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September 18, 2022

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C

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Wednesday: 12:15PM

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Wednesday before Masses

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September 15, 2022

Good Day, Parents and Guardians:

We are fast-approaching the mid-way point of our first semester of in-person learning; let us not forget the message of the Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio, Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, as he addressed our Students at last Tuesday's Opening School Eucharistic Celebration; I paraphrase "your Principal, her Staff and her Teachers are here to educate and prepare you for adult life as Catholics; have a productive and Spirit-filled year".

Between now and my next message, our school studies and activities include the RETURN of our annual CASH RAFFLE!! Hopefully, by this time, all our Pastors on St. Thomas and St. John would have received their booklets and there are presently a number of Parishioners who have already sold books!

Never let us forget that even though we are experiencing extremely tough times of all descriptions, our Catholic Faith through the example of God's Angels, Saints and His Blessed Mother have taught us, WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

Until our next communication, God bless you all,

(Mrs.) Maria Jules-Daniel, MLIS

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. 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

1. New Prayers: There are sheets in the back of the cathedral that contain four prayers to be prayed together as a parish. After the Rosary before each Mass, the St. Peter and St. Paul prayers will be recited. Before the end of Mass, the Jubilee prayer will be said along with the updated version of the hurricane prayer.

2. September is the month of the Bible and all Catholics are encouraged to read the Bible. Bishop Feudjio has commissioned a new stand to hold and display the Book of the Gospels at Mass. It is located on the right side of the tabernacle and emphasizes the importance of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass for our Catholic faith.

3. A new platform for the choir is being constructed on the left side of the cathedral. It will be covered in red carpet that matches the carpet in the choir loft. The white piano will be placed on the platform in between the St. Joseph altar and the pews on the platform.

4. Eucharistic Adoration is on Wednesday mornings. It will begin after the 6:45AM Mass and will end before the 12:15PM Mass. Please come and spend time in prayer with the Lord before the Blessed Sacrament.

5. We are still working to organize the Church Van to transport parishioners who cannot drive to Mass on Sundays. Please contact the parish office if you are willing to drive the van or if you would like to be added to our list of parishioners who may need a ride. We are especially in need of drivers.

6. The Saints Peter and Paul School Raffle tickets are now available for purchase. Each book cost \$100.00 and if sold separately, it is \$10.00 per ticket. Get your ticket or books today! You can contact the School Office, Church Office, parents, and employees, especially Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Edmee, and the sisters.

RAFFLE PRIZES:
First Prize: \$10,000.00 Second Prize: \$3,000.00
Third Prize: \$1,500.00 Fourth Prize: \$1,000.00
Fifth Prize: \$500.00

7. On October 9, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. join us here at the Cathedral as we celebrate **VI-Puerto Rico Friendship Day with an Orchestral Salute**, Zarzuela, Bolero, Bomba, Danza and Calypso. Featuring Conductor, José Eduardo Vanga Garcia, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Melita Etienne Ortiz, Gylchris Sprauve, José Luis Valdés Escalera and Aboris DeJesus. Tickets are on sale for \$40.00 and can be purchased at Nora's Beauty Palace, in Estate Thomas, Doctor's Choice Pharmacy, in Wheatley Shopping Center, and Chelsea Drug Store, in Red Hook.



Prayer for Families

Lord God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. Father, you are Love and Life. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, born of a woman and through the Holy Spirit, fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love. Grant that your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all families in the world. Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love. Grant that love, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weakness and trials through which our families sometimes pass. Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family and through the family. Through Christ our Lord, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life forever and ever. Amen.

Hurricane Prayer

God, All-powerful Father, Christ, Our Savior, Spirit of Love, You reveal yourself in the depths of our being, drawing us to share in Your life and love. Be near to the people formed in Your image, close to the world Your love brings to life. Save us from all harm, draw us ever closer to You as we confidently seek Your protection from the destructive force of all storms which frighten us. Let every hurricane or other threat of disaster serve only to blow us ever more securely into Your loving, merciful embrace. We ask this, Father, with the intercession of the Virgin Mother, Mary, Lady of all Nations, through your Son, Jesus-Christ, and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

ANUNCIOS

1. Septiembre es el mes de la Biblia. El obispo Feudjio ha encargado un nuevo stand para sostener y exhibir el Libro de los Evangelios en la Misa. Se encuentra en el lado derecho del tabernáculo.

2. Hay una nueva plataforma para el coro que se está construyendo en el lado izquierdo de la catedral. Estará cubierto de alfombra roja que coincide con la alfombra en el coro. El piano blanco se colocará en él entre el altar de San José y los bancos en la plataforma.

3. Nuevas oraciones: Hay hojas impresas que contienen cuatro oraciones. Después del Rosario antes de cada Misa, se recitará la oración de San Pedro y San Pablo. Hacia el final de la Misa, la oración del Jubileo se dirá junto con la versión actualizada de la oración del huracán.

4. La Adoración Eucarística es ahora los miércoles por la mañana. Comenzará después de la Misa de las 6:45 a.m. y terminará antes de la Misa de las 12:15 p.m. Por favor, ven y pasa tiempo en oración delante del Señor.

5. Estamos trabajando para organizar la furgoneta de la iglesia para transportar a los feligreses que no pueden conducir a misa los domingos. Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial si está dispuesto a conducir la camioneta o si desea ser agregado a nuestra lista de feligreses que pueden necesitar un viaje. Estamos especialmente necesitados de conductores.

6. Los boletos de la rifa de la Escuela de los Santos Pedro y Pablo ya están disponibles para su compra. Cada libro cuesta \$ 100.00 y si se vende por separado, es de \$ 10.00 por boleto. ¡Consigue tu entrada o reserva hoy! Puede comunicarse con la Oficina de la Escuela, la Oficina de la Iglesia, los padres y los empleados, especialmente la Sra. Daniel, la Sra. Edmee y las hermanas.

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Primer Premio: \$10,000.00 Segundo Premio: \$3,000.00
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7. El 9 de octubre de 2022, a las 5:00 p.m. únase a nosotros aquí en la Catedral mientras celebramos el VI Día de la Amistad puertorriqueña con un Saludo Orquestal, Zarzuela, Bolero, Bomba, Danza y Calipso. Con el director José Eduardo Vanga García, Elizabeth Rodríguez, Melita Etienne Ortiz, Gylchris Sprauve, José Luis Valdés Escalera y Aboris DeJesus. Los boletos están a la venta por \$ 40.00 y se pueden comprar en Nora's Beauty Palace, en Estate Thomas, Doctor's Choice Pharmacy, en Wheatley Shopping Center y Chelsea Drug Store, en Red Hook.

8. Cualquier persona interesada en ofrecer intenciones de misas, favor de hablar con la Sra. Ramona Rivera.

NUESTRA IGLESIA Y NUESTRA ESCUELA SON AMBIENTES SEGUROS:

Todos estamos comprometidos con la protección de los niños en nuestras instituciones. Si nota algún comportamiento nocivo hacia nuestros hijos, no dude en ponerse en contacto con nosotros lo antes posible. Gracias.

XXV DOMINGO ORDINARIO

Primera lectura: Am 8, 4-7

Escuchen esto los que buscan al pobre sólo para arruinarlo y andan diciendo: “¿Cuándo pasará el descanso del primer día del mes para vender nuestro trigo, y el descanso del sábado para reabrir nuestros graneros?” Disminuyen las medidas, aumentan los precios, alteran las balanzas, obligan a los pobres a venderse; por un par de sandalias los compran y hasta venden el salvado como trigo. El Señor, gloria de Israel, lo ha jurado: “No olvidaré jamás ninguna de estas acciones”.

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 112, 1-2. 4-6. 7-8
R. (cf. 1a y 7b) Que alaben al Señor todos sus siervos.

Segunda lectura: 1 Tm 2, 1-8

Te ruego, hermano, que ante todo se hagan oraciones, plegarias, súplicas y acciones de gracias por todos los hombres, y en particular, por los jefes de Estado y las demás autoridades, para que podamos llevar una vida tranquila y en paz, entregada a Dios y respetable en todo sentido. Esto es bueno y agradable a Dios, nuestro salvador, pues él quiere que todos los hombres se salven y todos lleguen al conocimiento de la verdad, porque no hay sino un solo Dios y un solo mediador entre Dios y los hombres, Cristo Jesús, hombre él también, que se entregó como rescate por todos. Él dio testimonio de esto a su debido tiempo y de esto yo he sido constituido, digo la verdad y no miento, pregonero y apóstol para enseñar la fe y la verdad. Quiero, pues, que los hombres, libres de odios y divisiones, hagan oración dondequiera que se encuentren, levantando al cielo sus manos puras.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio: 2 Cor 8, 9
R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Jesucristo, siendo rico, se hizo pobre, para enriquecernos con su pobreza.
R. Aleluya

Evangelio: Lc 16, 1-13

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: “Había una vez un hombre rico que tenía un administrador, el cual fue acusado ante él de haberle malgastado sus bienes. Lo llamó y le dijo: ‘¿Es cierto lo que me han dicho de ti? Dame cuenta de tu trabajo, porque en adelante ya no serás administrador’. Entonces el administrador se puso a pensar: ‘¿Que voy a hacer ahora que me quitan el trabajo? No tengo fuerzas para trabajar la tierra y me da vergüenza pedir limosna. Ya sé lo que voy a hacer, para tener a alguien que me reciba en su casa, cuando me despidan’. Entonces fue llamando uno por uno a los deudores de su amo. Al primero le preguntó: ‘¿Cuánto le debes a mi amo?’ El hombre respondió: ‘Cien barriles de aceite’. El administrador le dijo: ‘Toma tu recibo, date prisa y haz otro por cincuenta’. Luego preguntó al siguiente: ‘Y tú, ¿cuánto debes?’ Éste respondió: ‘Cien sacos de trigo’. El administrador le dijo: ‘Toma tu recibo y haz otro por ochenta’. El amo tuvo que reconocer que su mal administrador había procedido con habilidad. Pues los que pertenecen a este mundo son más hábiles en sus negocios, que los que pertenecen a la luz. Y yo les digo: Con el dinero, tan lleno de injusticias, gánense amigos que, cuando ustedes mueran, los reciban en el cielo. El que es fiel en las cosas pequeñas, también es fiel en las grandes; y el que es infiel en las cosas pequeñas, también es infiel en las grandes. Si ustedes no son fieles administradores del dinero, tan lleno de injusticias, ¿quién les confiará los bienes verdaderos? Y si no han sido fieles en lo que no es de ustedes, ¿quién les confiará lo que sí es de ustedes? No hay criado que pueda servir a dos amos, pues odiará a uno y amará al otro, o se apegará al primero y despreciará al segundo. En resumen, no pueden ustedes servir a Dios y al dinero”.

SECOND COLLECTION
WILL BE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

September 18, 2022: Cathedral Maintenance & Enhancement
September 25, 2022: Priests’ Retirement Fund

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DAILY READINGS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, September 18, 2022

First Reading: Amos 8: 4-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 113: 1-2, 4-8
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8
Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13; Luke 16: 10-13

Monday, September 19, 2022

Memorial of Januarius
First Reading: Proverbs 3: 27-34; Hebrews 10: 32-36
Gospel: Luke 8: 16-18; John 12: 24-26

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Memorial of Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, and Paul Chong Ha-Sang
First Reading: Proverbs 21: 1-6, 10-13; Wisdom 3: 1-9;
Romans 8: 31b-39
Gospel: Luke 8: 19-21; Luke 9: 23-26

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Feast of Matthew
First Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13
Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13

Thursday, September 22, 2022

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11
Gospel: Luke 9: 7-9

Friday, September 23, 2022

Memorial of Saint Pius
First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11; Galatians 2: 19-20
Gospel: Luke 9: 18-22; Matthew 16: 24-27

Saturday, September 24, 2022

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 11: 9-12: 8
Gospel: Luke 9: 43b-45

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FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Please be aware that during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the following regulations should be followed:

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.

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