual que Juan el Bautista, Jesús inicia su ministerio público eligiendo compañeros que son sus apóstoles.

Deben ayudarlo en su misión de proclamar el Reino. Juan el Bautista ha cumplido su misión y debe retirar-se y dejar el lugar a Jesús porque él estaba allí para él. Se refiere a Jesús a sus discípulos como "el Cordero de Dios". "Este es el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo." Uno viene en pos de mí, que ha ido antes que yo, porque existió antes que yo" (Juan 1:29-30). Los cuatro textos propuestos para el co-mienzo de este Tiempo Ordinario del Año A se refieren a una llamada a la Misión: Misión del Pueblo de Dios en el libro de Isaías (Primera Lectura) "Te haré luz para la nación..." (Isaías 49:5-6); Misión del creyente en el Salmo "Heme aquí, Señor" (Salmo 40:8); Misión de San Pablo en su primera epístola a los Corintios, (Segunda Lectura); y Misión de Jesús en el Evangelio de San Juan. "He aquí el Cordero de Dios". Todas estas vocaciones se aplican a Cristo y todas se centran en su papel en la salvación ofrecida a la humanidad. Hoy estoy llamado a reconocer en Jesús, el Cordero de Dios, el enviado por Dios y el Salvador del mundo, y poder mostrarlo al mundo, a señalarlo a mi prójimo: "He aquí el Cordero de Dios". Pero también como Isaías, debo ser capaz de responder a Dios: "Aquí estoy, ya voy, envíame". Hoy, los cristianos, y especialmente los jóvenes, tenemos miedo de decir estas palabras; sin saber exactamente la misión que el Señor quiere confiarnos, tememos no tener la fuerza y las habilidades para llevar a cabo una tarea que nos parece imposible. Al igual que con Jesús al comienzo de su ministerio, el Espíritu Santo descende sobre nosotros (cf. el evangelio) para permitirnos llevar a cabo lo que se nos pide.

(Meditación continuada)

Os haré luz de las naciones" dice el Señor. Con fe, celebramos aquí en nuestra catedral este domingo a las 10:30 la Misa de réquiem por el Papa Emérito Benedicto XVI, discípulo de Cristo y sucesor de San Pedro, testigos vivos en nuestro tiempo de un decisivo "Heme aquí" para el Señor. Que este mismo Espíritu del Señor habite en nosotros a lo largo de este nuevo tiempo litúrgico de la Iglesia y del Año Nuevo y recuérdanos, sobre todo, en lo que nos convertimos el día de nuestro bautismo: Tú eres "sacerdote, profeta y rey".

Reverendo Padre Modeste Digwou

ANUNCIOS

250° Jubileo

El 250 Jubileo Católico está llevando a cabo un recorrido en automóvil el 29 de enero de 2023 por las iglesias históricas católicas, protestantes y judacas, casas parroquiales y propiedades conventuales en Charlotte Amalia, a partir de la década de 1600, que incluirá Government Hill, Synagogue Hill, Frenchman's Hill, Trumpet Hill, Denmark Hill y Blackbeard's Hill. Se contratará transporte para el tour que comienza a las 2:00 p.m. Pcontacto de arrendamiento llame a la oficina de la iglesia para obtener más información.

Taller Bíblico:

Continuamos con el taller de Biblia los martes a las 5:30pm. Todos están invitados. Los lectores es parte fundamental de su formación, por tanto todos deben asistir.

Coro:

Se está formando el coro, por favor únete al grupo el martes a las 7:00pm. Si alguien toca la guitarra, por favor venga al ensayo.

Grupo de oración:

El grupo de oración se reúne los jueves a las 7:00pm. No olviden participar. La oración nos lleva al compromiso de ser más fieles a Dios.

250° Jubilee Man Pot Cook-Off Challenge

El Comité del Jubileo 250 está buscando al menos 3 feligreses varones de cada parroquia (San Pedro y San Pablo, Sagrada Familia, Santa Ana, Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro y Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo) para participar en el Desafío de Cocina de Olla Jubilee Man el domingo 5 de febrero de 2023, de 2:00 p.m. a 5:00 p.m., en el patio de la escuela SPPC. Este es un concurso de cocina amistosa en una de las cinco (5) siguientes categorías: Aperitivos, Plato Principal (Carnes, Pollo, Mariscos y Veganos), Sopas, Guarniciones y Postres. Los platos de los participantes serán degustados y valorados por los asistentes a Man Pot. Si está dispuesto a participar comuníquese con Lita Daniel 340-244-2448; Debra Gottlieb 340-513-4817; Alrid Lockhart 340-626-4193.

Pésame

Nos gustaría ofrecer sus condolencias al Padre Serapio por el fallecimiento de su hermano, Juan De Dios, quien falleció en México el 12 de enero de 2023. Por favor, oren por el descanso de su alma y por el Padre Serapio y su familia.

Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Primera lectura: Isaías 49:3, 5-6
Salmo responsorial: Salmo 40: 2, 4, 7-10
Segunda lectura: 1 Corintios 1:1-3
Evangelio: Juan 1:29-34

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 January 22, 2023 -Cathedral Maintenance & Enhancement
 January 29, 2023-Catholic Education

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 MERCEDES GARCÍA
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 ARACELY NICHOLSON
 LEIDA PIZARRO
 SONIA PIZARRO
 WALTON RAVARIERE
 PHYLLIS RODNEY
 CYRUS SAMPSON
 RAFAELA SANES
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 LESTEL TURBE
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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!



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CATHECHESIS

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

In the Catholic Church, the liturgical year is divided into cycles and liturgical times. Thus we have

1. The cycle of Christmas which includes the time of Advent and the time of Christmas;
2. The cycle of Easter which includes the time of Lent and the time of Easter and finally
3. The ordinary cycle includes a short ordinary time and a long ordinary time. Our liturgy is divided into three years:
4. Year A, Year B, and Year C for Sundays and in
5. Even year and Odd year for the weekday liturgy.

Note that the Christian who attends mass every weekday will take two years to read the whole bible while the Christian who only attends Sunday celebrations and follows the words of God will take three years to go through the whole bible.

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.

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.