

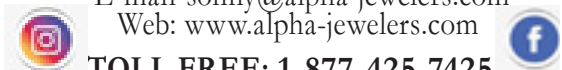


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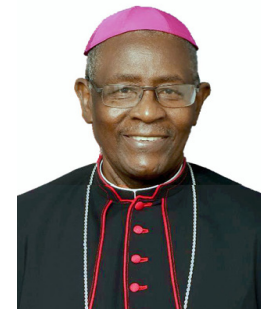
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February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 15: 15-20
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10
Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37 or 5 : 20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

MEDITATION

Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him." Sir 15:17.
In our first reading this weekend, we hear this maxim from our wisdom tradition from Sirach, who was a wise and experienced observer of life.
And in our Gospel, Jesus tells us how to choose wisely; by guarding the disposition of our heart.

We call this avoiding the near occasion of sin. It is so important because if left unchecked, sin can enslave us, diminish our freedom.

Breaking these additions is possible, usually by going back to the root of the sin, but always with persistent work and a lot of grace of God.

God's will is that we be free from sin so that we are free to love. So choose wisely. Choose not evil, but good; not death but life.

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Thank You for your presence



DAILY READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, February 13, 2023
First Reading: Genesis 4: 1-15, 25
Gospel: Mark 8: 11-13

Tuesday, February 14, 2023
Saints Cyril, Monk, Methodius, Bishop
First Reading: Genesis 6: 5-8, 7: 1-5, 10
Gospel: Matthew 8: 14-21

Wednesday, February 15, 2023
First Reading: Genesis 8: 6-13, 20-22
Gospel: Mark 8: 22-26

Thursday, February 16, 2023
First Reading: Genesis 9: 1-13
Gospel: Mark 8: 27-28

Friday, February 17, 2023
The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
First: Genesis 11: 1-9
Gospel: Mark 8: 34-9:1

Saturday, February 18, 2023
First Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-7
Gospel: Mark 9: 2-13

"Open my eyes to see clearly the wonders of your teachings." Psalm 119: 18

TABERNACLE LIGHT: At the request of the Benjamin family, this week's tabernacle light is lit for Mrs. Phyllis Benjamin.
ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar flowers this weekend were donated in memory of Ms. Eulalie Leon.



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Pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
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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2022 BISHOP'S APPEAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

<u>Organization Name:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
Diocese of St. Thomas in the VI	\$ 31,369.00
Holy Family Catholic Church, St. Thomas, VI	\$ 7,921.00
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, St. John, VI	\$ 7,670.45
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, St. Thomas, VI	\$ 20,050.00
St. Anne Chapel, St. Thomas, VI	\$ 1,620.00
Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral, St. Thomas, VI	\$ 14,840.00
Holy Cross Church, St. Croix, VI	\$ 25,136.00
St. Ann Church, St. Croix, VI	\$ 18,254.00
St. Joseph Church, St. Croix, VI	\$ 5,105.00
St. Patrick, St. Croix, VI	\$ 4,750.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 136,715.45

On behalf of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the VI, we would like to thank you to all who contributed to the 2022 Bishop's appeal. God bless you!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal:

Bishop Jerome Feudjio wishes to thank all parishes and their respective donors, for their generosity in contributing to the 2022 Bishop's Appeal. The Appeal has raised \$136,715.45, reflecting a decline in contributions as compared with previous years donations. This is mainly due to the negative impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, we thank you for your sacrifices, in contributing to the assistance of the needy in our community. May God Bless you and be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

Liturgy meeting:

On **February 16, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.** there will be a Liturgy meeting with all Ministry leaders her at the cathedral. Please make every effort to attend.

Thank you:

We would like to express our gratitude to Father Mark Smith and the Saint Bartholomew Choir for celebrating mass and performing with us. It was truly a joy having you with us. God bless you all and we shall keep you in our prayers and ask that you keep us in your prayers.

Altar Servers:

We encourage parents to have their children participate in church ministries, especially as altar servers.

Mass Intentions:

We encourage parishioners to continue to pray and offer mass intentions for their family members, friends, themselves, or deceased loved ones. Please feel free to go to the Church office to register your intentions.

Hospitality:

We would appreciate any support that you can contribute to our Hospitality Lounge as we continue our fellowship after all masses. Thank You for your continuous support.

Tax Letter Request

Email your request for tax letters to cathedralvi@gmail.com Please, include your NAME, ADDRESS, and ENVELOPE NUMBER. Everyone who has requested letters, can pick them up at the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

International Night:

Sts. Peter and Paul School presents their annual International Night, on February 18, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the school yard. Taste tickets are available for \$20.00. Raffle tickets are still available for \$100.00 per book or \$10.00 per ticket. The raffle is to be drawn at this event so get your tickets now!

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

6:30 AM- Holy Souls in Purgatory - Rb. Serge LaPlace

8:30 AM - † Eulalie Leon - Rb. Julita deLeon and family & Kima William and family

10:30 AM- Priests of the Diocese

12:15 PM – People of the parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023

6:45 AM - † Teddy Larsen - Rb. Pearla Larsen and family
† Brian David Alexander - Rb. friends and family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

6:45 AM – † Rev. Bishop E. G. Thomas - Rb. C. Overbeek

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023

6:45 AM – † Joan Aubain Sibilly -Rb. family and friends

12:15 PM- † I. Hennessey - Rb. C. Overbeek

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023

6:45 AM - Yvonne Lynch - God's Blessings & Protection
Rb. The Lynch family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023

6:45AM - † Francis Laville - Rb. family and friends

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023

7:00 AM - Sister Elizabeth Dzemfe - Rb. a parishioner

4:30 PM - Father Modeste Digwou - Rb. a parishioner

Coming Events:
Ash Wednesday begin the Lenten Season
February 22, 2023
Mass times: 6:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

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

Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Primera lectura: Eclesiástico 15:15-20
 Salmo responsorial: Salmo 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
 Segunda lectura: 1 Corintios 2:6-10
 Evangelio: Mateo 5: 17-37 o 5: 20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

MEDITACIÓN

“Antes del hombre son la vida y la muerte, el bien y el mal, cualquiera que él elija, se le dará”. Sir 15:17.

En nuestra primera lectura este fin de semana, escuchamos esta máxima de nuestra tradición de sabiduría de Sirácida, que era un observador sabio y experimentado de la vida. El habla del libre albedrío como un regalo con consecuencias. Continúa insinuando: “Elige sabiamente”.

Y en nuestro Evangelio, Jesús nos dice cómo elegir sabiamente; guardando la disposición de nuestro corazón. No evites sólo el asesinato, sino también evita la ira, la disposición del corazón que siempre lo precede. Evita no sólo el adulterio, sino la lujuria que lo precede. No solo evite hacer un juramento falso; Ni siquiera jures en absoluto.

Llamamos a esto evitar la ocasión cercana del pecado. Es tan importante porque si no se controla, el pecado puede esclavizarnos, disminuir nuestra libertad. Las acciones pecaminosas pueden convertirse en hábitos y adicciones. Estas adicciones comprometen nuestro libre albedrío.

Romper estas adiciones es posible, generalmente volviendo a la raíz del pecado, pero siempre con un trabajo persistente y mucha gracia de Dios. Un buen sacerdote puede ayudar a encontrar la libertad una vez más.

La voluntad de Dios es que seamos libres del pecado para que seamos libres de amar. Así que elige sabiamente. No elijan el mal, sino el bien; no la muerte sino la vida.

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El obispo Jerome Feudjio desea agradecer a todas las parroquias y a sus respectivos donantes, por su generosidad al contribuir a la Campaña del Obispo 2022. El llamamiento ha recaudado 136.715,45 dólares, lo que refleja una disminución de las contribuciones en comparación con las donaciones de años anteriores. Esto se debe principalmente al impacto negativo de la pandemia de Covid-19. Sin embargo, le agradecemos por sus sacrificios, al contribuir a la asistencia de los necesitados en nuestra comunidad. Que Dios los bendiga y tenga la seguridad de mis oraciones por ustedes y su familia.

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.

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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.

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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.

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Monaguillos:

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Intenciones masivas:

Alentamos a los feligreses a continuar orando y ofreciendo intenciones de misa para sus familiares, amigos, ellos mismos o seres queridos fallecidos. Por favor, siéntase libre de ir a la oficina de la Iglesia para registrar sus intenciones.

Rifa Escolar:

Si no ha comprado sus boletos de rifa para la rifa anual de la escuela anual de San Pedro y San Pablo, los boletos aún están disponibles para la venta. El sorteo tendrá lugar el 18 de febrero de 2023, gracias por su apoyo.

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February 12, 2023 - Catholic Education
 February 19, 2023 - Operation Rice Bowl



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February 5, 2023

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MONTH OF JANUARY 2023

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CATECHESIS

Answer me my father about the collection during the Mass.

The meaning of the collection:

The collection is above all a liturgical gesture that consists of an offering made during Mass by the faithful, an offering that allows them to associate themselves with the gift that Jesus Christ made of their life.

What is the collection in church?

Offering made during masses by the faithful. Most Sunday quests remain the property of the parish and are used to cover its expenses (air conditioner, staff, maintenance, activities ...)

Why the collection at Mass?

The collection is the offering made during Masses by the faithful; It is a vital resource for your parish that is used to cover operating costs such as air conditioning, electricity, church flowering or various pastoral activities.

Where does the church collection money go?

The money from the collection is used by the parish to finance air conditioning and electricity costs. Donations made to the church's denarius pay for priests' salaries, lay salaries and seminarians' training.

When is the quest for Mass?

Collections: They are done during the celebration of a sacrament (baptism, mass, marriage) or funeral.

Reverend Father Modeste Digwou

E-GIVING:

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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.